**GNSO Council adoption of EPDP Phase 2 Small Team Addendum to Preliminary Report**

WHEREAS,

1. Following the delivery by ICANN org of the [System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Assessment](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/ssad-oda-25jan22-en.pdf) (ODA), the GNSO Council [formed](https://community.icann.org/x/EgciCw) the EPDP Phase 2 small team which was [tasked](https://community.icann.org/x/PAoiCw) to provide the GNSO Council with its feedback on:
* Whether the ODA has correctly interpreted the intent of the SSAD recommendations in the proposed implementation;
* Whether the ODA has overlooked any key aspects of the SSAD recommendations that should be factored in by the ICANN Board when it considers the recommendations;
* Its view on the concerns identified by the ICANN Board and potential options that could be considered, either in the form of changes to the proposed implementation or the policy recommendations themselves, to address these concerns (note, these are expected to be high level suggestions at this stage);
* Any other aspects that help inform the Council’s deliberations and consultation with the ICANN Board.
1. The small team delivered its [preliminary report](https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2022/correspondence/ducos-to-gnso-council-et-al-04apr22-en.pdf) to the GNSO Council on 4 April 2022.
2. Following its review of the preliminary report, the GNSO Council [requested](https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2022/correspondence/fouquart-to-botterman-27apr22-en.pdf) that the ICANN Board direct ICANN org “to proceed with further developing the SSAD Light Design” while pausing the consideration of the SSAD recommendations.
3. ICANN org published the [Whois Disclosure System Design Paper](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/whois-disclosure-system-design-paper-13sep22-en.pdf) on 13 September 2022 and presented it to the small team during its sessions ([#1](https://75.schedule.icann.org/meetings/wmhLk2gj2Dm6PQaz2) and [#2](https://75.schedule.icann.org/meetings/qm9iHL6YmTSpMoJHQ)) at ICANN75.
4. The small team reviewed the Whois Disclosure Design Paper and provided its feedback and recommendations on how to proceed to the GNSO Council on 7 November 2022 in the form of an addendum to its Preliminary Report.
5. The GNSO Council, as the manager of the GNSO policy development process, reviewed and considered the addendum in light of the potential impacts on the SSAD recommendations in the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report.
6. Although it is not the role of the GNSO Council to approve or not approve moving forward with operational proof of concepts, the Council is supportive of efforts such as this one that can provide additional data to the ICANN Board in deciding whether or not to approve the SSAD recommendations outlined in the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report.

RESOLVED,

1. The GNSO Council accepts the EPDP Phase 2 small team findings and recommendations as outlined in the addendum [include link].
2. The GNSO Council requests that the GNSO Secretariat transmits the addendum to the ICANN Board.
3. The GNSO Council confirms that pending the implementation and subsequent running of the Whois Disclosure System for a period of up to two (2) years, the SSAD recommendations should remain paused for consideration by the ICANN Board.
4. The GNSO Council thanks the EPDP Phase 2 small team for its work and requests it to remain available to continue work on this topic as part of the next steps in this process which aims to inform the further consideration of the SSAD recommendations by the ICANN Board.