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To: Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair
Sebastien Ducos, GNSO Council Vice Chair
Tomslin Samme-Nlar, GNSO Council Vice Chair

Subject: SSAC2022-08: GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) Initiation Request for Applicant Support

Dear Philippe, Sebastien, and Tomslin,

Thank you for your invitation on 1 September 2022 requesting the SSAC to identify one representative to join the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) for Applicant Support.

Based on the review of relevant materials, we understand the goal of this working group is to provide guidance to ICANN on one aspect of the Subpro final report, namely recommendation 17.3, which states:

The Working Group recommends that ICANN improve outreach, awareness-raising, application evaluation, and program evaluation elements of the Applicant Support Program, as well as usability of the Program, as proposed in the implementation guidance below.

The charter of this group identified six tasks on the setup, evaluation, and metrics for an Applicant Support Program.¹

Given that this topic is not technical or security-related by nature, and has no strong intersection with SSAC's remit, we appreciate the invitation to participate but think that it is best for SSAC to decline this request at this time and not send representatives to this working group.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel our understanding and analysis is in error. Otherwise, we wish you the best in this endeavor.

Thank you,

Rod Rasmussen
Chair, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee

¹ See GNSO Guidance Process Initiation Request for Select New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Topics <https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2022/draft/draft-subpro-ggp-initiation-request-clean-24aug22-en.pdf>