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Re: EPDP - Temp Spec - Phase 1 Implementation Review Team - Urgent request timeline

Dear ICANN org colleagues,

Following our discussion at ICANN82, the GNSO Council wanted to provide a short update on recent discussions around urgent requests and the associated timeline from EPDP - Temp Spec Phase 1.

As you may recall, the GAC recommended proceeding with urgent request discussions in two parallel tracks: (i) authentication of requestors and (ii) response time for urgent requests. With respect to the response time for urgent requests, in its [October 2024 letter](#), the GAC invited the Board and the GNSO Council to identify an expedited procedure for addressing this workstream and “strongly suggest[ed] resuming the work of the IRT, which was halted last summer.”

Following two productive trilateral discussions, the Council acknowledged and agreed with the GAC’s suggestion that the discussion regarding the response time for urgent requests could continue within the EPDP - Temp Spec Phase 1 Implementation Review Team. The Council confirmed this understanding during its [public meeting at ICANN82](#) and encourages ICANN org to resume IRT meetings in the near term.

The Council also discussed the authentication of requestors, and some councilors have attended the recent meetings organized by the Public Safety Working Group. The Council understands the importance of this work and looks forward to supporting this group’s progress. At this time, it does not appear that the authentication mechanism is ripe for discussion within the IRT, so the Council recommends limiting the upcoming IRT discussions to timeline discussions only.

Given the interest in this topic, the Council would appreciate regular updates on the progress and stands ready to assist if there are questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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GNSO Chair