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Nicolas Caballero  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

**Re: Clarification on the Data Protection Specification (DPS) and Registration Data Accuracy**

Dear Nicolas,

I am writing to provide an update on the GNSO Council's discussions on registration data accuracy. The GNSO Council acknowledges the importance of accurate registration data for maintaining the security, stability, and reliability of the Domain Name System (DNS). We appreciate the GAC's ongoing interest and support in improving registration data accuracy.

During the [Joint GAC and GNSO meeting at ICANN80](#), the GNSO Council noted some of the limitations with the work of the Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team. The Council also reminded the GAC that the Council [voted](#) to defer the recommendations of the Scoping Team. That deferral has been extended to March 2025 while Council undertakes additional work on the subject.

In its [ICANN80 Kigali Communiqué](#), the GAC stressed "the importance of completing the [Data Protection Specification] as soon as possible so the community can resume efforts towards scoping policy work on accuracy of domain name registration data."

Following the Council's recent discussions and assessments, we would like to affirm that while the DPS between ICANN and the Contracted Parties is a significant element for the overall data protection framework, it is not a prerequisite for advancing work on registration data accuracy.

We also wanted to update you that the GNSO Council recently approved a motion to defer consideration of the Data Accuracy Scoping Team's recommendations while further work is ongoing. The Council has worked on draft questions to solicit feedback from interested constituencies, advisory committees, and stakeholder groups. This assignment is meant to gather important insights into the accuracy topic and how it affects the various groups. We encourage GAC to participate in this exercise, and we anticipate sending the questions in the late November/early December timeframe with a proposed deadline for response of 31 January 2025.

Lastly, the GNSO Council reiterates the importance of this topic and noted the importance in its recent [motion](#), which provides "Resolved, the GNSO Council recognizes the importance of Registration Data Accuracy to the ICANN community and commits to continue its discussion of how best to move forward on this topic."

Thank you for your attention to this. We look forward to our ongoing collaboration and to providing regular updates on our progress on accuracy.

Sincerely,

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Chair, GNSO Council