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RE: GNSO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION REPORT

Nacho Amadoz
Tomslin Samme-Nlar
Interim Co-Chairs, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

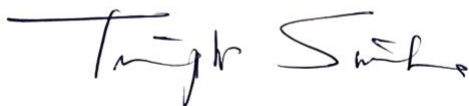
Dear Nacho and Tomslin,

The Board appreciates the GNSO Council's dedication, particularly during its Strategic Planning Session (SPS), to enhancing the quality and timeliness of its processes. Thank you for your [19 August 2025](#) letter to me, and for enclosing the GNSO Council's report on its January 2025 SPS, in which you noted a number of strategic objectives and outcomes that the Council identified for this calendar year.

The Board takes particular note of the first outcome, where the Council has committed to documenting the process for the ICANN Board to unadopt a previously adopted GNSO policy recommendation. The documentation of this process is another indicator of the collaborative and productive relationship between the Board and the Council. The Board looks forward to discussing and finalizing the documentation with Council.

The Board continues to recognize the importance and utility of the Council's SPS, which, over the years, has led to improvements in the GNSO's processes and procedures, governance, and accountability as the manager of the PDP. The Board looks forward to the Council's report from its next successful SPS.

Best regards,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors