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Re: 15-day Domain Registration Verification Timeline

To: Nicolas Caballero
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (ICANN)

Cc: Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Nico,

Thank you for the two letters regarding the 15-day validation requirements, with one [letter](#) requesting a pre-ICANN86 webinar and the [other](#) requesting the convening of a trilateral meeting between the GAC, ICANN Board, and the GNSO Council.

The Council appreciates the GAC's interest and desire to better understand the history, rationale, and practical application of the 15-day validation requirements set forth in the RDDS Accuracy Program Specification in the [Registrar Accreditation Agreement](#). In respect of the informational webinar, while the Council is glad to brief the GAC, we believe that there is inadequate time to properly prepare for such webinar prior to ICANN86. The Council suggests that the time proposed for a trilateral meeting at ICANN86 be leveraged for this informational session instead, as it allows for the time needed to prepare and coordinate between our respective topic leads and with proposed presenters, as applicable. The Council is also willing to participate in future dialogue between the GAC and the ICANN Board post-ICANN86.

Regarding the specific timeslot identified by the GAC, we do note that this clashes with the Registrar Stakeholder Group's own meeting. Since the 15-day verification is an obligation that applies to registrars, the timeslot is therefore not optimal for their participation. We hope that our respective topic leads can discuss whether an alternative timeslot might be possible.

While this proposed approach does not exactly match what the GAC requested, we believe it is in the spirit of what you're seeking. We believe it is preferable to take the necessary time to prepare and ensure that the GAC is receiving quality and fulsome information.

Best regards,

Susan Payne, GNSO Chair