Dear Russ,

As you know, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) has been interested in ICANN’s Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) project for many years, dating back to its introduction in 2017. In 2020, a group of RySG members worked together to develop a number of recommendations to improve the DAAR monthly reports, and since that time, the RySG’s DNS Abuse Working Group has continued to engage with staff members from ICANN Org’s Office of the CTO on the subject. As such, we responded with interest to the blog post you and Samaneh Tajalizadehkhooob published earlier this year about extending DAAR’s reporting capabilities to the registrar level.

The RySG supports ICANN Org’s plan to expand DAAR to include registrar data, as well as the Org’s efforts to enhance the overall level of knowledge about DNS Abuse among the ICANN Community and facilitate data-driven, fact-based discussions on this subject.

As you are aware, since ICANN Org announced its intention to expand DAAR in this manner, the RySG has been in discussions with members of the OCTO and GDS staff about how to accomplish this goal. It is our understanding that using the Bulk Registration Data that registries routinely provide ICANN will facilitate the inclusion of registrar-level data into DAAR and that using the Bulk Registration Data in this way will require a change to the base Registry Agreement.

We now look forward to working with ICANN Org to follow the process needed to execute an amendment, as well as to continue to collaborate on ways to further improve DAAR and enhance our collective understanding of DNS Abuse in the future.

Sincerely,

Samantha Demetriou
RySG Chair, on behalf of the RySG