

Project Change Request Form

Severity: **MEDIUM**

Project name:

EPDP: Expedited Policy Development Process – Phase 2 (EPDP_P2)

Requested by:

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Date:

11 Jun 2020

Change description:

Request to extend delivery of the EPDP-P2, Priority 1 Final Report and determine path to address remaining Priority 2 policy topics.

Change reason:

Early June, EPDP leadership concluded that delivery of the Final Report of Priority 1 items by 11 June 2020, per its project plan, was no longer obtainable. Also, as part of its review of public comments for Priority 2 items, several policy topics will not be fully deliberated by 30 June 2020, close of the FY20 fiscal year.

Impact of change (complete for relevant categories):

- **Scope:** The scope of the Phase 2, Priority 1 & 2 topics deliverable has not changed.
- **Budget:** FY20 closes 30 June 2020.
- **Timeline:** Extend to 31 July 2020 for Priority 1 Final Report; additional time will be required to address remaining Priority 2 items not included in the Priority 1 Final Report.
- **Resourcing:** Extension of community volunteer time including GNSO Policy, GDD and Legal staff resources; possible downstream effects of other planned or in-flight projects within the GNSO. Janis Karklins' role terminates 3 July 2020.
- **Communications:** None at this time.
- **Other:** None at this time.

Proposed action:

- Extend project plan and work plans with a new target delivery date of **31 July 2020** for the Final Report of Priority 1 items.
- On or around 30 June 2020, Rafik Dammak to take over the role of EPDP-P2 Chair.
- The GNSO Council evaluate how to address any remaining policy issues, such as remaining Priority 2 items.

Estimated Associated cost, if applicable:

- Direct cost to extend resources cannot be calculated at this time.
- Project funding is impacted as FY20 closed 30 June 2020. If additional funds are necessary, the GNSO Council will be required to initiate a new request to the ICANN Board.

Risks, if applicable:

- If additional funds are required for legal advice, a formal request from the GNSO Council to the ICANN Board is required for FY21.
- Rafik Dammak can only commit to the Chair role to 31 July 2020. Thus, if EPDP deliberations are required after July, time will be required to search for a replacement.
- Continued divergence on key proposed recommendations could yield a no-consensus Final Report.