

29 August 2024

Re: Dialogue with GNSO Council on EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 18 (Urgent Requests)

Tripti Sinha, Chair  
ICANN Board of Directors

Cc: GNSO Council

Dear Tripti,

Thank you for your [letter](#) of 3 June 2024 in which you raise concerns regarding the timelines for responding to urgent disclosure requests associated with EPDP (Temp Spec) Phase 1, Recommendation 18.

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I am writing to acknowledge the concerns raised by the ICANN Board. The GNSO Council is in agreement with the concerns raised, noting that a response measured in business days may not be appropriate for truly urgent requests for disclosure of data, but the lack of an “authoritative, legally sufficient cross-border system for validating law enforcement/emergency responders” likely makes it impossible for registrars to authenticate all disclosure requests within this timeframe.

The GNSO Council is not aware of an existing mechanism that allows for revisiting a policy recommendation that has been approved by the Board. We do, however, appreciate the importance of these concerns and implications they have for public safety and trust in the Domain Name System.

In light of the importance, and in an effort to move forward constructively, we propose scheduling a meeting between the ICANN Board, interested GAC and PSWG representatives, and the GNSO Council. This meeting will provide a platform to discuss the concerns in detail, explore the complexities involved, and determine the most effective way to proceed. We are committed to working together to find a solution that considers the needs of all stakeholders and ensures that urgent requests are handled promptly and effectively.

We welcome the ICANN Board’s input on next steps and look forward to discussing this topic at the next opportunity.

Sincerely,

Greg DiBiase  
Chair, GNSO Council