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**Expedited Policy Development Process in relation to the Temporary Specification adopted by ICANN Board**

From:

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To:

Cherine Chalaby  
Chair, ICANN, Board of Directors

Dear Chair of the ICANN Board of Directors,

We write to advise you and your Board colleagues of a key outcome of the GNSO Council's Extraordinary Meeting of 12 June 2018. The GNSO Council has agreed in principle to begin drafting an Initiation Request and Charter for an Expedited Policy Development Process ("EPDP") in relation to the Temporary Specification adopted by the ICANN Board on 17 May 2018. The expectation is that the Council will consider a motion to approve these initiating documents during the upcoming GNSO Council meeting at ICANN62 on 27 June 2018, or shortly thereafter.

We appreciate the Board's timely responses to the outstanding questions raised by the GNSO Council during the call of 5 June 2018, as captured in our previous letter of 8 June 2018. We look forward to continued dialogue between the GNSO Council and the Board in this matter.

*Best regards,*

*Heather Forrest, GNSO Chair*

*Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice Chair*

*Rafik Dammak, GNSO Council Vice Chair*

