

## Proposed Next Steps and Timeline

What	Whom	By	Resources / Notes
Identify any questions, comments or concerns to be shared with the ICANN Board in relation to their action on the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations	Council members	Friday 7 June	<a href="https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/chalaby-to-drazek-15may19-en.pdf">https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/chalaby-to-drazek-15may19-en.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-05-15-en#1.b">https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-05-15-en#1.b</a>
Identify any questions, comments or concerns to be shared with the ICANN Board in relation to their action on the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations	EPDP Team	Friday 7 June	
Review questions, comments and concerns suggested and consolidate these into a proposed list of Council questions, comments and concerns	Council Leadership	Wednesday 12 June	
Review / confirm proposed list of Council questions, comments and concerns	Council members	Friday 14 June	
Send Council questions, comments and concerns to ICANN Board for response	Council Leadership	Monday 17 June	
Dialogue with the ICANN Board	Council	Monday 24 June	
Follow up with EPDP Team to provide update on dialogue with ICANN Board and request input on the possible next steps for GNSO Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accept Board's non-adoption</li> <li>- Affirm the original recommendation</li> </ul>	Council	ICANN65	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modify the original recommendation (consider whether this option should only apply if this has the consensus support of the EPDP Team?)</li> </ul>			
<p>Discuss next steps and aim to come to agreement on Council response to Board Statement.</p>	Council	26 June (Council meeting)	
<p><i>Subsequent steps and timing to be determined by outcome of previous item</i></p>			

## Section 6. Board Approval Processes

The Board will meet to discuss the EPDP recommendation(s) as soon as feasible, but preferably not later than the second meeting after receipt of the Recommendations Report from the Staff Manager. Board deliberation on the EPDP Recommendations contained within the Recommendations Report shall proceed as follows:

1. Any EPDP Recommendations approved by a GNSO Supermajority Vote shall be adopted by the Board unless, by a vote of more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, the Board determines that such policy is not in the best interests of the ICANN community or ICANN. If the GNSO Council recommendation was approved by less than a GNSO Supermajority Vote, a majority vote of the Board will be sufficient to determine that such policy is not in the best interests of the ICANN community or ICANN.
2. In the event that the Board determines, in accordance with paragraph a above, that the proposed EPDP Recommendations are not in the best interests of the ICANN community or ICANN (the Corporation), the Board shall (i) articulate the reasons for its determination in a report to the Council (the "Board Statement"); and (ii) submit the Board Statement to the Council.

See <https://gns0.icann.org/en/correspondence/chalaby-to-drazek-15may19-en.pdf> for "Board Statement".

3. The Council shall review the Board Statement for discussion with the Board as soon as feasible after the Council's receipt of the Board Statement. The Board shall determine the method (e.g., by teleconference, e-mail, or otherwise) by which the Council and Board will discuss the Board Statement.
  - [GNSO Council Extraordinary Meeting on 28 May to review Board Statement and obtain input from Council members on the Board Statement and possible next steps.](#)

Possible next steps:

- [GNSO Council to reach out to EPDP Team to request whether there any questions or concerns about the "Board Statement"](#).
- [GNSO Council to confirm preferred date and method for discussion with ICANN Board.](#)
- [GNSO Council and ICANN Board to discuss the Board Statement](#)

At the conclusion of the Council and Board discussions, the Council shall meet to affirm or modify its recommendation, and communicate that conclusion (the "Supplemental Recommendation") to the Board, including an explanation for the then-current

recommendation. In the event that the Council is able to reach a GNSO Supermajority Vote on the Supplemental Recommendation, the Board shall adopt the recommendation unless more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board determines that such guidance is not in the interests of the ICANN community or ICANN. For any Supplemental Recommendation approved by less than a GNSO Supermajority Vote, a majority vote of the Board shall be sufficient to determine that the guidance in the Supplemental Recommendation is not in the best interest of the ICANN community or ICANN.

- Following GNSO Council – Board discussion, GNSO Council, in consultation with the EPDP Team\*, to discuss appropriate next steps which could include:
  - Accept Board’s non-adoption (to confirm with legal whether that would require the Council to modify its recommendation?)
  - Affirm the original recommendation
  - Modify the original recommendation (consider whether this option should only apply if this has the consensus support of the EPDP Team?)

\*The Council could either have a discussion first about appropriate next step and request confirmation from EPDP Team, or ask the EPDP Team guidance about the appropriate next step. If the EPDP Team is requested to provide is guidance, the Council should consider requesting that the guidance has the consensus support of the EPDP Team.

Should the GNSO Council affirm its original recommendation or modify the original recommendation, another public comment period may be required prior to ICANN Board consideration of the affirmed or modified recommendation.