Dear Councilors,

We are writing to provide an update on the Uniform Dispute Resolution Procedure Policy (UDRP) Policy Status Report (PSR). The purpose of the PSR is to provide an overview of the policy and to support assessment of the policy’s effectiveness.

On 27 October 2021, ICANN org presented to the GNSO Council a revised proposal for the PSR framework, noting that the GNSO Council comments [docs.google.com] that it had transmitted on 7 October 2021 regarding the proposed framework would be taken onboard for the UDRP PSR. Following the update to the Council, ICANN org began gathering relevant information related to the UDRP and is currently drafting the PSR. As mentioned, the PSR includes background on the UDRP processes and procedures, publicly available data on UDRP complaints and decisions, and analyses of relevant elements.

ICANN org is also working with all six UDRP Providers to ensure the data being presented in the report is accurate and complete. Thus far, three UDRP Providers have reviewed the UDRP data that ICANN org had collected from their websites. We are aiming to share with the Council a preview draft of the PSR in February 2022 - prior to it being published for public comment - to ensure the substance covered aligns with your expectations. However, once we have more clarity as to when we will have received the requested data from the UDRP Providers, we will provide you with another update on progress, currently we expect this to take place in mid- to late-January 2022.

Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

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