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Keith Drazek
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

RE: Termination of the Next-Generation Registration Directory Services (RDS) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group

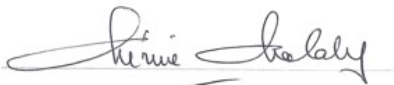
Dear Keith,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14 November 2018 concerning the Termination of the Next-Generation Registration Directory Services (RDS) Policy Development Process Working Group.

The Board appreciates this communication, which, indeed, did not come as a surprise as the Board has been closely following the developments in relation to the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

We would also like to thank you for sharing the lessons learned document that the RDS leadership team shared with the GNSO Council to help inform its discussions on GNSO PDP 3.0. The Board considers the GNSO PDP 3.0 effort an important initiative as the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO's policy development process is of key importance to ICANN and the multistakeholder model. We look forward to receiving further updates in the near future in relation to the status of implementation of the improvements put forward by the GNSO Council.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors