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RE: Status of GAC Advice in the Action Request Register (ARR)

Dear Nico,

As we approach ICANN86 in Seville, Spain, I am pleased to provide an update on the status of open GAC advice, which is tracked in ICANN's [Action Request Register \(ARR\)](#). As of this update, 20 items of open GAC advice are considered implemented and ready for closure. For your convenience, here is a summary of recent activity on specific items of GAC advice:

- Protection of Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Names and Acronyms: Thirteen advice items have been updated to Close status (Phase 5), as ICANN org has determined that their implementation is complete. You will recall that, in April 2023, the Board [adopted](#) the Generic Names Supporting Organization's (GNSO) Curative Rights policy recommendations, in line with related GAC advice. The remaining two items of advice remain in Implementation status (Phase 4 of the ARR) as they pertain to the release of the currently-reserved IGO acronyms, the completion of which is dependent on the Implementation Review Team (IRT) finalizing its work on the Curative Rights policy.
- Policy Development Related to DNS Abuse: The one remaining advice item is now in Close status (Phase 5), as ICANN org has determined that implementation is complete. The GNSO Council has adopted the charter for a first DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process (PDP), and the PDP is currently underway. The GNSO Council will consider the charter for DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP 2 when enough progress has been made for PDP 1 and there are adequate community and staff resources available to begin PDP 2.
- Second Security, Stability & Resiliency (SSR2) Review: One advice item remains in Implementation status (Phase 4) as ICANN org continues to implement the SSR2 recommendations. One advice item is in Close status (Phase 5) as implementation is considered complete. ICANN released a [close-out report](#) in February 2025 to address the SSR2 assessment of SSR1 implementation work and document how SSR1 recommendations are effectively addressed.

- Generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data: The three remaining advice items have been updated to Close status (Phase 5). Having [resolved](#) not to accept the 18 System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) recommendations, the Board believes the GAC's ICANN70 advice can be closed as the GAC's concerns relating to gaps in the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report on gTLD Registration Data will be addressed by future Supplemental Recommendations from the GNSO. The Board also believes the GAC's ICANN64 and ICANN79 advice can be closed, as the work to develop a timeline for urgent requests for the lawful disclosure of domain name registration data has been completed, and the 24-hour urgent request response timeline policy has been [published](#).
- New gTLD Applicant Support: The two open advice items have been updated to Close status (Phase 5). In consultation with GAC leadership, ICANN's New gTLD Program team has organized a facilitated community dialogue during ICANN86.

If the GAC believes any of these advice items in Phase 5 should NOT be considered Closed, please inform GAC support staff, preferably by 30 June 2026.

I hope that the GAC finds these updates useful as you consider public policy matters relating to policy development within ICANN's mission. My team and I look forward to continuing to support the GAC and helping to build on your collaborative partnership with the ICANN Board.

Sincerely,

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