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**Date:** Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 9:25 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Proposal for a Limited Scope RDS Review

Please note the below message from the GAC Chair.

Best regards

Olof

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**Subject:** Proposal to Limit Scope of RDS Review

Dear Margie and dear SO/AC Colleagues,

The GAC and its Public Safety Working Group has considered the proposal for a limited scope of the upcoming RDS Review, sent for consultation to the respective email lists with the question whether there would be any objections to the proposal. The number of comments received during this consultation was limited but, although many may indeed have no objection to the proposal, there were concerns expressed from some GAC Members.

The concerns brought up were the following, for your information and further consideration. On substance there was a comment that, as a potential RDS Policy Recommendation will take considerable time to develop and implement, the current WHOIS will remain for long and its improvement should not be neglected while awaiting a Next Generation RDS. On procedure, there were comments that the scope of a Review should be left to be determined by the Review Team itself, that assessment by ICANN Staff should not form the basis of the scope of a Review, and that it would not be appropriate to limit participation in a Review Team to specific members of the community (WHOIS Review Team No. 1 in this case).

I should underline that the above are comments from some individual GAC Members, but not in any way a GAC position. I nevertheless trust that this may serve to inform the further work regarding the RDS Review.

Best regards  
Thomas Schneider  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee