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ICANN Board Liaison to the GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG)

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Chair, GNSO

Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Tripti,

I am writing to request that the ICANN Board considers appointing a Board Liaison to the recently established GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG), and for that Board Liaison to regularly attend WG meetings to observe the WG's policy making. As foreseen in the Charter, a Board Liaison would be an important addition to the PDP WG to ensure that the progress of our work is regularly communicated with the Board/caucus, and to convey any formal or informal Board input. A Board Liaison would help to identify any Board concerns related to the development of the policy recommendations, and which might potentially prevent eventual Board adoption, thereby allowing them to be more readily taken into consideration by the WG.

We understand that the appointed liaison would perform his/her role in accordance with the [Guidelines for Board Members Serving as Liaisons to ICANN Community Groups](#) ("Guidelines").

The GNSO Council believes the following criteria may be helpful, but are not strictly necessary, to the Board in selecting a liaison:

- Knowledge and understanding of and preferably direct experience in DNS Abuse related work at ICANN;
- Knowledge of ICANN policies and procedures, registry/registrar services, and domain name life cycle as they relate to DNS Abuse;
- Familiarity with GNSO policy development processes;
- Capacity to stay current with WG deliberations by, for example, attending the WG's regular meetings.

**Kindly note that the Board Liaison is not expected to participate in any PDP WG Consensus Calls and should clearly state whether they are speaking on behalf of the ICANN Board.*

For more detailed information on the PDP WG's mission, scope, and team composition, please refer to the [PDP WG Charter](#). For a list of the current PDP WG members, participants, and liaisons from other appointing organizations, please visit this [page](#).

The PDP is in the early stage of its work and would appreciate, if the Board is agreeable to appointing a liaison, that this be done by Thursday, 05 March, 2026 by informing the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org.

Kind regards
Susan Payne
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