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Re: Status Update EPDP Phase 2 and Review of the Operational Design Assessment (ODA)

Philippe Fouquart  
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Dear Philippe,

Thank you for your [letter dated 27 April 2022](#) regarding the GNSO Council's request that the ICANN Board pause consideration of the SSAD recommendations while the SSAD Light design work is further explored in the form of an SSAD Light Design Paper.

The Board agrees to pause the consideration of the SSAD policy recommendations. We understand the importance of this issue and are prepared to make swift progress on this effort. We are looking forward to the discussions planned on this topic during ICANN74.

Regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors