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RE: GNSO Initiative: Board-Ready Policy Recommendations

Greg DiBiase
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Greg,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the GNSO Council, on behalf of the Board, for the collaboration, constructive dialogue, and hard work that have enabled the Board to move forward with important policy initiatives the last couple of years. In particular, we are pleased to have been able to work together to address all of the pending and non-adopted recommendations from the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP. We know that the Council has focused on continuous improvement of the Policy Development Process for many years and in that respect, the Board is encouraged to receive the [letter](#) from the Council, requesting that the Board help to provide data and information that will help promote Council policy recommendations that are more likely to be adopted by the Board. While the Board has appreciated the collaborative spirit in which it has engaged with the Council to resolve issues that have arisen, the Board is very much supportive of efforts to reduce the likelihood of issues arising in the first place. The Board also sees the Council's initiative as helpful towards draft Strategic Objective 1: Evolve and Promote ICANN's Multistakeholder Model to Sustain Its Inclusive Internet Governance Model.

The Council has requested that for several past PDPs, the relevant Board liaison(s) and at least one Board member that was central to the deliberations, participate in an interview with the Board Readiness small team. The Board is happy to make the relevant Board members available to participate in this important initiative and looks forward to receiving invitations. The Board shares the GNSO Council's view that investing time and effort to understand past issues will help to provide the information necessary to close gaps and improve processes.

The Board appreciates being included in this initiative and recognizes the clear benefits from working towards Council recommendations that can more likely be adopted by the Board. The Board applauds the Council's efforts to continually evolve and enhance the Policy Development Process and looks forward to contributing.

Best regards,



Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors