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RE: Urgent Requests Follow-up - GAC Response to Board Clarifying Question and Additional Considerations

Nicolas Caballero
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Nicolas,

The Board would like to provide an update on the progress of urgent request work following from the Governmental Advisory Committee's (GAC) October 2024 [proposal](#) for two parallel work tracks: 1. authentication of requestors, and 2. response time for urgent requests.

Following the [agreement](#) among the Generic Names Supporting Organization Council (GNSO), GAC, and ICANN Board on this approach, ICANN organization (org) reconvened the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP -Temp Spec) Implementation Review Team (IRT) to revise the response timeline requirements (track 2).

After a series of discussions with the EPDP-Temp Spec IRT, ICANN org published draft Registration Data Policy language, including a 24-hour urgent request response timeline, for [Public Comment](#) in October 2025. ICANN org [analyzed](#) the comments received, and the matter was further discussed during ICANN85. Following these discussions, the GNSO Council, the GAC, and the Board [agreed](#) that ICANN org should publish the 24-hour response timeline language in an updated Registration Data Policy. ICANN org published the [updated Registration Data Policy](#) on 12 May 2026, with enforcement of the 24-hour response timeline pending the availability of an authentication mechanism for requestors.

The Board notes that work to develop an authentication mechanism under the GAC's Public Safety Working Group (track 1) has made good progress and ICANN plans to begin proof-of-concept testing with law enforcement agencies experienced in authentication in December 2026. This will help ICANN to develop requirements for future authentication identity providers. As part of this effort, ICANN also plans to create a law enforcement authentication input group by engaging with current and potential users of the Registration Data Request Service, including GNSO stakeholders.

In light of the publication of the 24-hour urgent request response timeline language in the Registration Data Policy, the Board will move to close the GAC's advice on urgent requests for disclosure of registration data from its [ICANN79 San Juan Communiqué](#), and its advice on the implementation of the Phase 1 Recommendations of the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data from its [ICANN64 Kobe Communiqué](#), in due course.



The Board greatly appreciates the GAC's support throughout this work and looks forward to continued coordination on the implementation of the authentication mechanism.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tripti Sinha
Chair, Board of Directors
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