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**Next steps regarding Board adoption of the temporary specification**

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To: Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Cherine,

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2018, which I confirm has been posted to the GNSO Council Correspondence page (https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/correspondence).

The GNSO Council appreciates your having followed our discussions last week, both in the webinar held on 21 May and our May GNSO Council meeting on 24 May. You can see from these activities that the Council takes seriously its role in responding to the Temporary Specification adopted by the Board, and is carefully reflecting on options for next steps.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the scope, timing and other considerations of the Council's next steps with you and your Board colleagues. We note that a call has been scheduled for next Tuesday, 5 June for this purpose.

Best regards,

*Heather Forrest (GNSO Chair)*  
*Donna Austin (GNSO Vice-Chair, Contracted Parties House)*  
*Rafik Dammak (GNSO Vice-Chair, Non-Contracted Parties House)*