



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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James Bladel
Chair, GNSO Council

RE: GNSO consideration of the policy implications of the Internationalized Registration Data (IRD) Working Group's [Final Report](#)

Dear James:

On 10 March 2016 at their regular meeting, the ICANN Board adopted Resolution 2016.03.10.06, which “requests that the GNSO Council review the broader policy implications of the IRD Final Report as they relate to other GNSO policy development work on WHOIS issues, and, at a minimum, forward the IRD Final Report as an input to the GNSO PDP on the Next Generation Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS that is currently underway.”

As background, the IRD’s Final Report described three high level requirements for community consideration: 1) registrants should only be required to input registration data in languages or scripts in which they are skilled; 2) a registry must be able to accept and store any language or script that might reasonably be expected to be used in their target market; and 3) unless explicitly stated otherwise, all data elements should be tagged with the languages/scripts in use, and this information should always be available with the data element.

The third recommendation is an element of the IRD’s data model, and is slated to be incorporated into the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information (T/T) implementation project as mandated by Board resolution 2016.03.10.07, which directs those tasked with implementing T/T “to consider the IRD Working Group’s data model and requirements and incorporate them, where appropriate, to the extent that the IRD’s recommendations are consistent with, and facilitate the implementation of the new consensus policy on translation and transliteration.”

The IRD Working Group noted that their recommendations may contain policy implications outside of their remit to approve as an expert working group apart from the GNSO’s processes. They recommended that the GNSO Council convene a follow-up



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effort to review the broader policy implications of the Report as they relate to other GNSO policy development work on WHOIS issues.

This letter represents a formal request to the GNSO from the ICANN Board to consider the policy implications of the IRD's report, follow up as the Council deems appropriate, and, at a minimum, forward the IRD's report as an input to the Working Groups engaged in the Next Generation Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS PDP as directed by Resolution 2016.03.10.06.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Crocker", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Stephen D. Crocker
Chairman of the Board of Directors
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