

25 June 2019

Keith Drazek, GNSO Chair
Rafik Dammak, GNSO Council Vice Chair
Pam Little, GNSO Council Vice Chair

Dear Keith, Rafik and Pam,

Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2019 concerning your request for additional resources for the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team's work in Phase 2.

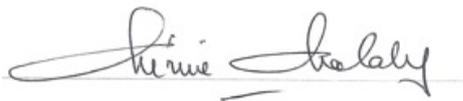
As noted in the Board's previous correspondence of [6 May 2019](#), the Board is committed to providing the EPDP Team with the necessary resources to carry out its important work in Phase 2. While the Board previously noted the release of future resources would be contingent on the approval of a detailed work plan by the GNSO Council, the Board recognizes that face-to-face meetings require advance planning. Accordingly, the Board will consider this request now and reaffirms the requirement for a detailed workplan, which identifies proposed milestones and necessary resources, before the release of any additional resources.

Noting the EPDP Team's acknowledgement that the face-to-face deliberations with professional facilitators proved to be a necessary ingredient to the Team's completion of its Phase 1 work, the Board supports this as a useful tool to advance the Team's deliberations in building consensus around the complex issues it will address in Phase 2. As noted in our prior letter, a portion of the earmarked resources the Board previously committed to was identified specifically for face-to-face meetings. Accordingly, the GNSO Council's request is granted with a total allocation \$239,000 for the two meetings. The Board has also committed funds for facilitation resources at the face-to face meetings. This budget mimics the resources allocated during Phase 1, and the Board recognizes that the EPDP has already leveraged the efficiencies of holding the first face-to-face meeting at the ICANN headquarters in Los Angeles. Should a second face-to-face be required, the Board will defer to the EPDP leadership and the Project Cost Support Team (PCST) to select a suitable location, noting that it is our understanding that holding the meeting at one of ICANN's offices is the most cost-efficient approach.

To reaffirm, David Olive, SVP, Policy Development Support, is ultimately responsible for the ICANN budget in this effort. David will continue to work in close coordination with the GNSO Council Chair, the EPDP Leadership Team and the Project Cost Support Team to ensure that all resources are reviewed and managed in a responsible and fiscally prudent manner.

We're hopeful the approval of this request will meet your requirements until such time as a comprehensive work plan has been developed and approved by the GNSO Council.

Sincerely,



Cherine Chalaby
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors