Dear Mason

Your advice of 29 May (below) notwithstanding, I have been asked by the GAC Chair and Vice Chairs to further clarify and re-confirm the status of advice previously conveyed to you with regard to the issues scoping phase of work on next generation gTLD Registry Directory Services.

The GAC Quick Look Committee agrees that:

- There are public policy implications for this issue.
- The GAC Communique for the November 2013 Buenos Aires meeting noted that: "The GAC met with the EWG and exchanged views on the model proposed by the EWG for next generation directory services. GAC members highlighted a range of issues including the importance of applicable data privacy laws, the balance between public and restricted data elements and the accreditation process to allow access to restricted data for legitimate purposes. The GAC welcomed the opportunity for continuing engagement with the EWG." Similar issues were noted in the GAC Communique for Durban (July 2013).
- There is standing GAC advice that is relevant. This is the 2007 GAC WHOIS Principles, which were drawn to the attention of the Expert Working Group by GAC at the July 2013 Durban meeting, as noted in the relevant GAC Communique.
- GAC will wish to participate in the policy development process in some form, but there has not yet been consideration of the specifics of such participation.

With regard to the GAC as a whole:

- Members were alerted on 29 May 2015 (by e-mail) to the above initial views, and no objections have been raised.
- Members were alerted again at the recent meeting in Buenos Aires (in plenary) that this will develop as an issue requiring GAC attention between Buenos Aires and Dublin.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

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