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Tripti Sinha, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors
Susan Payne, Chair, GNSO Council

Subject: Convening a Trilateral Dialogue to Address Domain Registration Data Accuracy during ICANN86, and to Discuss Policy Prioritization in the Longer Term

Dear Tripti, Dear Susan,

The GAC welcomes progress made recently on several public policy priorities for governments as it relates to domain name registration data, and specifically regarding the timeline for response to Urgent Requests for disclosure of Registration Data, as highlighted in the ICANN Board's response to the GAC ICANN85 Mumbai Communiqué.

The GAC believes that the trilateral dialogue that was established in this context between the GAC, the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council has been instrumental in delivering appropriate outcomes that are acceptable to all stakeholders involved.

For this reason, **I would like to request, in my role as Chair of the GAC, that we together reconvene this trilateral setting** to address an important policy matter on which ICANN, as a community, has yet to make progress that is commensurate with its importance for safeguarding the interests and the safety of the public globally, that is **addressing the gap between a domain's registration and the point at which a registrar may validate the registrant's contact information.**

In the [ICANN85 GAC Mumbai Communiqué](#) (16 March 2026), the GAC stated as part of its Issues of Importance under "2. DNS Abuse Mitigation" (p. 9):

The GAC expresses its strong interest in engaging further with the Board and the Contracted Parties on how to address – in a swift and effective manner – the current 15-day timeline for registrars to validate and verify registrants contact information. As the INFERMAL study notes, when the validation of registrant information takes place during the account creation or before the domain purchase, it is associated with a 70% decrease in malicious registrations. To mitigate DNS Abuse, verification of registrant contact information should take place before a newly registered domain name can become

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accessible through the DNS. A possible path to be further explored in this regard is contract amendments, and the GAC will continue to consider the best path for efficient implementation.

Consequently, the GAC is currently seeking to organize a pre-ICANN86 GAC Webinar to discuss the 15-day timeline for registrars to validate and verify registrants contact information, with the participation of appropriate stakeholders of the GNSO.

Following this webinar, **the GAC expects to be adequately informed to engage in discussions of concrete next steps, during ICANN86, in the trilateral setting** between the GAC, the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council which would like to see reconvened.

In light of the recent ICANN Board acknowledgement and statements in its [comments on the Mumbai Communiqué](#) (20 April 2026), it seems that such a dialogue would be timely to inform the GNSO's discussion of its prioritization methodology **ensuring that prioritization of ICANN gTLD Policy making takes public policy concerns into account** early, appropriately and in a timely manner. The GAC also believes that the trilateral setting is a valuable approach apart from having policy prioritization discussions in each of our bilateral silos. .

In conclusion, the GAC urges the ICANN Board and GNSO Council to make the necessary arrangements to take part in a trilateral dialogue during the ICANN86 Policy Forum, ideally leveraging a provision that has been made in the GAC Schedule for this purpose on **Tuesday 9 June 2026 from 12:30 to 13:15 local time in Seville.**

Sincerely,



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