



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

9 June 2017

Re: GNSO Council Motion 20170216-1 – Confirmation that modification to procedure that implements the Whois conflicts with privacy law policy recommendation is consistent with the intent of the policy recommendation

Mr. James Bladel
Chair, GNSO Council

Dear Mr. Bladel,

Following my letter to you, dated 31 March 2017, I am writing to update the GNSO Council on the timeline for the public comment proceeding on the “Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps.” At the request of the GAC leadership, we have extended the deadline for public comments to 7 July 2017. The GAC leaders have requested the extension to allow for discussion during their meeting at ICANN59.

An additional activity that we are undertaking is to solicit input from data protection authorities on the revised trigger. We hope to receive their comments, which together with the public comments received, will help to determine next steps.

We anticipate that the extension of the public comment period will not negatively impact our ability to meet the GNSO Council’s 1 October 2017 deadline. The updated timeline, which takes into account the extended public comment period is below:

- Public comment on staff paper – now scheduled to close on 7 July 2017
- Updating of staff paper, including summary of comments and proposed next steps – anticipated completion date of 28 July 2017
- Determine the proposed next steps, including formation of a review team/working group as needed following consultation with GNSO Council/community on the next steps – anticipated start date of end of August 2017

Sincerely,

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