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Keith Drazek
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization

RE: EPDP Phase 2 'Purposes' Discussion

Dear Keith,

I am sending this message in follow-up to the [ICANN Board-GNSO Council consultation](#) regarding the non-adopted recommendations of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Team.

As you may be aware, the EPDP Phase 2 Team has discussed in recent weeks the possibility of recommending a new statement of purpose(s) to supplement the purposes recommended by the EPDP team in Phase 1. As an input to this discussion, the ICANN Board of Directors liaisons to the Phase 2 team intend to express support for a purpose statement that was [proposed by the European Commission](#) in its comments to ICANN org on the Phase 1 Final Report.

The EPDP team discussed this proposed purpose statement during its 27 February 2020 meeting, and have since considered various adaptations of this language. The Board believes that the adoption of the statement of purpose recommended by the European Commission would be a reasonable course of action, considering the European Commission's unique position as the drafter of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation.

The Board remains available should the GNSO Council wish to engage further on this topic.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors