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RE: Agreement to Expand Data Collection to Enable Reporting of Registrar-level DNS Abuse Activity in DAAR

Manal Ismail
Chair
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Dear Manal,

Thank you for the Governmental Advisory Committee’s (GAC) letter, dated 21 February 2022, regarding support to expand the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System (DAAR) to the registrar level, as well as our efforts to continue to improve DAAR to meet the needs of the community.

Expanding DAAR’s access to registrar-level data is a priority for ICANN org. Obtaining this data, which identifies registrars, will enable ICANN org to make DAAR a more robust, reliable, and useful tool for analyzing security threat activity. As you mentioned, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) also expressed support in their 22 October 2021 letter to ICANN org and is committed to accomplishing this goal. Additionally, the RySG identified this work as a key priority during the ICANN73 joint session between the ICANN Board and the Contracted Parties House (CPH). ICANN org and the RySG are continuing to work together on a contractual modification to the Base gTLD Registry Agreement, which will enable ICANN to bring registrar-level data into DAAR.

ICANN org again thanks the GAC for its continued support in improving DAAR. We look forward to providing the GAC with an update once an agreement with the RySG has been reached.

Sincerely,

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