12 April 2019

Mr. Cherine Chalaby, Chair
ICANN Board of Directors

RE: GNSO Council Request – Resource Support for EPDP Phase 2

Dear Cherine,

As the EPDP Team transitions from its Phase 1 work on the Temporary Specification to its Phase 2 work on the Standardized System for Access to Non-Public Registration Data, the EPDP Team has commenced its work by focusing on the development of a work plan and timeline for the Phase 2 deliberations.

As part of these discussions, the EPDP Team was tasked by the GNSO Council to identify whether any additional resources are needed, beyond the traditional support that is provided to GNSO policy development activities, to meet its timeline and milestones. The EPDP Team acknowledges and appreciates the critical importance of the additional resources provided for Phase 1 in facilitating the deliberations and allowing the EPDP Team to deliver a Final Report within the required timeframe.

Pending the appointment of the Phase 2 Chair and the subsequent finalization of a detailed workplan with milestones, the EPDP Team has identified a preliminary list of the following four key resources needed to support the timely delivery of Phase 2 policy recommendations:

1. Continued availability of legal counsel, following the same process and approach in phase 1 (any questions are vetted through the legal committee);

2. Continued support for telecom services and transcriptions, but to reduce costs, transcriptions would have a 72-hour turnaround time (instead of 24-hour);

3. Mediation support for the EPDP Team meetings at ICANN65 in Marrakesh;

4. Travel support to be made available for ICANN65 for EPDP Team members who would otherwise not be able to attend and where no alternate is able to step in.

We look forward to receiving your feedback. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Keith Drazek, GNSO Chair

Cc: Mr. Goran Marby, ICANN CEO
        Mr. Rafik Dammak, EPDP Acting Chair and GNSO Council Liaison to the EPDP