

20 April 2023

Sebastien Ducos  
GNSO Chair

**RE: GNSO COUNCIL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL DAY AT ICANN77**

Dear Sebastien,

Thank you for your letter of 3 April outlining the GNSO Council's request to arrive a day early for ICANN77, to continue the Council's work on the four work items that the ICANN Board had requested from the Council by the conclusion of the ICANN meeting. We also thank you and the GNSO staff team for providing the necessary support requests and logistical details to ICANN org's Global Meetings Team so expediently, as that has enabled us to ensure that ICANN org is able to support the GNSO Council's request for an additional hotel room night for each of the Councilors funded to attend ICANN77, meeting space at the venue set up according to the Council's needs for the duration of the ICANN meeting, and availability of the GNSO staff team to support the extra day.

We confirm that ICANN org is pleased to support the GNSO Council's request. We understand that the Council and the teams that have been working on the 38 "pending recommendations" from Section B of the Board's scorecard and the Closed Generic gTLDs facilitated dialogue continue to make progress on their work, and that the GNSO Council's small team has conferred with ICANN org regarding the formation of the community-based Implementation Review Team. We also look forward to seeing the publication of the Phase 1 Initial Report from the Expedited Policy Development Process on Internationalized Domain Names for Public Comment, which we are informed will take place very shortly.

As the ICANN Board noted in its 16 March 2023 resolution, successful completion of the various work streams for the next round of new gTLDs "will require the collective commitment, considerable resources, and effort of the ICANN Board, the ICANN community, and ICANN org." We therefore very much appreciate the GNSO Council and community's continued dedication to the work that will need to be done to develop an Implementation Plan and announce the opening of the next round of new gTLDs, and we and the ICANN org staff look forward to continuing to support your work.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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David Olive, Senior Vice-President for Policy Development Support, ICANN org