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Jean Francois Baril
Lead Facilitator to the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services

Dear Jean Francois and Members of the EWG,

At its meeting in October 2013, the GNSO Council adopted a resolution on the recommendations outlined in the WHOIS Survey Requirements WG (WSWG) Final Report. One such recommendation was to send the results of a compiled survey to the Expert Working Group (EWG) on gTLD Directory Services for its consideration and deliberations.

In 2011, the GNSO Council formed a Working Group to create a survey for soliciting community feedback on possible technical requirements in response to a [staff paper](#) for a future WHOIS system. The survey's scope was only from a technical perspective and it did not attempt to define or suggest the policies or operational rules that should apply. The survey was completed in 2013 by 67 participants of the community, most having technical expertise with WHOIS.

I expect that several members of the EWG have already seen the WSWG Final Report and therefore the notification here is primarily in order to fulfil the requirements of the recommendations approved by the GNSO Council. Further, I understand that the EWG efforts may have largely overtaken the relevance of this survey to your work, but in any event we hope that a quick review may assist and reinforce some of the recommendations made by the EWG. Please bear in mind that these survey questions were first developed in May of 2012.

- WSWG Final Report: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/whois/wswg-final-21aug13-en.pdf>
- WSWG Webpage: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/whois-requirements>

Finally, as part of the WSWG recommendations, the survey results have been shared with the Thick WHOIS WG, as well as, the IETF WIERDS effort tasked with defining a RESTful Domain Name Registration Data protocol.

If you have any questions regarding the compiled survey results, please do get in touch by email with the GNSO Policy team (policy-staff@icann.org).

Yours sincerely,

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