



13 May 2026

RE: 24-hour Urgent Request Timeline and Authentication Mechanism

To: Susan Payne
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

CC: Nicolas Caballero
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Susan,

Thank you for your 29 April 2026 [letter](#) outlining the GNSO Council's discussions on remaining work related to Urgent Requests for Registration Data.

Urgent Requests Response Timeline

The Board notes the Council's confirmation that the [proposed language](#) for inclusion in Sections 3.8, 3.9, 10.7, and Implementation Note K of the Registration Data Policy, aligns with GNSO Council [expectations](#) and the requirements in the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP-Temp Spec) Phase 1 Recommendation 18 (Rec 18). ICANN org has [published](#) the updated policy language in the [Registration Data Policy](#) and notified the contracted parties of the update.

Addressing Authentication in Policy

As flagged in the 16 April 2026 GNSO Council meeting, the EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 18 does not address authenticating law enforcement requestors as a requirement for enforcing the 24-hour response time for urgent requests. The Board appreciates the Council's consideration of the suggested options for curing this potential policy gap, acknowledges the critical need to address authentication, and supports this work as part of the Supplemental Recommendations team's work on modifications to the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure Policy recommendations. ICANN Board liaisons will be designated for participation in these policy discussions.

Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) Work on Authentication

The Board appreciates the ongoing work of the PSWG on authentication as well as contributions from law enforcement, GNSO stakeholder groups, and members of civil society to understand the available tools, technologies, and desired features for an authentication mechanism. Based on community feedback the Board received during ICANN85 requesting more transparency and opportunities for community input on authentication mechanisms, we

have asked ICANN org to take the lead in advancing further work on the technical requirements for authentication and proof-of-concept testing with law enforcement agencies. This will allow for more transparency, as well as broader community participation and input on the authentication mechanism, including feedback from law enforcement and other organizations. The Board has also heard from GAC members that they are supportive of this approach. In discussions with ICANN org, they have indicated they are also prepared to lead this work.

The Board thanks the GNSO Council and PSWG for their ongoing engagement and support in advancing this work and looks forward to continued dialogue as the work progresses.

Sincerely,



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