

## Proposed Implementation Plan – GAC-GNSO Consultation Group Final Status Report Recommendations

*Updated: 10 March 2017*

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<p>#1a. The CG recommends to schedule a consultation between GAC Secretariat, the outgoing and incoming GNSO Liaison to the GAC and relevant support staff to review current information and communication methods and determine what improvements, if any, need to be made. It has been suggested that, as part of the formalization of the GNSO Liaison to the GAC, regular meetings between the GAC Secretariat and the GNSO Liaison to the GAC should be scheduled to discuss and review on an ongoing basis information provided as well as for co-ordination purposes. The results of such consultations are to be shared regularly with the GAC and the GNSO for their information.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set up a doodle poll to determine a convenient time to commence this consultation via conference call. <b>(COMPLETED)</b></li> <li>2. In advance of the call, obtain input from the outgoing liaison, the incoming liaison as well as the GAC Secretariat on current information and communication methods as well as possible improvements. <b>(COMPLETED)</b></li> <li>3. Schedule call to review and discuss input received and determine next steps. <b>(COMPLETED)</b></li> <li>4. Share outcome of consultation with GAC and GNSO.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GNSO &amp; GAC Secretariat</li> <li>2. Policy staff (co-ordination), Mason Cole, Carlos Gutierrez, GAC Secretariat (input)</li> <li>3. GNSO &amp; GAC Secretariat (scheduling of call), Mason Cole, Carlos Gutierrez, GAC Secretariat (discuss input received and determine next steps)</li> <li>4. Carlos Gutierrez</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Week of 30 January</li> <li>2. Week of 6 February</li> <li>3. Week of 20 February</li> <li>4. <del>Prior</del> During to ICANN58</li> </ol>
<p>#1b. The CG recommends to further strengthen the contacts between the leadership teams of the GNSO Council and the GAC by providing for periodic conference calls and meetings where pressing issues could be debated. Furthermore, “topic leads” from both groups could be invited to participate, when deemed timely and appropriate.</p>	<p>This recommendation has in effect already been implemented as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. calls between the GAC and GNSO leadership are planned prior to every ICANN meeting.</li> <li>2. the option of scheduling additional meetings to discuss specific topics is being seized (for example recent discussions</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GNSO &amp; GAC Secretariat</li> <li>2. GNSO &amp; GAC Secretariat</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior to each ICANN meeting</li> <li>2. Prior to each ICANN meeting</li> </ol>

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	<p>on IGO protections).</p> <p>3. The option of inviting the GNSO liaison to the GAC, as well as GAC topic leads and GNSO topic leads in case of specific-topic calls</p>	<p>3. GNSO &amp; GAC Secretariat, and GNSO liaison to the GAC</p>	<p>3. As needed</p>
<p>#2. The CG recommends that, following the review and support from the GAC and the GNSO for the proposed recommendations contained in this document, ICANN staff is to develop a process flow, based on existing mechanisms, highlighting those that have been added as a result of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group. Once completed, the process flow will be shared with the GAC and the GNSO, and posted online.</p>	<p>1. Staff to develop process flow, highlighting new mechanisms.</p> <p>2. Share process flow following completion with GAC and the GNSO.</p> <p>3. Post process flow online.</p>	<p>1. ICANN Staff</p> <p>2. ICANN Staff</p> <p>3. ICANN Staff</p>	<p>1. <del>Prior to</del> Post ICANN58</p> <p>2. <del>Prior to</del> Post ICANN58</p> <p>3. <del>Prior to</del> Post ICANN58</p>
<p>#3. The CG recommends to make the QLM a standard feature of the PDP, factoring in the possible simplification/generalization of the process proposed in the 'GAC Quick Look Mechanisms Experiences to Date' document.</p>	<p>1. Staff to review GNSO PDP Manual and propose modifications to incorporate the QLM as a standard feature.</p> <p>2. Post proposed modifications for public comment (note, this is a requirement for any changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures)</p> <p>3. Review public comments (with GNSO / GAC leadership if necessary) and finalise GNSO Operating Procedures.</p>	<p>1. ICANN Staff</p> <p>2. ICANN Staff</p> <p>3. ICANN Staff</p>	<p>1. <del>Prior to</del> Post ICANN58</p> <p>2. <del>Prior to</del> Post ICANN58</p> <p>3. Prior to ICANN59</p>
<p>#4. The CG recommends no further action. However, as part of the regular</p>	<p>1. Remind the GNSO and GAC leadership as well as the GNSO</p>	<p>1. ICANN Staff</p>	<p>1. Ongoing basis</p>

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<p>dialogue between the GNSO and GAC leadership as well as interaction between the GNSO Liaison to the GAC and the GAC Secretariat, the status of GAC early engagement in GNSO policy development is reviewed and discussed. Furthermore, the CG encourages PDP Working Groups to communicate to the GAC how its input has been considered and addressed, and encourages the GAC to strengthen its participation in the later stages of the PDP.</p>	<p>Liaison to the GAC and the GAC Secretariat of this recommendation.</p> <p>2. Remind PDP Working Groups of this recommendation.</p> <p>3. Encourage GAC to strengthen participation in the later stages of the PDP.</p>	<p>2. ICANN Staff</p> <p>3. GAC Secretariat / GNSO Liaison to the GAC</p>	<p>2. Ongoing basis</p> <p>3. Ongoing basis</p>
<p>#5. The CG recommends no further action on this topic. Instead, the GAC, the GNSO and the ICANN Board should all assess the impact of the early engagement mechanisms and based on that assessment determine whether such a conciliation mechanism is to be developed at some point in the future. Nevertheless, the CG does encourage the GAC and the GNSO Council to engage in dialogue, either through the regular mechanisms identified (GNSO Liaison to the GAC, GNSO-GAC leadership meetings) or on an ad-hoc basis in those instances where there is an obvious difference between the proposed PDP recommendations and GAC input that has been provided. Such a dialogue could for example take place following the publication of the Initial Report and/or before consideration by</p>	<p>1. Remind the GAC and GNSO Council of this part of the recommendation.</p> <p>2. Encourage dialogue between GAC and GNSO Council to converge views before consideration by the GNSO Council of the Final Report (and, if deemed necessary, have a conciliation mechanism in place)</p>	<p>1. ICANN Staff</p> <p>2. ICANN Staff</p>	<p>1. Ongoing basis</p> <p>2. Ongoing basis</p>

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the GNSO Council of the Final Report.			
#6. The CG recommends that the GAC and GNSO Leadership teams as well as the GNSO liaison to the GAC and the GAC Secretariat use their regular engagements as opportunities to review and discuss the status of early engagement to allow for early identification of potential issues and/or other mechanisms that could be considered.	1. Remind the GAC and GNSO Leadership teams as well as the GNSO liaison to the GAC and the GAC Secretariat of this recommendation.	1. ICANN Staff	1. Ongoing basis
#7. The CG recommends that the GAC and GNSO Leadership teams review, as part of their regular exchanges, the status of GAC early engagement in the GNSO PDP and recommends that the GNSO Liaison to the GAC provides an annual report to the GAC and GNSO that highlights early engagement efforts to date as well as possible improvements to be considered. Based upon the review of these possible improvements by the GAC and GNSO, next steps can be determined.	1. Remind the GAC and GNSO Leadership teams of this recommendation. 2. Prepare annual report to the GAC and GNSO that highlights early engagement efforts to date as well as possible improvements to be considered. 3. GAC and GNSO leadership team to review possible improvements and decide on next steps.	1. ICANN Staff 2. GNSO Liaison to the GAC 3. GAC and GNSO leadership team	1. Ongoing 2. Prior to ICANN AGM 3. Post ICANN AGM
#8. The CG recommends that upon review and adoption of this final status report by the GAC and GNSO, the CG is dissolved.	No further action required (see notification already provided to CG here)		