

7 July 2016

Acknowledgement of receipt and next steps concerning the policy implications of the Internationalized Registration Data (IRD) Working Group's Final Report

To: ICANN Board

Dear Steve,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I hereby confirm receipt of your letter from 11 May 2016, concerning GNSO consideration of the policy implications of the Internationalized Registration Data (IRD) Working Group's Final Report. The GNSO Council reviewed your request during its meetings at ICANN56 Helsinki and agreed to the following:

- The GNSO Council will forward the IRD's report as an input to the Working Groups engaged in the Next Generation Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS PDP.
- The GNSO Council will request the chairs of the former Translation and Transliteration (T & T) of WHOIS contact information Policy Development Process Working Group to provide their feedback on the recommendations of the IRD Working Group, in particular, how these topics were considered, if at all, in the Final Report of the T & T PDP Working Group,
 - Or, alternatively, how these recommendations could potentially conflict with the recommendations that were made by the T & T Working Group which were subsequently adopted by the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board, and, recommended next steps to address these.
- The GNSO Council will review the feedback received from the chairs of the T & T PDP WG and decide what steps, if any, need to be taken to address the policy implications of the IRD Working Group's Final Report.

Following that review and decision, the GNSO Council will communicate back accordingly to the ICANN Board.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James Bladel
GNSO Chair