

31 May 2023

Sebastien Ducos, Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization  
Julf Helsingius, Chair, Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group  
Lori Schulman, Chair, Commercial Stakeholder Group

Dear Sebastien, Julf and Lori,

I write to you in your roles as the Chair of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, and as the leaders of the two Stakeholder Groups within the Non-Contracted Parties House (NCPH) of the GNSO. Under the ICANN Bylaws Section 11.3(f)(ii), the NCPH is responsible for the nomination of a candidate for Seat 14 on the ICANN Board of Directors. The GNSO is then responsible for the communication of the NCPH's nomination to the Empowered Community Administration at least six months prior to the start of the term for Seat 14. (Bylaws, Section 7.8(d)). As the term will start at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting, 26 October 2023, the GNSO notification was due on 26 April 2023.

I note that the notification of nomination of Seat 14 for the term commencing this year has not yet been issued. I urge you to provide the nomination as soon as possible, in order for the Nominating Committee to have the full understanding of the composition of the Board in its next term while making selections for Seats 7 and 8. The Nominating Committee is charged, at Section 8.5 of the Bylaws, with the special responsibility of considering the diversity in the international representation of the ongoing Board membership when making its selections.

In the event your group is not able to issue a nomination before the start of the next term for Seat 14, under the Section 7.8(b) of the Bylaws the Director currently serving in Seat 14 will continue (if he is willing) until a successor has been formally nominated and designated.

Thank you in advance for your swift completion of this key governance responsibility.

Sincerely,



John O. Jeffrey  
ICANN General Counsel and Secretary

cc: Tripti Sinha, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors  
Vanda Scartezini, Chair, ICANN Nominating Committee  
Empowered Community Administration