

4 May 2023

Re: Registration Data Request Service Follow Up

To: the ICANN Board

Dear Tripti,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I wanted to follow up with you on the Board's resolution of 27 February 2023 directing ICANN org to develop and launch what we are now calling the Registration Data Request Service (RDRS). First of all, I want to thank the Board for its decision and the collaborative manner in which we have arrived at this point.

Furthermore, the resolution had two specific asks for the GNSO Council, namely, "to consider a Policy Development Process or other means to require registrars to use the System" as well as establishing success criteria for the service. In response, the Council has updated the small team's assignment requesting consideration of, amongst others:

- Success criteria for this System, which should include analysis of relevant usage data;
- How to best promote and secure use of the system, both by potential requestors as well as ICANN accredited registrars.

Although the Council is aligned with the ICANN Board on the importance of registrar participation in the system to ensure sufficient data is gathered, we do not believe it is feasible nor timely to consider policy development at this stage for a service that is of a temporary nature and expected to be operational by November. As the GNSO Chair but also as the lead of the small team, I am convinced that we have the commitment of all those involved, registrars as well as requestors, to do the utmost to promote the service and encourage participation so that the data resulting from this effort can help inform future policy decisions.

For your information, the small team has been meeting on a regular basis with ICANN org since ICANN76 and is making good progress on confirming reporting expectations, developing success criteria as well as working through a number of topics that were identified in the small team addendum as worth further consideration. I anticipate that the Council will be able to provide you with further updates and recommendations on these topics in the near future.

Kindly,

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GNSO Chair