GUIDELINES & MOTION TEMPLATES

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ANNEX D, ARTICLE 2 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC'S RIGHTS TO

REJECT SPECIFIED ACTIONS

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1. Introduction

A Rejection Action is the processes set forth in <u>Article 2 of the ICANN Bylaws</u>, which shall govern the escalation procedures for the EC to reject an action ("**Rejection Action**" under the Bylaws). See "Section 2 Background" below. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the GNSO Council concerning how: 1) an individual submits to the GNSO Council a Rejection Action Petition; 2) the GNSO community provides feedback on the petition; 3) the GNSO Council decides to accept or reject a petition, or support a petition from another Decisional Participant; 4) the GNSO community provides feedback before and after a Community Forum for a Rejection Action; and 5) the GNSO Council decides to accept, reject, or abstain from a Rejection Action. See the <u>flowchart</u> for additional details.

By way of explanatory introduction, the ICANN Bylaws leave specific details about how each Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community plans to carry out its stated responsibilities to be determined by such Decisional Participant.

For example, the Bylaws require that a request to take some action must be filed by the GNSO no later than a particular time, yet do not specify how to fulfill this requirement in the specific GNSO context. Questions that arose when developing these guidelines included, for example: Is such a request made by a Stakeholder Group or Constituency (SG/C) of the GNSO via its representatives on the GNSO Council? Or alternatively by the SG/C leadership? Or by an SG/C member to SG/C mailing list? Or by an SG/C member directly to the Council? Each Bylaws requirement generates a multitude of such questions.

To help the GNSO Council carry out its new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition Bylaws, the GNSO Drafting Team to Further Develop Guidelines and Principles for the GNSO's Roles and Obligations as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community ("the GNSO DT") has outlined in the table below the additional proposed steps to be taken, including guidance and motion templates. These steps fall within the GNSO's existing processes and procedures, and thus do not require any changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures or its Annexes.

Specifically, relevant Bylaws provisions have been quoted in order to differentiate those requirements that are explicitly provided by the Bylaws and the additional steps interpreted by the DT as needed to carry out the GNSO's responsibilities.

For the avoidance of doubt, where requirements are expressly specified by the ICANN Bylaws, these are noted to clarify the distinction with additional steps that have been designated by the DT as appropriate (but not explicitly necessary under the Bylaws) for the GNSO's specific circumstances.

These Guidelines and Templates are internal to the GNSO. They apply only to the exercise of the GNSO's rights and responsibilities as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community, as those are set out in the currently applicable ICANN Bylaws, and not to any other Decisional Participant.

All references to actions of the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration in these Guidelines and Templates mean the actions of the currently designated GNSO Representative on the EC Administration. All such actions must be carried out under instruction from the GNSO; the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration is not empowered or authorized by these Guidelines and Templates to act independently or otherwise on his/her own initiative.

2. Background

The processes set forth in Article 2 of Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws govern the escalation procedures for the EC's exercise of its right to reject the following (each, a "**Rejection Action**") under the Bylaws:

1. PTI Governance Actions, as contemplated by Section 16.2(d) of the Bylaws;
2. IFR Recommendation Decisions, as contemplated by Section 18.6(d) of the Bylaws;
3. Special IFR Recommendation Decisions, as contemplated by Section 18.12(e) of the Bylaws;
4. SCWG Creation Decisions, as contemplated by Section 19.1(d) of the Bylaws;
5. SCWG Recommendation Decisions, as contemplated by Section 19.4(d) of the Bylaws;
6. ICANN Budgets, as contemplated by Section 22.4(a)(v) of the Bylaws;
7. IANA Budgets, as contemplated by Section 22.4(b)(v) of the Bylaws;
8. Operating Plans, as contemplated by Section 22.5(a)(v) of the Bylaws;
9. Strategic Plans, as contemplated by Section 22.5(b)(v) of the Bylaws; and
10. Standard Bylaw Amendments, as contemplated by Section 25.1(e) of the Bylaws.

The relevant Bylaws provisions (set out and discussed in detail below) are complex; the Drafting Team spent considerable time discussing the nature and extent of the involvement of each GNSO House in fulfilling Bylaws requirements. To help the GNSO Council better understand

these Guidelines and Templates, there are essentially three major points at which the GNSO
Council (or certain specified members of the Council) is/are required to act:

1) Completeness of a received Petition seeking to reject the Rejection Action is certified by
   GNSO Council leadership;
2) Council vote to accept/reject the Petition (including related decisions regarding the
   Community Forum) (entire Council votes, all votes counted); and
3) Council vote to support, object to, or abstain from the Rejection Action (entire Council
   votes, all votes counted).

Link to the graphics below:
https://www.icann.org/empowered_community_powers_file_download?file_name=download_english

HOW DOES THE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY USE THEIR POWERS?

The Empowered Community has a process to raise concerns with an action or inaction made by the ICANN Board or organization. This escalation process gives ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) opportunities to discuss solutions with the ICANN Board.

Seven Core Steps in the Escalation Process

1. A **petition** is initiated in a SO or AC
2. The petition is accepted by the **SO or AC**
3. The petition is supported by other SOs or ACs participating in the **Empowered Community**
4. A conference call is held with the **ICANN Board** to discuss the petition
5. A **community forum** is held with the ICANN Board to discuss the petition
6. The Empowered Community establishes if it wishes to use a **community power**
7. The **Empowered Community** advises the ICANN Board of its decision

Escalation of a concern can be stopped at any point if a threshold is not met or if a solution is found.

What is the Empowered Community?

The Empowered Community is the mechanism through which ICANN's SOs and ACs can organize under California law to legally enforce community powers. The community powers and rules that govern the Empowered Community are defined in the **ICANN Articles of Incorporation** and **Bylaws**.

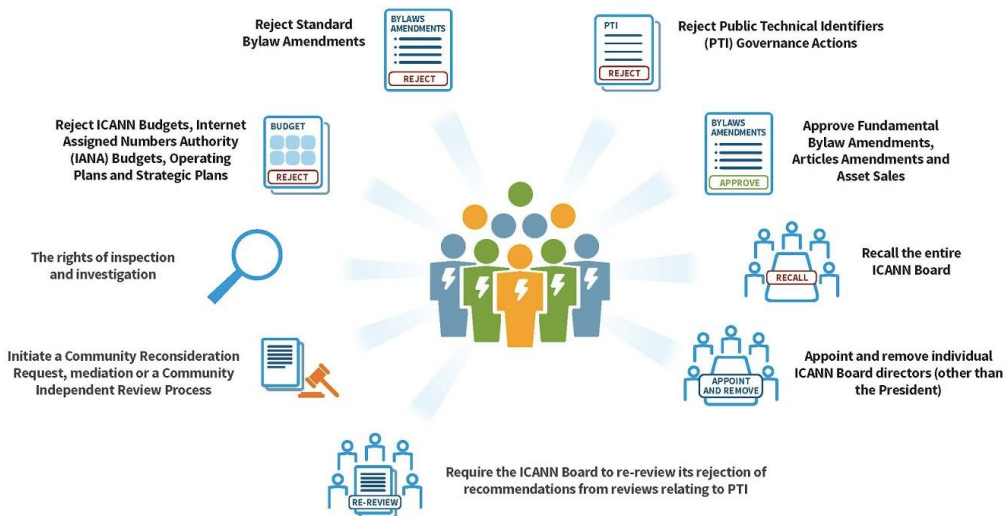### Who can participate in the Empowered Community?

All of ICANN's SOs, as well as the At-Large and Governmental ACs, can participate in the Empowered Community including: the Generic Names Supporting Organization, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization, the Address Supporting Organization, the Governmental Advisory Committee and the At-Large Advisory Committee.

WHAT ARE THE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY POWERS?

The Empowered Community has nine powers to ensure the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board and organization are accountable:

- Reject Standard Bylaw Amendments
- Reject Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Governance Actions
- Reject ICANN Budgets, Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Budgets, Operating Plans and Strategic Plans
- Approve Fundamental Bylaw Amendments, Articles Amendments and Asset Sales
- The rights of inspection and investigation
- Recall the entire ICANN Board
- Initiate a Community Reconsideration Request, mediation or a Community Independent Review Process
- Appoint and remove individual ICANN Board directors (other than the President)
- Require the ICANN Board to re-review its rejection of recommendations from reviews relating to PTI

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3. Bylaws and Additional Proposed Steps

The following table sets out the applicable Bylaws provision/s, the actions already completed by the GNSO in relation to those Bylaws provisions, and the additional proposed steps that were tasked to the GNSO DT. The remaining sections of these Guidelines are intended to address the Additional Proposed Steps.

A. ANNEX D, SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS

BYLAWS	ALREADY COMPLETED	ADDITIONAL PROPOSED STEPS
ANNEX D, SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS **2.2(b)** During the period beginning on the Rejection Action Board Notification Date and ending on the 21st day after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date, subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process (a "**Rejection Action Petition**").	For this purpose, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency must develop clear rules for the submission of such petitions, including any requirements for the criteria to be included in a petition. These rules would be added to the GNSO Operating Procedures as an annex once available. GNSO Council action on the receipt, acceptance or rejection of a Rejection Action Petition will be put before the GNSO Council as a motion for consideration. The motion must be framed as a petition, and include the Bylaws-required rationale. Threshold for approval is a simple majority vote of each house, which per Section 11.3-I of the ICANN Bylaws is the default voting threshold and as such does not require any further change.	Develop template for motion. Develop proposed rules for submitting petitions. Staff would produce the initial draft of the rules, including the identification of specific issues/questions via a consultation with the Drafting Team and the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, to ensure consistencies in the rules.

ANNEX D, SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS **2.2(c)** A Decisional Participant that has received a Rejection Action Petition shall either accept or reject such Rejection Action Petition; provided that a Decisional Participant may only accept such Rejection Action Petition if it was received by such Decisional Participant during the Rejection Action Petition Period. (i) If, in accordance with the requirements of <u>Section 2.2(c)</u> of this <u>Annex D</u>, a Decisional Participant accepts a Rejection Action Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Period, the Decisional Participant shall promptly provide …written notice of such acceptance (**Rejection Action Petition Notice**)	The first part of this process is only triggered if the GNSO received a petition and accepts it according to its procedures. Notice of acceptance must include rationale, etc. as set forth in Annex D, Section 2.2(c)(i)(A). Then the GNSO will need to determine the process that it would follow to become a Supporting Decisional Participant if it receives notice of a petition from another DP. The GNSO will also need processes to identify its representative for the purpose of the petition to act as a liaison and how it will provide direction to that person.	Staff to develop template for motion as well as template for Rejection Action Supporting Petition. Staff (to work with DT, if applicable) to develop proposed processes to identify its representative for the purpose of the petition to act as a liaison and how it will provide direction to that person. It is expected that this process would fall under the GNSO's existing processes and practices.
ANNEX D, SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS **2.2(d)** Following the delivery of a Rejection Action Petition Notice to the Empowered Community (EC) Administration pursuant to <u>Section 2.2(c)(i)</u> of this <u>Annex D</u>, the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Rejection Action Petition. (i) If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support	The GNSO will need a process to draft the written notice and rationale (A)-(E) and approve it.	It is expected that this process would fall under the GNSO's existing processes and practices.

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of at least one other Decisional Participant (a "**Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant**") … the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide written notice, to include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) Contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Rejection Action Petition Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Rejection Action Supported petition. (C) a statement as to whether or not the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum for the community to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition; (D) a statement as to whether the Rejection Action Petitioning and Supporting Decisional Participants have determined to hold the Rejection Action Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting. (E) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement		

ANNEX D, SECTION 2.3 REJECTION ACTION COMMUNITY FORUM **2.3(f)** ICANN and any SO or AC may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Rejection Action Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Rejection Action Community Forum.	EC will need to decide on a process for receiving and processing submissions; however, this section is not about GNSO participation in the EC, it is about how the GNSO will develop its inputs (views and questions) for consideration at the Community Forum. Once that process is agreed, then whatever is produced is sent for information and posting. The GNSO will use existing practices and processes for collecting views and questions.	Develop template for motion. Develop process for how the GNSO will develop its inputs (views and questions) for consideration at the Community Forum. It is expected that this process would fall under the GNSO's existing processes and practices.

4. GNSO Rejection Action Petitions

The process of developing and providing advice to the GNSO's Representative on the Empowered Community (EC) Administration falls within the GNSO Operating Procedures. This Guideline is meant to supplement those procedures.

This Section details the procedures to be followed, who may submit a Rejection Action Petition (hereinafter referred to as the "Petition"), how to submit a Petition to the GNSO (being a Decisional Participant), and how the GNSO will go about accepting or rejecting such a Petition. All references to "notices" and "notification" in this Section mean written notice, either as formal correspondence or email.

4.1 Who is eligible to submit a Rejection Action Petition to the GNSO Council?

Per Section 2.2(b) of Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws, "An individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process (a 'Rejection Action Petition')."

An individual must submit such a Petition to the GNSO Council, which is the representative body of the GNSO as a Decisional Participant. (Note: such a Petition can be submitted directly to the Council, transmitted through a GNSO Stakeholder Group or Constituency, or via other channels. However, as per Section 4.2.1 below, such a Petition must be submitted to the GNSO Council no later than the tenth (10th) day into the Rejection Action Petition Period. For further context, reference the deliberation on this specific point in the GNSO DT meeting recording/transcript here: https://community.icann.org/x/JpECBw)

4.2 Rejection Action Petition Period, Requirements, Publication, and Certification

4.2.1 Rejection Action Petition Period

4.2.1.1 Rejection Action Petition Period Begins

The Rejection Action Petition Period (hereinafter referred to as the "Petition Period) starts on the date when a Board Notice for Rejection Action (hereinafter referred to as the "Rejection Action Board Notice") is delivered to the EC Administration and Decisional Participants.

Upon receipt of the Rejection Action Board Notice, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall promptly notify the GNSO Council. The GNSO Secretariat will post the Rejection Action Board Notice on the GNSO website/wiki, publish it on the mailing lists of GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, and inform GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies of the start of the Petition Period.

A Rejection Action Petition must be submitted to the GNSO Council no later than the tenth (10th) day into the Petition Period.

4.2.1.2 Rejection Action Petition Period Ends

The twenty-first (21st) day into the Petition Period marks the end of such Petition Period, as the GNSO Council must either accept or reject a Petition no later than 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles) on that twenty-first (21st) day. In the timeline presented as a table in section 4.2.10 below, this is depicted as Day 21.

4.2.2 Requirements for a Rejection Action Petition

In accordance with Annex D, Section 2.2(c)(i)(A)-(B) of the ICANN Bylaws, and to enable an informed decision by the GNSO Council with respect to the Rejection Action Petition, the Petition shall include at least the following:
- Name and affiliation of the Petitioner; and
- The rationale upon which rejection of the Rejection Action is sought.
  - Where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to an ICANN Budget, an IANA Budget, an Operating Plan or a Strategic Plan, the Rejection Action Petition Notice shall not be valid and shall not be accepted by the EC Administration unless the rationale set forth in the Rejection Action Petition Notice is based on one or more significant issues that were specifically raised in the applicable public comment period(s) relating to perceived inconsistencies with the Mission, purpose and role set forth in ICANN's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the global public interest, the needs of ICANN's stakeholders, financial stability, or other matter of concern to the community; and
  - where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, a statement, if applicable, that the Standard Bylaw Amendment is based solely on the outcome of a PDP, citing the specific PDP and the provision in the Standard

Bylaw Amendment subject to the Board Notice that implements such PDP ('PDP Standard Bylaw Statement') and the name of the Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that undertook the PDP relating to the Standard Bylaw Amendment ('Standard Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant')."

4.2.3 Rejection Action Petition Review and Certification of Completeness

On receipt of a Petition submitted by an individual per Section 4.1 of this Guideline, the GNSO Secretariat will promptly circulate the Petition to the GNSO Council via the GNSO Council mailing list.

The GNSO Council leadership will determine within two (2) days after circulation of the Petition whether the Petition is complete, i.e, that it addresses all of the requirements as set forth above and in Annex D, Section 2.2(c)(i)(A-B) of the ICANN Bylaws.

If the GNSO Council leadership determines that the Petition is not complete, the Petitioner and the GNSO Council will be informed promptly in writing, and the Petitioner may resubmit the Petition, if time permits, noting that the updated Petition must be re-submitted no later than the tenth (10) day into the Rejection Action Petition Period (as defined in Section 4.2.1 above). Failure to resubmit a correct and complete Petition within ten (10) days into the Rejection Action Petition Period will result in the automatic termination of the Rejection Process.

If the GNSO Council leadership certifies the Petition (i.e., determines that a Petition has addressed all of the requirements set out in Section 4.2.2 of this Guideline), the leadership will promptly inform the GNSO Council and request that the GNSO Secretariat publish the Petition and its certification on the GNSO website/wiki, as well as to the GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists. The GNSO Secretariat will also inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration.

After closure of the tenth (10th) day into the Petition Period (as defined in Section 4.2.1 above), the GNSO Council Secretariat will publish on the GNSO website/wiki the uncertified Petition, and the findings of the GNSO Council leadership with respect to the non-certification of the Petition.

If no Petition has been submitted, or no Petition is certified at the closure of the tenth (10th) day into the Petition Period, the GNSO Council Chair will inform the GNSO Council, the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, and the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration accordingly. Subsequently, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration will notify the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary that no Petition has been submitted or certified at the closure of the tenth (10th) day into the Petition Period.

The GNSO Secretariat will post all correspondence between the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants, the ICANN Corporate Secretary, and the EC Administration on the GNSO website/or wiki space.

4.2.4 GNSO Community Feedback on Certified Rejection Action Petition

Upon publication of a certified Petition, the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies will be asked to provide feedback, opinions or comments on the merits of the Petition. This feedback period will close on the fifteenth (15th) day into the Petition Period.

The GNSO Council leadership will work with GNSO support staff to compile any comments received, and post the compilation of comments to the GNSO Council list. The GNSO Secretariat will promptly post the compilation of comments to the GNSO website/wiki. If feasible and time permits, the GNSO Council leadership may work with GNSO support staff to categorize and summarize these comments to facilitate their review by the GNSO Council

4.2.5 GNSO Council Decision on Whether to Accept a Rejection Action Petition

The GNSO Council shall meet either in person or via tele-conference no later than the twentieth (20th) day of the Petition Period to decide whether to accept or reject the Petition. This is represented as Day 20 in the timeline table set out in 4.2.10 below.

Any Petition that has not been certified by the GNSO Council leadership addressing all of the requirements identified in Section 4.2.2 above will not be considered by the GNSO Council.

In its meeting, the GNSO Council shall decide whether to support or reject the Petition. In accordance with Section 11.3(j) of the ICANN Bylaws, the decision shall be made by a GNSO Council simple majority vote of each House.

In taking its decision, the GNSO Council shall consider:
● The rationale upon which the Petitioner seeks to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process; and
● The feedback, views and input received from the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies regarding the Petition; and
● The importance of the matter for the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies; and
● Other factors deemed relevant by the GNSO Council.

If the GNSO Council decides to accept the Petition, it must decide, in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws (Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(C-D)) :
● Whether to request ICANN to hold a publicly available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum (hereinafter referred to as the "Community Forum"); and
● Whether to request that ICANN hold the Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.

The GNSO Secretariat will publish the GNSO Council decision on the GNSO website/wiki directly after it has been taken and inform the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies accordingly via the Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists. Additionally, the GNSO Secretariat will inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration, who will act on behalf of the GNSO as the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant (hereinafter referred to as the "Petitioning Decisional Participant").

If the GNSO Council has not reached a decision with respect to a submitted and certified Petition by the end of the twentieth (20th) day into the Petition Period, the GNSO Council will be deemed to have rejected the proposed Petition. The GNSO Secretariat will inform the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies accordingly via the GNSO Council and the Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists, and publish this on the GNSO website/wiki. Additionally, the GNSO Secretariat will inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration; subsequently, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration will notify the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary about the GNSO Council's decision.

The motion template in Section 6.1 of this Guideline (Motion to Accept/Reject a Rejection Action Petition) may be used by the GNSO Council to accept/reject such a Petition.

4.2.6 Informing the Community, Other Decisional Participants and the EC Administration of Acceptance of the Rejection Action Petition

Within twenty-four (24) hours after the GNSO Council decides to accept a Petition, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall promptly provide a Rejection Action Petition Notice (hereinafter referred to as "Petition Notice") to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary.

In accordance with the Bylaws (Annex D, Section 2.2(c)(i)(A)-(B)), the Rejection Action Petition Notice must include:
- The Petition and the rationale for the Petition; and
- The GNSO Council decision and the rationale for the decision. (such rationale would be required were the Petition to be accepted by at least one (1) other Decisional Participant, in accordance with Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(A) of the ICANN Bylaws)

4.2.7 Solicitation of Support from Other Decisional Participants

Immediately upon submission of the Rejection Action Petition Notice to the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants as defined in the ICANN Bylaws, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall contact the other Decisional Participants to invite them to support the GNSO Petition.

The GNSO Secretariat will post all correspondence between the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants, the ICANN Corporate Secretary, and the EC Administration on the GNSO website/or wiki.

4.2.8 Supported GNSO Rejection Action Petition

If the GNSO receives support for its Petition from at least one (1) other Decisional Participant (hereinafter referred to as the "Supporting Decisional Participant") within seven (7) days after the closure of the Petition Period, the GNSO-initiated Rejection Action Petition shall be known as a Rejection Action Supported Petition (hereinafter referred to as the "Supported Petition").

Within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving this support, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration will inform the GNSO Council, the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary of having received the support required to proceed. The GNSO Secretariat will publish this information to the GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists and on the GNSO website/wiki.

Additionally, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall formally submit the Supported Petition to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary. This submission must conform to the requirements set forth in Annex D Section 2.2(d)(i)(A-E) of the ICANN Bylaws, and shall include the following:
   - A supporting rationale in reasonable detail; and
   - Contact information of the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration; and
   - A statement as to whether a publicly available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum is requested; and
   - A statement as to whether the Rejection Action Community Forumis requested to be held during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting; and
   - A PDP Standard Bylaw Statement, if applicable (See Annex D Section 2.2.(c)(i)(B)).

4.2.9 No Support for GNSO Rejection Action Petition

If, at the end of the seventh (7th) day following the expiration of the Petition Period no other Decisional Participant has expressed support for the Petition, the process ends.

The GNSO Representative on the EC shall notify the EC Administration of the lack of support for the Petition. Additionally, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall inform the GNSO Council, the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary that the Petition cannot go forward due to a lack of requisite support from at least one (1) other Decisional Participant. The GNSO Secretariat will publish this information to the GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists and on the GNSO website/wiki.

4.2.10 Timeline for the GNSO Actions regarding a Rejection Action Petition

The following timeline per the ICANN Bylaws may assist the GNSO Council in its actions as a Petitioning Decisional Participant with respect to the Petition.

Note:
- *Absolute maximum date means the absolute last day certain action must occur*
- *Day 0 = Rejection Action Board Notification Date*

Absolute Maximum Date	Action
Day 0	**Rejection Action Petition Period starts** - Rejection Action Board Notice received
	GNSO Representative on the EC Administration notifies the GNSO Council the delivery of the Rejection Action Board Notice; GNSO Secretariat informs the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies the start of the Rejection Action Petition Period
	GNSO Secretariat schedules an extraordinary Meeting of the GNSO Council to occur no later than on Day 20; the meeting is cancelled if the GNSO Council does not receive a certified Rejection Action Petition by Day 12
Day 10	Petitioner submits a Rejection Action Petition to Council
Day 12	GNSO Council leadership determines whether a Rejection Action Petition addresses all requirements, and informs the Petitioner and Council (within 2 days of receipt of the Petition)
	GNSO Secretariat sends requests for feedback from GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies
Day 15	Deadline for GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies to provide feedback, if they wish to do so
Day 20	GNSO Council meets to decide whether to accept or reject the Rejection Action Petition
Day 21	If the Rejection Action Petition is accepted, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration informs the EC Administration, other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary and invites other Decisional Participants to support the GNSO Rejection Action Petition
	Rejection Action Petition Period ends at 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles)
Day 28	The other Decisional Participants decide whether to support GNSO's Rejection Action Petition
	Any Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support (Note: the content of the written notice from the Supporting Decisional Participant may be informed by Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(E) of the ICANN Bylaws)

(Note: Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i) of the ICANN Bylaws requires that each Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary within twenty-four (24) |

	hours of providing support to the Rejection Action Petition. Day 28 is thus the absolute latest for submission of such written notice. However, if the Supporting Decisional Participant decides to provide support prior to Day 27, the Supporting Decisional Participant must submit the written notice within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of providing support)
	Rejection Action Petition Support Period ends at 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles)
Day 29	If at least one (1) other Decisional Participant supports, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration submits the Rejection Action Supported Petition in accordance with Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(E) of the ICANN Bylaws to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving support

(Note: Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i) of the ICANN Bylaws requires that the Supported Petition be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of support from at least one (1) other Decisional Participant. Day 29 is thus the absolute latest for submission of the Supported Petition. However, if support is received from at least one (1) other Decisional Participant prior to Day 28, the Supported Petition must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of receipt) |

4.3 Procedures for GNSO Actions for Supporting a Rejection Action Petition from Another Decisional Participant

This section of the Guideline details the procedures for when another Decisional Participant solicits the support of the GNSO for a Petition. The period to seek support ends at the seventh (7th) day following the Petition Period (twenty-eight (28) days after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date). All references to "notices" and "notification" in this Section mean written notice, either as formal correspondence or email.

4.3.1 Scheduling of GNSO Council Meetings

Upon receipt of the Board Notification of a Rejection Action, the GNSO Chair shall schedule am extraordinary GNSO Council meeting to be held no later than 23:59 UTC on the twenty-seventh (27th) day after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date. The purpose of this meeting is for the GNSO Council to make a decision as to whether to support a Petition from another Decisional Participant. This extraordinary meeting will be cancelled if the GNSO Council does not receive a Petition Notice from another Decisional Participant by the end of the Petition Period.

4.3.2 Receipt and Publication of a Request from another Decisional Participant to Support a Rejection Action Petition

Upon receipt of a request from another Decisional Participant to support a Petition, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall promptly notify the GNSO Council. The GNSO Secretariat will post the Petition Notice on the GNSO website/wiki, publish it on the mailing lists

of GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, and invite the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies to provide feedback, opinions or comments in accordance with Section 4.3.3 below.

4.3.3 Solicitation of Community Feedback

During a three (3) day period directly following the receipt of a request to support a Petition, GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies may submit their feedback on the merits of the GNSO becoming a Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant.

Immediately upon the conclusion of this community feedback solicitation period, the GNSO Council leadership will work with GNSO support staff to compile any comments received, and post the compilation of comments to the GNSO Council list. The GNSO Secretariat will promptly post the compilation of comments to the GNSO website/wiki. If feasible and time permits, the GNSO Council leadership may work with GNSO support staff to categorize and summarize these comments to facilitate the review by the GNSO Council

4.3.4 GNSO Council Decision with Respect to Becoming a Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant

The GNSO Council shall convene either in person or via tele-conference no later than the twenty seventh (27th) day at 23.59 UTC from the date of the Rejection Action Board Notification Date to decide whether to support the Petition from another Decisional Participant.

In accordance with Section 11.3(j) of the ICANN Bylaws, the decision shall be made by a GNSO Council simple majority vote of each House.

In making its decision, the GNSO Council shall consider:
- The rationale for the Petition as noted in the Petition Notice; and
- The feedback, views, and input received from the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies regarding the Petition; and
- The importance of the matter for the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies; and
- Other factors deemed relevant by the GNSO Council.

If the GNSO Council supports the Petition from another Decisional Participant, it must decide, in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws (Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(C-D)):
- Whether to request ICANN to hold a publicly available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum; and
- Whether to request that ICANN hold the Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.

The motion template in Section 6.2 of this Guideline (Motion to Accept/Reject a Rejection Action Petition Initiated by Another Decisional Participant) may be used by the GNSO Council to approve or reject a Rejection Action Petition initiated by another Decisional Participant.

The GNSO Secretariat will inform the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies of the GNSO Council's decisions accordingly, via the GNSO Council and the Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists, as well as publish this on the GNSO website/wiki. Additionally, the GNSO Secretariat will inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration.

4.3.5 Notification of Support to ICANN, other Decisional Participants, and the EC Administration

Within twenty four (24) hours of the GNSO Council's decision to become a Supporting Decisional Participant, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall by written notice inform the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary of the GNSO Council's decision.

In accordance with Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(E) of the ICANN Bylaws, the notice shall include the following:
● A supporting rationale in reasonable detail; and
● Contact information of the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration; and
● A statement as to whether a publicly available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum is requested; and
● A statement as to whether the Rejection Action Community Forum should be held during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting; and
● A PDP Standard Bylaw Statement, if applicable and if different from that provided by the Petitioning Decisional Participant.

The GNSO Secretariat will post all correspondence between the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants, the ICANN Corporate Secretary, and the EC Administration on the GNSO website/wiki.

4.3.6 Timeline for the GNSO Actions regarding a Rejection Action Petition Initiated by Another Decisional Participant

The following timeline per the ICANN Bylaws may assist the GNSO in its actions as a Supporting Decisional Participant.

Note:
● *Absolute maximum date means the absolute last day certain action must occur*
● *Day 0 = Rejection Action Board Notification Date*

Absolute Maximum Date	Action
Day 0	**Rejection Action Petition Period starts** - Rejection Action Board Notification received
Day 21	GNSO receives the Rejection Action Petition Notice from another Decisional Participant

	GNSO Secretariat schedules an extraordinary Meeting of the GNSO Council to occur no later than Day 27
	Rejection Action Petition Period ends at 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles)
Day 24	GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies submit feedback, if they wish to do so (within 3 days of receipt of the Rejection Action Petition Notice)
Day 27	GNSO Council meets to decide whether to support another Decisional Participant's Rejection Action Petition
	GNSO Secretariat informs the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, as well as the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration, of the Council's decision and publishes it on the GNSO website/wiki
Day 28	If the GNSO Council supports the Petition, GNSO Representative on the EC Administration informs the EC Administration, other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary of the GNSO Council's decision by providing a written notice within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support (Note: the content of the written notice from the Supporting Decisional Participant may be informed by Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(E) of the ICANN Bylaws) (Note: Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i) of the ICANN Bylaws requires that each Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Petition. Day 28 is thus the absolute latest for submission of the written notice. However, if the GNSO decides to support the Petition prior to Day 27, the written notice must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of the decision)
	Rejection Action Petition Support Period ends at 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles)

5. Developing Input to the Rejection Action Community Forum & Post Community Forum Decision Making

5.1 Rejection Action Community Forum

Immediately following the ICANN announcement of convening a Rejection Action Community Forum, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration shall inform the GNSO Council of the details of the Community Forum.

The GNSO Secretariat will post the notice of the Community Forum on the GNSO website/wiki, publish it on the mailing lists of GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, and inform GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies the start of the GNSO Community Feedback period before the Community Forum per Section 5.2.1 below.

5.2 GNSO Community Feedback

5.2.1 GNSO Community Feedback Before Rejection Action Community Forum

Upon the expiration of the Petition Support Period, the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration will request the GNSO Council to prepare the GNSO Community Feedback to the Community Forum.

The GNSO community feedback should be developed through input/feedback from the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies to record any GNSO views and questions on the Supported Petition.

This feedback period will close at 23:59 UTC on the day prior to the Community Forum. The GNSO Council leadership will work with GNSO support staff to compile any views and questions received, and post the compilation to the GNSO Council list. The GNSO Secretariat will promptly post the compilation to the GNSO website/wiki. Note, however, that this feedback period does not preclude GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies from submitting views and questions on the Supported Petition in writing during the Rejection Action Community Forum.

The GNSO Council will ask the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to transmit to the EC Administration and the ICANN Corporate Secretary the GNSO Community Feedback in writing prior to the convening of and during the Community Forum as per Annex D, Section 2.3(f) of the ICANN Bylaws.

5.2.2 GNSO Community Feedback After Rejection Action Community Forum

Upon the expiration of the Community Forum Period, the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies will be asked to provide feedback, opinions or comments on their support for, objection to, or abstention from the Supported Petition under consideration.

However, this feedback period will close on the fifteenth (15th) day into the Rejection Action Decision Period (hereinafter referred to as the "Decision Period"). This date is represented in the timeline set out in the table in Section 5.5 below as Day 15.

The GNSO Council leadership will work with GNSO support staff to compile any comments received, and post the compilation of comments to the GNSO Council list. The GNSO Secretariat will promptly post the compilation of comments to the GNSO website/wiki. If feasible and time permits, the GNSO Council leadership may work with GNSO support staff to categorize and summarize these comments to facilitate the review by the GNSO Council

5.3 GNSO Council decision to support, object to or abstain from the Rejection Action

Annex D, Section 2.4(a) of the ICANN Bylaws states (as excerpted from the Bylaws):

(a) Following the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Rejection Action Decision Period**"), with respect to each Rejection Action Supported Petition, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Rejection Action Supported Petition and has determined to reject the Rejection Action, (ii) objects to such Rejection Action Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Rejection Action Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period).

Per the above Section 2.4(a) in Annex D, the GNSO Council must decide and inform the EC Administration of its decision within twenty-one (21) days after the expiration of the Community Forum whether to support, object to, or abstain from the Supported Petition by a simple majority vote of each GNSO House. This date is represented in the timeline set out in the table in Section 5.5 below as Day 21.

The GNSO Council shall:
- Take a decision via a GNSO Council simple majority vote of each House, in accordance with Section 11.3(j) of the ICANN Bylaws, on a motion whether to support, object to, or abstain from the Supported Petition; and
- Convey in writing this decision to the EC Administration and the ICANN Corporate Secretary by the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration.

In taking its decision, the GNSO Council shall consider:
- The feedback, views and input received from the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies; and
- The Community Forum; and
- The importance of the matter for the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies; and
- Other factors deemed relevant by the GNSO Council.

The motion template in Section 6.3 of this Guideline (Motion to Support, Objection to, or Abstain from a Rejection Action) may be used by the GNSO Council to accept/reject/abstain from the Supported Petition.

5.4 Informing the Community, Other Decisional Participants, and the EC Administration of the Decision regarding the Rejection Action

As soon as possible after the GNSO Council has taken its decision on the Rejection Action, the GNSO Secretariat will publish the GNSO Council's decision on the mailing lists of the GNSO Council and Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, as well as the GNSO website/wiki. Additionally, the GNSO Secretariat will inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration.

The GNSO Representative on the EC Administration by written notice shall promptly inform the EC Administration and the ICANN Corporate Secretary of the GNSO Council's decision.

If the GNSO Council has not reached a decision regarding the Rejection Action, the GNSO Council will be deemed to have abstained from the Supported Petition.

5.5 Timeline for the GNSO Actions regarding a Rejection Action

The following is a suggested timeline to ensure that the GNSO Council is able to complete the above activities related to a Rejection Action Supported Petition per the Bylaws-mandated deadline. If the GNSO Council is unable to meet the Bylaws-mandated deadline, its decision will automatically be recorded as an abstention.

Note:
- *Absolute maximum date means the absolute last day certain action must occur*
- *Day 0 = Expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum*

Absolute Maximum Date	Action
Day 0	**Expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum**
	GNSO Secretariat requests feedback from GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies
Day 6	GNSO Secretariat schedules an extraordinary Meeting of the GNSO Council to occur within 14 days
Day 15	Deadline for GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies to provide feedback
Day 20	Extraordinary Meeting of the GNSO Council to decide whether to support, object to, or abstain from the Rejection Action Supported Petition
	GNSO Secretariat informs the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, as well as the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration, of the Council's decision and publishes it on the GNSO website/wiki
Day 21	GNSO Representative on the EC Administration promptly conveys GNSO

	Council's decision to the EC Administration and the ICANN Corporate Secretary
	Deadline for decision by Decisional Participants to the EC to decide whether to support, object to, or abstain from the Rejection Action Supported Petition
	Rejection Action Decision Period ends at 11:59 PM (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles)

6. Motion Templates

6.1 Motion to Accept/Reject A Rejection Action Petition

Made by:
Seconded by:

Whereas:

1. Per Section 2.2(b) of Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws, "During the period beginning on the Rejection Action Board Notification Date and ending on the 21st day after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date (the 'Rejection Action Petition Period'), subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process (a 'Rejection Action Petition')."

2. Per Section 2.2(c) of Annex D, "A Decisional Participant that has received a Rejection Action Petition shall either accept or reject such Rejection Action Petition; provided that a Decisional Participant may only accept such Rejection Action Petition if it was received by such Decisional Participant during the Rejection Action Petition Period."

3. Per Section 2.2(c)(i)(A) of Annex D, "the Rejection Action Petition shall include the rationale upon which rejection of the Rejection Action is sought. Where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to an ICANN Budget, an IANA Budget, an Operating Plan or a Strategic Plan, the Rejection Action Petition Notice shall not be valid and shall not be accepted by the EC Administration unless the rationale set forth in the Rejection Action Petition Notice is based on one or more significant issues that were specifically raised in the applicable public comment period(s) relating to perceived inconsistencies with the Mission, purpose and role set forth in ICANN's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the global public interest, the needs of ICANN's stakeholders, financial stability, or other matter of concern to the community."

4. Per Section 2.2(c)(i)(B) of Annex D, "Where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, the Rejection Action Petition shall include a statement that the

Standard Bylaw Amendment is based solely on the outcome of a PDP, citing the specific PDP and the provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment subject to the Board Notice that implements such PDP ('PDP Standard Bylaw Statement') and the name of the Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that undertook the PDP relating to the Standard Bylaw Amendment ('Standard Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant')."

5. Per Section 2.2(d) of Annex D, "Following the delivery of a Rejection Action Petition Notice to the EC Administration, the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Rejection Action Petition."

6. The GNSO Council may waive the timeframes currently referenced in the GNSO Operating Procedures in relation to submission of motions with regard to a Rejection Action Petition as well as scheduling of meetings to meet its obligations under the timelines outlined in the ICANN Bylaws.

7. All Rejection Action Petitions submitted by an individual must be submitted to the GNSO Council.

8. On [date], [Insert Petitioner's name] submitted a Rejection Action Petition to the GNSO Council during the Rejection Action Petition Period, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process.

9. This Rejection Action Petition includes the rationale upon which the rejection of the Rejection Action is sought.

10. From [insert dates of GNSO community feedback period], the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constitutes also provided feedback, opinions or comments on the merits of the Rejection Action Petition. GNSO support staff's summary here [insert link].

Resolved:
1. The GNSO Council determines to [accept] [reject] such Rejection Action Petition.

2. [If the GNSO Council accepts a Rejection Action Petition] The GNSO Council requests that the GNSO Secretariat (a) publish the GNSO Council decision on the GNSO website/wiki, (b) inform the Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies accordingly via the Stakeholder Group and Constituency mailing lists, and (c) inform the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration.

3. The GNSO Council requests that the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to provide to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary written Rejection Action Petition Notice of such acceptance within twenty-four (24) hours, providing all requested information per Annex D, Section 2.2(c)(i)(A)-(B) of the ICANN

Bylaws. The GNSO Council also requests the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to contact other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Rejection Action Petition

4. The GNSO Council appoints [insert name], as the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration, to be its liaison with respect to the Rejection Action Supported Petition, should at least one (1) other Decisional Participant provides support to the Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Support Period.

5. Should at least one (1) other Decisional Participant provides support to the Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Support Period, the GNSO Council [requests] [does not request] that ICANN hold (a) the Rejection Action Community Forum during [insert ICANN meeting] to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition, and (b) a publicly-available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum.

6. Should at least one (1) other Decisional Participant provides support to the Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Support Period, the GNSO Council requests the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to provide all requested information within twenty-four (24) hours per Annex D, Section 3.1(d)(i)(A-E) of the ICANN Bylaws to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the ICANN Corporate Secretary.

6.2 Motion to Accept/Reject a Rejection Action Petition Initiated by Another Decisional Participant

Made by:
Seconded by:

Whereas:

1. Per Section 2.2(d)(i) of Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws, "If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one (1) other Decisional Participant during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period, the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one (1) Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant."

2. Per Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(E) of Annex D, "Such Rejection Action Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional

Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Rejection Action Supported Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum (as defined in Section 2.3 of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition; (D) a statement as to whether the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Rejection Action Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting, taking into account the limitation on holding such a Rejection Action Community Forum when the Rejection Action Supported Petition relates to an ICANN Budget or IANA Budget as described in Section 2.3(c) of this Annex D; and (E) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement, if applicable."

3. The GNSO has received the Rejection Action Petition Notice from [insert Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant] of a Rejection Action Petition. [insert Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant] contacted the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to seek support for the Rejection Action Petition.

4. From [insert dates of GNSO community feedback period], the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies had the opportunity to provide feedback, opinions or comments on the merits of the Rejection Action Petition. GNSO support staff's compilation of any feedback received is available here [insert link].

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council determines to [become] [not become] a Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant for the Rejection Action Petition initiated by [insert Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant].

2. The GNSO Council [requests] [does not request] that ICANN hold (a) the Rejection Action Community Forum during [insert ICANN meeting] to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition, and (b) a publicly-available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum.

3. The GNSO Council requests the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to provide a written notice within twenty-four (24) hours to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the ICANN Corporate Secretary of providing support to the Rejection Action Petition. The written notice shall provide all requested information per Annex D, Section 2.2(d)(i)(A)-(D) of the ICANN Bylaws.

6.3 Motion to Support, Objection to, or Abstain from a Rejection Action

Made by:
Seconded by:

Whereas:

1. Per Section 2.4(a) of Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws, "Following the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office in Los Angeles) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period (such period, the 'Rejection Action Decision Period'), with respect to each Rejection Action Supported Petition, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Rejection Action Supported Petition and has determined to reject the Rejection Action, (ii) objects to such Rejection Action Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Rejection Action Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period)."

2. From [insert date of GNSO community feedback period], the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies provided feedback, opinions or comments on the merits of the Rejection Action Supported Petition. See GNSO support staff's summary here [insert link].

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council [supports] [objects to] [abstains from] the Rejection Action.

2. The GNSO Council requests the GNSO Representative on the EC Administration to promptly inform the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants, and the ICANN Corporate Secretary about the GNSO Council's decision with respect to the Rejection Action.