



25 May 2018

Heather Forrest, Chair, GNSO

Dear Heather,

As you are aware, the Board has adopted the temporary specification for gTLD Registration Data (Implementation of GDPR Interim Compliance Model). The Board is required to implement the consensus policy development process set forth in ICANN's Bylaws following the adoption of the Temporary Specification. As such, the Board resolved during its meeting on 17 May, to "consult with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council as soon as possible on the path forward to consider the development of a consensus policy on the issues within the Temporary Specification. The Board will consult with the GNSO Council about the expected scope of the PDP, timing considerations, and relevant procedural requirements."

I am reaching out to you to start this consultation and would welcome the Council's latest thinking regarding the possible path forward. The Board was pleased to learn that the Council held an informational webinar together with the GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Chairs to start discussions on this topic, which continued during the GNSO Council meeting on 24 May. I am aware that one of the options you are considering is the initiation of an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP). As the Board has previously indicated, we want to be supportive of the decision the Council may make in this regard as the Council, the manager of the Policy Development Process, is best placed to develop the path forward to meet the requirements set out by the Temporary Specification.

There may also be questions you have for the Board. I would like to encourage you to share these at your earliest convenience, so we can work collaboratively. We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome your input on the best way to continue this consultation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherine Chalaby", written over a horizontal line.

Cherine Chalaby
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors