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Expired Domain Deletion Policy and Expired Registration Recovery Policy Update and Analysis Request

From: Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair, on behalf of GNSO Council
To: Jamie Hedlund, ICANN Compliance
CC: GNSO Council Leadership and ICANN org Support Staff

Dear Jamie,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the GNSO Council. As you may be aware, as part of its role as manager of the GNSO Policy Development Process, the GNSO Council also reviews GNSO policies after these have been implemented to assess whether these work as intended and/or to consider whether further policy work might be necessary to address issues encountered.

As part of its review of the Expired Domain Deletion Policy¹ (EDDP) and the Expired Registration Recovery Policy² (ERRP), the GNSO Council would like to request ICANN Compliance to provide it with an update and analysis of complaints that have been received in relation to these two policies since their implementation (and if available, also information on the number of complaints on these topics before these policies were implemented). The GNSO Council is at the same time reaching out to the Registrar Stakeholder Group to also obtain further information from Registrars about these two policies and potential issues. Based on the feedback received, the GNSO Council will further consider what next steps, if any, are warranted. For example, the GNSO Council could conclude that no further action may be warranted if no major issues are identified, or the Council could request the development of a Policy Status Report, if there are indications that there may be policy or implementation issues that require further addressing.

We would appreciate it if you could provide us with an indication on when it would be possible to provide this update to the GNSO Council so we can plan next steps accordingly. Of course, the GNSO policy team will be available to meet with the Compliance team’s EDDP/ERRP specialist to collaborate on format.

Best regards,

Philippe Fouquart
GNSO Chair

¹ The EDDP defines a uniform delete practice that registrars must follow at the time of domain name expiry, as well as specific requirements for registrar handling of expired names that are subject to a UDRP dispute.

² The ERRP sets minimum renewal notification requirements for registrars before and after domain names expire, as well as certain requirements for renewal and restoration of expired domain names.