



19 June 2013

Mr Jean-Francois Baril, Advisor to the President & CEO, ICANN

Dear Jean-Francois,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair and or Lead Facilitator of the Expert Working Group (EWG) on Directory Services and as requested of me by the GNSO Council. Specifically, the Council has raised and discussed the relationship of the work of the EWG to any related policy work within the GNSO, as directed and managed by the GNSO Council.

When the Council met in Beijing, consideration was given to a staff recommendation to delay the work of a Policy Development Process (PDP) pending the outcome of the EWG. This recommendation has subsequently changed and we now expect that the PDP work (on Transliteration and Translation of Contact Information) will now go ahead in parallel with that of the EWG. Nevertheless, the concern remains that the potentially substantive work being undertaken (by the EWG) is outside of the purview of the Council and yet may have a significant impact on GNSO participants.

Therefore, the specific point is that I am seeking to make on behalf of the Council is to ascertain your intention and to ensure your commitment, that the work of the EWG will be referred back to the GNSO for input and ultimately integration into the established PDP processes.

Whilst the primary objective of writing to you is to clarify the role of the EWG in relation to GNSO policy work, it will also be very helpful to understand your latest perspectives on the milestones and timing of the work of the EWG.

Thank-you in advance for giving our questions and requests your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson  
Chair, GNSO Council

CC: Mr. Fadi Chehade, President & CEO, ICANN