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ICANN Board Liaison to the SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team

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Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Tripti,

I am writing to request that the ICANN Board considers appointing a Board Liaison(s) to the recently established SSAD Supplemental Recommendation Team, and for that Board Liaison(s) to regularly attend group meetings to observe the group Supplemental Recommendations process. A Board Liaison(s) would be an important addition to this process to ensure that the progress of our work is regularly communicated with the Board/caucus, and to convey any formal or informal Board input. A Board Liaison(s) would help to identify any Board concerns related to the development of the Supplemental Recommendations, and which might potentially prevent eventual Board adoption, thereby allowing them to be more readily taken into consideration by the SSAD SupRec Team.

We understand that the appointed liaison would perform his/her role in accordance with the [Guidelines for Board Members Serving as Liaisons to ICANN Community Groups](#) ("Guidelines").

The GNSO Council believes the following criteria may be helpful, but are not strictly necessary, to the Board in selecting a liaison:

- Knowledge and understanding of and preferably direct experience in EPDP Phase 2, RDRS SC related work at ICANN;
- Knowledge of ICANN policies and procedures, registry/registrar services, Registration Data Disclosure Requests and Data Privacy and Protection, etc.;
- Familiarity with GNSO policy development processes and supplemental recommendations process;
- Capacity to stay current with the group's deliberations by, for example, attending the SSAD SupRec's regular meetings.

For more detailed information on the PDP WG's mission, scope, and team composition, please refer to the [SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Assignment Form](#).

The SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team is in the early stage of its work. If the Board is agreeable to appointing a liaison(s), there would be benefits to them being able to participate from the outset of the work. While not essential, if it is possible to

identify the liaison(s) by **Friday, 24 April, 2026** by informing the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org, therefore, this would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Susan Payne
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