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Update: Memorandum Concerning Merge of Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Implementation into Work Stream of "Thick WHOIS" Implementation Review Team

From: GDD Staff

To: GNSO Council

As you may be aware, the ICANN Board has directed GDD Staff to develop an implementation plan for the GNSO Recommendations on the Translation and Transliteration (T/T) of Contact Information as approved by the ICANN Board on 28 September 2015.

GDD Staff identified a number of potential synergies between the T/T recommendations, the "Consistent Labeling and Display" (CL&D) work stream of the "Thick WHOIS" implementation project, and related implementation of the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) currently in progress. Considering these potential synergies, Staff proposed to merge the implementation of the T/T recommendations into the CL&D work stream of the Thick WHOIS Implementation Review Team (IRT).

Consultations with community and IRT members yielded a variety of views and did not result in full support for merging the projects. Accordingly, staff will instead proceed with the standard implementation path and begin recruitment of an IRT for the T/T project.

This memo is to update the GNSO Council on these efforts.

GDD Staff thanks the GNSO Council for considering this proposal and its relative merits, and for providing a forum for further discussion among affected stakeholders.