

Philippe Fouquart, on behalf of the ISPCP, as communicated during the GNSO Council meeting 24 September 2020:

“We had a lively debate within the ISPCP around two reservations, the first of which was the financial sustainability of the system. The second was data accuracy. The concerns are not different from a number of concerns expressed in the minority statements, including those of our various CSG colleagues.

On the first one, and at the risk of stating the obvious, the ISPs are fully aware of the need for fiscal prudence on this [so that the question of financial sustainability of the mechanism was one that must be addressed at some point]. On the second one, and as one of the potential users of the system, the ISP&CP recognized that it would be indeed quite ludicrous to have put so much effort and money in this to have access to possibly “rubbish data”. (My word, sorry.)

Based on this, we decided nonetheless to vote in favour because the consensus within the ISPCP was that that on one, resolved 1b provided enough safeguards. That was a reservation that Council should not exercise on its own and that should be part of the Board Report [as per the GNSO Working Procedures] and something to discuss with the Board. On two, we are confident that the Council’s undertakings on data accuracy further down the road can improve the current situation and that data accuracy was a topic that was much broader than the SSAD.

To conclude, the other elements that mattered were the recognition of the time and effort that the team put into this report. While the results may not be as ideal as we wish, it was the best we could hope for a short consensus-based PDP. Even though there was room for improvement, the ISPs already saw in this some improvement to the current situation to the Whois/RDS and that is all that mattered, and that is why we voted yes. “