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## Agenda Item 13 – Board/GAC Review Implementation (BGRI) Working Group

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**Note:** This brief has been prepared by ICANN GAC Support Staff.

### Issue:

Efforts to improve the processing and tracking of GAC advice have been an underlying focus of the Board and GAC for some time. The GAC has realized improvements in its work methods and efforts to improve processes between the GAC and the ICANN Board have progressed over the last several years.

Originated back in 2011 to address recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) effort, the Board-GAC Review Implementation (BGRI) Working Group has proven to be a useful vehicle for regular dialogue between the Board and GAC members. To date, the work has improved the receipt, consideration, processing and tracking of GAC advice by the ICANN Board. Issues under BGRI discussion have ranged from the actual definition of GAC advice to information exchange between the two entities, to GAC secretariat support and amendment of the GAC Operating Principles among several other topics.

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.

### GAC Action Required:

The improvements work is not over and there are additional matters to be explored among this important working group.

### Current Position:

Members of the GAC and the ICANN Board continue to participate as members of the BGRI to ensure that the spirit of previous ATRT recommendations are implemented. In addition to continuing the follow-through on many of those recommendations, this group has continued to explore initiatives and opportunities that can improve the GAC's work and interaction with the ICANN Board. For ICANN63 the agenda includes:

1. Opening Remarks
2. Purpose of this Board-GAC consultation dialogue; possible renaming it to the Board-GAC Relations Group
3. Schedule to address GAC Advice from the Barcelona Communiqué

4. Review of Open GAC Advice Items, including placement on website of the GAC Advice Principles.
5. AOB – Future webinar/briefings for the GAC on issues of interest; for example; ICANN policy that mandates registry and registrar compliance with such policies (so-called picket fence).

Updates will be made if this agenda evolves prior to the ICANN63 meeting.

A second session held between the same meeting participants will immediately follow this session and is described in the brief for Session 14.

### **Further Background 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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