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Keith Drazek
GNSO Council Chair

Re: Timing of the Final Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

Dear Keith,

As the EPDP Working Group nears the conclusion of its work to prepare the Final Report of policy recommendations, I wanted to share some thoughts with you to address questions that have come up about the schedule for concluding the Final Report, community review, and Board action on the final policy recommendations.

At a high-level, here are the steps we foresee after the GNSO Council considers the EPDP Working Group's Final Report:

- ICANN org to follow its standard practice of initiating a 40-day public comment period on the Final Report before the Board considers the policy recommendations;
- ICANN Board to deliberate on the policy recommendations in the Final Report, taking into account community input; and
- ICANN org to prepare and finalize documentation to implement the initial phase of the policy by 25 May 2019.

Based on these steps, there is room in the schedule for the EPDP Working Group to take an additional two weeks to complete its Final Report, if needed, provided that the Final Report includes policy recommendations for the initial phase of the policy (i.e. the time period between 25 May 2019 and the time needed to implement the full set of policy recommendations). Thus, if the EPDP Working Group delivers its Final Report by Monday, 25 February 2019, that would still give enough time (1) for the GNSO Council to consider the report by the beginning of March, (2) to allow for a full public comment period of 40 days during March – early April, (3) for the Board to complete its work by the end of April, and (4) for ICANN org to finalize documentation to implement the initial phase of the policy by 25 May 2019.

I hope you find this information to be helpful to plan the work of the GNSO Council over the next few weeks. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the community who have worked tirelessly on this effort through the multistakeholder process. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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