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RE: WHOIS Conflicts Procedure

Philippe Fouquart, Chair
Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Philippe,

I am writing to provide an update to my 28 June 2021 [letter](#) regarding the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council's request to ICANN org on the Revised ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law.

As mentioned in that letter, ICANN org convened a group of volunteers from the Registries and Registrar Stakeholder Groups to work toward drafting a proposed modification for the Conflicts Procedure, per the GNSO Council's 21 October 2020 [motion](#).

After discussions with these groups, we have mutually determined that, at this time, it would be beneficial to focus on the completion of the data processing agreements associated with the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 implementation work prior to further developing the WHOIS Conflicts Procedure. This is because the results of that work will help inform discussions on the procedure. Once that work has been completed, we plan to revisit the discussion.

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

Sincerely,



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