

10 March 2021

Philippe Fouquart, Chair
Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Philippe,

I am writing to provide an update in accordance with the action item in your [letter](#) of 9 November 2020 on the WHOIS Conflicts Procedure.

The 21 October 2020 motion referenced in this correspondence requests that the ICANN organization work in consultation with contracted parties to draft a proposal for a modification to the existing [Revised ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law](#), based on past experience with both this procedure and the [ICANN Process for Handling Registrar Data Retention Waiver Requests](#).

In accordance with this request, ICANN org has held two initial discussions with the Registries and Registrars Stakeholder Groups about undertaking this consultation. It is expected that a small group of volunteers from these groups will be solicited to work with the org on this matter. As the timeline for this may vary depending on priorities and availability, we are not currently in a position to provide a timeline for delivery; however, we will provide you with another update on or before 1 June 2021.

We will be glad to support you with any other information or assistance we can provide.

Best regards,



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