

COUNCIL VOTE – Initiation of Expedited Policy Development Process on the ICANN Board Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data – GNSO Council meeting 19 July 2018

Stephanie Perrin: NCSG Councilor. Statement of abstention

Yes, and I think that Tatiana and Ayden have eloquently expressed many of my reasons. There is one issue that I would like to add to those and that is that it is plainly evident from the way that we have approached this question and the EPDP that we've not yet, as ICANN, and as the GNSO addressing the problem of GDPR, some of us don't think it's a problem, some of us think it's an improvement, but at any rate we have not addressed the issue with the benefit of the advice that we have received from the data commissioners, in other words, with the perspective of data protection law.

And I feel that it's long overdue to address these concerns. I don't wish to delay the progress; we have to get busy. I have a remedy and I will try and bring remedy throughout the work on the EPDP. We have a volunteer from the Council of Europe to assist us in legal interpretation, that would be Peter Kimpian, a data protection lawyer from the Hungarian Data Protection Office who has worked extensively with the Council of Europe on GDPR and on Convention 108 and the revised Convention 108.

They have offered to assign him to us. I would recommend that the Council accept that offer because at the moment we have a – we have a charter that is not framed the way it should be in terms of data protection analysis and we need to remedy this. And I share with both Ayden and Tatiana the concerns that we have many members that are turning this into a cross community working group but none of them who could, are bringing a data protection expertise to the table. Thank you.