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Re: Status of Data Processing Agreement (DPA) negotiations

To:

- Ashley Heineman, Chair, Registrar Stakeholder Group
- Samantha Demetriou, Chair, Registry Stakeholder Group
- Theresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President of Global Domains and Strategy, ICANN org

Dear Ashley, Samantha, and Theresa,

As you may be aware, the GNSO Council recently decided to extend consideration of the Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team recommendations until certain dependencies are met or six months elapse (see <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions/2020-current#202307>). The Council is awaiting on the one hand the outcome of the work by ICANN org on the scenario(s) in which the request and processing of registration data takes place and on the other hand the finalization of the Data Processing Agreement (DPA), as the absence of a completed DPA may act as a roadblock for the policy work before the GNSO Council.

Through this letter I would like to request on behalf of the GNSO Council an update from all parties, a timeline by which the DPA negotiations are expected to be completed, as well as any next steps that are anticipated, such as public comment. The Council and the broader community consider this work an essential element of the implementation of the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 recommendations so we hope a conclusion is imminent.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Kindly,

Sebastien Ducos
GNSO Chair