**Motion to terminate the Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS Policy Development Process**

Whereas,

1. Following submission of the [WHOIS Policy Review Team's Final Report](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-report-11may12-en.pdf), the ICANN Board passed a resolution on [8 November, 2012](http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/prelim-report-08nov12-en.htm), launching an Expert Working Group on gTLD Registration Directory Services (EWG) to (1) help redefine the purpose of gTLD registration data and consider how to safeguard the data, and (2) propose a model for gTLD registration directory services to address accuracy, privacy, and access issues.
2. Upon publication of the [EWG's Final Report](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-report-06jun14-en.pdf) in June, 2014, an informal group of Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Councilors and ICANN Board members collaborated to propose a [Process Framework](http://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/next-generation-rds-framework-26apr15-en.pdf) for structuring a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) to successfully address these challenging issues.
3. On [26 May, 2015](https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-04-26-en#1.f), the ICANN Board adopted that Process Framework and reaffirmed its 2012 request for a Board-initiated PDP to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data, and to consider safeguards for protecting data, using the recommendations in the EWG's Final Report as an input to, and, if appropriate, as the foundation for a new gTLD policy.
4. On 19 November 2015, the GNSO Council adopted the [charter](https://community.icann.org/x/E4xlAw) for the next-generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS Policy Development Process Working group.
5. Following ICANN61 (March 2018), the RDS PDP Leadership decided to put on hold WG meetings indefinitely. This decision was made in light of the uncertain status of GDPR-related work and the possible duplication of efforts as a result of the adoption by the ICANN Board of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.
6. Following the initiation by the GNSO Council of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration data, the RDS PDP on 17 July 2018, the GNSO Council Liaison to the RDS PDP WG, Stephanie Perrin, submitted, at the request of the RDS PDP WG, the required Termination Summary [include link] to recommend to the GNSO Council that the RDS PDP WG be terminated as per section 15 of the PDP Manual.
7. The GNSO Council has reviewed the Termination Summary.

Resolved,

1. The GNSO Council hereby terminates the next-generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS Policy Development Process.
2. The GNSO Chair will share the Termination Summary as well as the Council decision with the ICANN Board for its information.
3. The GNSO Secretariat will inform the RDS PDP WG of this decision.
4. The GNSO Council expresses its sincere appreciation to the members of the RDS PDP Working Group, leadership team and ICANN support staff for all its work and efforts.