

Mr. Sebastien Ducos  
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization

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Dear Sebastien,

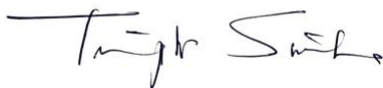
On behalf of the ICANN Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate you on your unanimous election as the GNSO Chair through the 2023 Annual General Meeting. The Board and I look forward to working with you and further discussing ways to enhance interactions between the Board and the GNSO Council, especially following the GNSO Council's approval of community-developed recommendations from a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP).

In this regard, I refer to the 12 August 2022 [letter](#) to the Board from Philippe Fouquart, the previous GNSO Chair. In his letter, Philippe suggested that the GNSO Council and the Board hold a meeting to allow the Council to present and address questions from the Board regarding the policy recommendations from the GNSO's recently concluded Expedited PDP (EPDP) on Specific Curative Rights Protections for International Governmental Organizations (IGOs).

The Board is pleased to accept the GNSO Council's suggestion to convene this meeting. At our September Workshop, which we held immediately before ICANN75, the Board reviewed the status of the community's work on the overall topic of IGO protections. During that session, the Board also noted that the GNSO Council had transmitted its [Recommendations Report](#) for this EPDP to the Board in July.

We have asked the Board Operations staff to coordinate with the Policy Development Support staff to arrange the meeting in the coming weeks. The Board looks forward to this opportunity to engage with the GNSO Council and thanks the Council for its timely and helpful suggestion.

Best regards,



Tripti Sinha  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

cc: Philippe Fouquart