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RE: 15-Day Domain Registration Verification Timeline

Nicolas Caballero
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Nicolas,

Thank you for your [letter of 11 May 2026](#) inviting the ICANN Board to participate in a trilateral dialogue with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council regarding the 15-day validation requirements contained in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). The Board appreciates the GAC's interest in the topic, as well as the invitation to participate in the dialogue.

We understand that the GAC requested and received an initial briefing on the topic from the GNSO Council during ICANN86 at the time originally proposed for the trilateral meeting. Several Board members attended this session as observers.

The Board shares the GAC's goal of further mitigating DNS Abuse. At the same time, given DNS Abuse mitigation efforts, many of which are already in progress, it is important to consider a diverse range of data sources to ensure the community can assess which issues have the greatest impact.

If the GAC's goal is to create new obligations or modify existing ones for registrars in respect of their RDDS Accuracy Program Specification requirements (i.e., 15-day validation requirements), then only two mechanisms exist to generate such obligations: contractual negotiations and gTLD policy development.

The Board recognizes that this topic is addressed in the GNSO's [Final Issue Report](#) on DNS Abuse, which may facilitate future policy development. We also understand the GNSO Council is engaging in a prioritization pilot to ensure it is well-positioned to identify its next project(s) once adequate resources are available to initiate new work.

We look forward to future engagement with the GAC and GNSO Council on this topic as appropriate.



Sincerely,

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