10 February 2021

Ms. Manal Ismail
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2, Priority 2

Dear Manal,

On behalf of the ICANN Board, and pursuant to Article 12, Section 2.a-x of the ICANN Bylaws, this letter is to formally notify the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) that the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council has approved all of the policy recommendations developed during the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The adopted Priority 2 recommendations were posted for public comment, in accordance with Article 3, Section 6.a-iii of the ICANN Bylaws, prior to Board action (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/policy-recommendations-epdp-phase-2-2020-12-03-en). Please note the Priority 2 recommendations relate to topics held over from the EPDP's Phase 1 work. The recommendations related to the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure ("SSAD"), which were also adopted by the GNSO Council as part of the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report, will be posted for public comment and considered by the Board separately. A separate notification will follow in due time regarding the Phase 2 SSAD-related recommendations, for which further operational assessment is still ongoing.

The Board will soon consider the EPDP Priority 2 recommendations for approval. In the event that the GAC believes that there are public policy issues raised by these recommendations and provides advice accordingly on those issues, the ICANN Board will take the GAC’s advice into account on this matter, as set forth in the Bylaws.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors