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RE: Issues of Public Interest, User Safety, and Trust

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Dear Secretary Krishnan,

Thank you for your [letter of 14 July 2026](#) and for setting out the Government of India's concerns regarding registration data verification, transparency in the reporting and handling of DNS Abuse, and implementation of the Urgent Request and Law Enforcement Authentication Mechanism.

First, I would like to recognize India's sustained and constructive participation in ICANN's multistakeholder processes, including through the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). I would also like to emphasize that ICANN shares the objectives underlying your letter: ensuring that ICANN's multistakeholder work contributes to a secure, stable, and trusted Domain Name System (DNS).

As you may be aware, work is advancing in several areas:

Following the GAC's consensus advice in the [ICANN83 Prague Communiqué](#), calling for targeted and narrowly scoped policy development prioritizing malicious bulk registrations and associated domain checks, the GNSO Council initiated separate Policy Development Processes (PDPs) for these issues. The GNSO Council focused first on launching the [DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP 1](#) on Associated Domain Checks. This Working Group is actively considering the registrars' responsibilities to investigate domain names associated with accounts that are the subject of actionable DNS Abuse reports. This community-driven work represents concrete progress on priorities defined with GAC input.

ICANN org has taken note of the GAC's input and recognizes the value of maintaining a focused scope to support more timely results. ICANN org has also identified registration data verification and transparency in DNS Abuse reporting as matters warranting further consideration. ICANN understands these issues are being discussed by the GNSO Council as part of its prioritization efforts.

Meaningful prioritization necessarily involves choices regarding sequencing and the allocation of community resources. Although the matters identified in your letter warrant careful

consideration, treating multiple issues as simultaneous priorities may make it more difficult for the community to achieve timely and durable outcomes.

It is also important to distinguish between the responsibilities of ICANN org and those of the ICANN community. Under ICANN's Bylaws, responsibility for developing gTLD policy and managing the policy-development process rests with the GNSO. As ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer, I can ensure that ICANN org provides the support necessary to help this work progress effectively and implements policies once adopted, but cannot direct the GNSO Council's policy priorities or determine the outcomes of its PDPs.

Progress is also being made regarding Urgent Requests for nonpublic registration data. The Registration Data Policy now includes a requirement to respond to authenticated Urgent Requests within 24 hours. Enforcement of that requirement depends on the availability of an appropriate authentication mechanism. Work on such a mechanism is continuing with the GAC Public Safety Working Group and law enforcement representatives. ICANN recently convened the [Law Enforcement Agency Authentication Mechanisms Input Group](#) to support that effort.

Regarding the proposed 15-day verification period and additional reporting obligations for registrars and registries, ICANN org will continue to support the community's consideration of these matters by contributing relevant data and operational expertise. Any new obligations for contracted parties must be developed through the appropriate policy or contractual processes. This is necessary under ICANN's Bylaws and agreements and is essential to ensuring that any resulting obligations are workable and enforceable.

I recognize that these processes may not always provide the immediacy that some governments would prefer. The need to follow them should not be mistaken for a lack of attention or action. I believe that India's continued engagement is important to this work and I encourage the Government of India to continue advancing its priorities through the GAC and the relevant community processes.

ICANN org staff and I remain available to support that engagement and to continue our dialogue with the Government of India as the work progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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