

Board - GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) Session

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Session Objective

During this session members of the Board-GAC Interaction Group will have the opportunity to discuss Board treatment of GAC consensus advice supplied in the GAC Marrakech Communique and be updated on the expectations for treatment of the consensus advice in the GAC Montreal Communique.

Background

History of the BGIG

Originated back in 2011 to address recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) effort, the original Board-GAC Review Implementation (BGRI) Working Group served as a vehicle for regular dialogue between the Board and GAC members. The collaborative BGRI effort improved the process for receipt, consideration, processing and tracking of GAC advice by the ICANN Board.

Issues under BGRI discussion over the years have included the actual definition of GAC advice; improvements to the process for considering GAC advice; discussion of matters involving the implementation of GAC advice; sources of GAC secretariat support; various amendments to the

GAC Operating Principles; and various other information exchanges between the two entities. More recently, the GAC Leadership and Board members have utilized the BGRI as a useful forum for operational discussions and examinations of strategic aspects of their working relationship.

At the ICANN63 meeting in Barcelona, the GAC and members of the ICANN Board agreed to change the name of the existing BGRI to the new Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) - as evidence of the commitment to continued interaction and active cooperative efforts between the Board and the GAC.

The new “BGIG” name reflects a renewed commitment to the collaborative work of the GAC and Board members. It is expected that the BGIG will continue to explore initiatives and opportunities that can improve the GAC's operations and facilitate meaningful interaction with the ICANN Board.

History of the Action Advice Registry (“ARR”) (Tracking GAC Advice)

Efforts to improve the processing and tracking of GAC advice have been a fundamental focus of the Board and the GAC for some time. The Action Request Register (ARR) is the current tool used by the ICANN org to track the receipt and processing of GAC Advice. The ICANN org first implemented the ARR at the request of former Board Chair Dr. Steve Crocker in 2015 to provide clarity and consistency to the ICANN community about the status and lifecycles of different inputs to the Board.

Initially, the ARR only tracked formal advice from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). In 2017, the ICANN org expanded the ARR to include advice from the GAC as well as Correspondence.

Starting at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi the ICANN org started reporting on the status of the GAC advice inventory at the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) meetings during ICANN meetings and the inventories of GAC advice are also posted on the GAC website. The “universe” of advice currently includes all GAC advice from the ICANN46 GAC Beijing Communiqué to the most recent GAC Communiqué from ICANN65 Marrakech. Each GAC Communiqué has been parsed to identify individual advice items. The ICANN org determined that the GAC has issued 192 individual consensus advice items and 21 follow-up to previous consensus advice items since the ICANN46 Beijing Communiqué.

Recent Relevant Developments

On 10 September 2019, Maarten Botterman transmitted a letter to the GAC Chair advising the GAC of a change in the ARR process. He advised that in the future, the status of GAC advice in the ARR would be reported directly following the adoption of the latest GAC scorecard by the Board. The reason for this change is that ICANN org is now aligning the way it publicly reports on advice from the ALAC, RSSAC, and SSAC with advice from the GAC. Future inventories and status of GAC advice

will be included on the Recommendations to the Board web page along with other Advisory Committee advice.

Agenda

(updated 28 September)

For ICANN66, the preliminary BGIG meeting agenda will likely include:

- Introductions
- Review Board action on the GAC Marrakech Communique
- Compiled Documentation on GAC Advice (ARR)(new process)
- Feedback on 2-character code registration tool
- Timeline for Board action on any GAC Montreal Advice
- Any other business

Further Information/Details:

The Board-GAC Recommendations Implementation Working Group (BGRI-WG) (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/board-gac-2011-2012-02-28-en>) was originally created to implement GAC-related recommendations of the first ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT1), <https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atrt>.

The BGRI's term was then extended to implement GAC-related recommendations of the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2), <https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atrt>;

And see ATRT2 Recommendation Implementation Wiki - <https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT2+Implementation+Program> - see recommendation 6 for GAC recommendations

Other Useful Links:

Final Recommendations of the First ATRT – 31 Dec 2010:

<http://www.icann.org/en/reviews/affirmation/atrt-final-recommendations-31dec10-en.pdf>

Board/GAC JWG Final Report – 19 June 2011:

<http://www.icann.org/en/committees/board-gac-2009/board-gac-jwg-final-report-19jun11-en.pdf>

ICANN ATRT Home Page: <https://www.icann.org/resources/accountability>

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