October 5, 2018

cc. GNSO Council leadership team

Dear EPDP Leadership team,

On behalf of the NCSG, RySg and RrSg members of the EPDP, I am writing to kindly ask you to provide the EPDP team with an external GDPR/data protection legal expert to complement the expertise within the EPDP team. The need for an external legal expert was discussed and recognized at the GNSO Council and was stipulated in the EPDP charter. As you know, the Board has already agreed to allocate a budget for this purpose.

According to the EPDP charter, the decision to request advice from an external expert shall be approved by the EPDP leadership team in conjunction with a recommendation from an EPDP team member and an expert in the field. This request is submitted on behalf of most of the EPDP members. As a data protection expert for over three decades, I strongly recommend and feel the need to have a legal expert who can guide us throughout the EPDP process. We are reaching a stage where we need help with legal analysis that is required to find a GDPR compliant solution to ICANN’s complex registrant data ecosystem.

I appreciate your prompt reply and timely approval of this request so that we can make better progress at EPDP.

Thank you.

Stephanie Perrin, incoming Chair of NCSG and member of the EPDP

RrSG members of the EPDP

RySG members of the EPDP