

25 March 2022

RE: Request for Continued Deferral of IDN Implementation Guidelines v4.0

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair
Sebastien Ducos, GNSO Council Vice Chair
Tomslin Samme-Nlar, GNSO Council Vice Chair

Dear Philippe, Sebastien, and Tomslin:

Thank you for the response to the ICANN Board on the subject of continued deferral of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Implementation Guidelines version 4.0 dated 21 January 2022 (published at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/fouquart-et-al-to-botterman-21jan22-en.pdf>).

The ICANN Board appreciates that Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council has favorably considered the proposal by the ICANN Board to proceed forward with the subset of the IDN Guidelines. Specifically, these include the guidelines that are already part of currently applicable IDN Guidelines 3.0, and the additional guidelines which do not overlap with topics included in the IDN Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) charter approved by the GNSO Council. The ICANN Board also thanks the GNSO Council for identifying the guidelines 6a, 11, 12, 13, and 18 as overlapping with the topics included in the IDN EPDP charter and providing the detailed references to the charter for this purpose in the annex to the letter from the GNSO Council.

Based on the input provided by the GNSO Council, the ICANN Board will defer guidelines 6a, 11, 12, 13, and 18 from Board's consideration at this time. The ICANN Board will seek further input from GNSO on this subset of deferred guidelines at the conclusion of GNSO's IDN EPDP work.

As the next steps, the ICANN Board intends to proceed with further consideration of the remaining guidelines in IDN Guidelines 4.0.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors