**Motion - DNS Abuse Small Team Report**

WHEREAS,

1. The GNSO Council recognizes that the topic of DNS abuse is a longstanding topic and the GNSO has undertaken a variety of activities on this topic in the past, including considering which aspects of the subject of registration abuse are within ICANN's mission to address and in particular, which are appropriate for ICANN to establish policies that are binding on gTLD registry operators and ICANN-accredited registrars[[1]](#footnote-1).
2. In February 2022, the GNSO Council tasked a small team consisting of Council members to consider what policy efforts, if any, the GNSO Council should consider undertaking to support the efforts already underway in the different parts of the community to tackle DNS abuse.
3. As part of its deliberations, the small team reached out to all GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, as well as the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) and the DNS Abuse Institute asking for input on what problem(s) policy development specifically is needed to mitigate, if any, as well as the expected outcomes if policy development would be undertaken.
4. In considering the external input received, the small team realized that the suggestions provided can generally be allocated to one or more of the following three buckets:
5. Issues that may benefit from education / communication / outreach;
6. Issues that may benefit from contractual negotiations between ICANN org and Contracted Parties; and,
7. Issues that may benefit from GNSO policy development.
8. The small team delivered its [report](https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2022/correspondence/dns-abuse-small-team-to-gnso-council-07oct22-en.pdf), containing 4 recommendations, to the GNSO Council on 10 October.
9. The GNSO Council received a briefing on the report and its recommendations during its [October Council meeting](https://icann.zoom.us/rec/share/y26ROY5NZSLyfZj1-Nc4ntlPQgP_Ro9J5FcfR--6B_GREw60hsV_g44rx6S1iuGp.3E9_ysndnNH5SzRf?startTime=1666296086000).

RESOLVED,

1. The GNSO Council accepts the recommendations as outlined in the DNS Abuse Small Team report and requests that the leadership of the small team works with Council leadership on developing the respective communications as foreseen under recommendations #2, #3 and #4.
2. In relation to recommendation #1, the Council commits to considering requesting the development of a Preliminary Issue Report on the topic of malicious registrations after the outreach and communication as foreseen under recommendations #2, #3 and #4 have taken place and the Council has had an opportunity to consider the progress made from efforts related to that outreach. If the Council determines that a Preliminary Issue Report is needed, it must be undertaken in a way that avoids overlap and/or duplication of efforts.
3. The GNSO Council thanks the small team for its efforts, as well as the community groups that contributed to it.

1. Some past work includes:

   * Registration Abuse Policies WG Final Report from 2010: [https://gnso.icann.org/issues/rap/rap-wg-final-report-29may10-en.pdf](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://gnso.icann.org/issues/rap/rap-wg-final-report-29may10-en.pdf&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1638832378384000&usg=AOvVaw0UaFe5gi0ZaOh6ntxUp1HP) (some, but not all recommendations adopted)
   * Staff best practices discussion paper from 2011: [https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/filefield\_26745/discussion-paper-rap-best-practices-28sep11-en.pdf](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/filefield_26745/discussion-paper-rap-best-practices-28sep11-en.pdf&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1638832378385000&usg=AOvVaw30BAIPHJy2JdW_4NOJ1ub9)
   * Uniformity of Contracts to Address Registration Abuse Final Issue Report 2012: [https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/registration-abuse/uofc-final-issue-report-20sep12-en.pdf](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/registration-abuse/uofc-final-issue-report-20sep12-en.pdf&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1638832378385000&usg=AOvVaw2PdE5oVy398UPlxvS-tK0s) (Final Issue Report, but not sufficient support to initiate a PDP at the time)

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