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Susan Payne
Chair, GNSO Council

Subject: GNSO Participation in a Pre-ICANN86 GAC Webinar Regarding the 15-day Domain Registration Verification Timeline

Dear Susan,

In the [ICANN85 GAC Mumbai Communiqué](#) (16 March 2026), the GAC stated as part of its Issues of Importance under “2. DNS Abuse Mitigation” (p. 9):

The GAC expresses its strong interest in engaging further with the Board and the Contracted Parties on how to address – in a swift and effective manner – the current 15-day timeline for registrars to validate and verify registrants contact information. As the INFERMAL study notes, when the validation of registrant information takes place during the account creation or before the domain purchase, it is associated with a 70% decrease in malicious registrations. To mitigate DNS Abuse, verification of registrant contact information should take place before a newly registered domain name can become accessible through the DNS. A possible path to be further explored in this regard is contract amendments, and the GAC will continue to consider the best path for efficient implementation.

Consequently, the GAC is currently working to organize a pre-ICANN86 GAC Webinar to discuss the 15-day timeline for registrars to validate and verify registrants contact information, with the participation of appropriate stakeholders of the GNSO.

The objective of this webinar is to ensure that the GAC receives the most up to date and relevant information on the history and rationale of this process, its fitness in today’s DNS Abuse landscape, and the status of its discussion in the GNSO.

We would appreciate your assistance in identifying interested stakeholders to come and brief the GAC on these subjects.

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We expect this Webinar to take place in the coming weeks, possibly prior or during the week of ICANN86 Prep Week, 18-22 May 2026.

Sincerely,



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