GAC Meeting with the GNSO Council

Session #9

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Session Objective

The GAC and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) meet at ICANN Meetings to discuss policy matters of interest to both parties.

The agenda for the session is scheduled to focus on an exchange on the following topics:

1. **DNS Abuse**
    a. PDP1 progress
    b. PDP2 Charter/status and anticipated next steps
2. **15-Day Verification / Accuracy**
    a. Follow-up to pre-ICANN87 GAC Topic Leads/CPH discussion
3. **SSAD**
    a. Supplemental Recommendations Team progress
    b. Update following ICANN87 Day -1 work
4. **GAC/GNSO Priorities**
    a. GNSO ADR/prioritization
    b. GAC priorities for the coming year
5. **AOB**

Talking Points

1. DNS Abuse

GAC Talking Points/Questions:

GNSO to provide an update on PDP1 progress/current status and the PDP2 Charter, including any information available on anticipated timing/next steps.

GAC Topic Leads expect that the following be discussed by the GNSO Council:

- Progress on PDP1 including possible timeline for completion
- Update from the PDP2 Chartering Team and timeline for working group convening and deliberations
- Discussion of broader DNS abuse developments (including progress on the policy gaps identified in the Issue Report)

GNSO Council Talking Points/Questions:

Developing policy around domain name registration data and DNS Abuse mitigation requires balancing law enforcement and public safety objectives with privacy, data protection, due process, and the rights of domain name registrants, including the right to recourse in the case of erroneous actions. The Council would welcome GAC members' insights on how they view this balance and how it informs their approach to participating in the development of and providing advice on ICANN policy. In particular:

1. What process do GAC members follow when reviewing and developing their position on ICANN policies? Do GAC members typically consult with experts or other authorities within their governments on matters discussed within ICANN?
2. How can GAC members' experience and expertise with due process and redress mechanisms in broader public policy help inform the development of policies for gTLD domain names?

2. 15-Day Verification / Accuracy

GAC Talking Points/Questions:

Agreed focus: follow-up on the long-standing GAC interest in the 15-day verification period/accuracy, informed by the separate pre-ICANN87 exchange with the CPH. GAC questions are to be shared with the CPH in advance so relevant data can be prepared.

In addition to discussing the GNSO's question 1, GAC Topic Leads suggested that the GAC and GNSO Council follow-up on the 28 September call between GAC and GNSO Topic Leads on the 15-day verification timeline, possibly focussing on:

- What categories of registrations (new registrations vs. renewals) should be prioritized
- Applicable verification timeline to each categories
- Possible implementation path

GNSO Council Talking Points/Questions:

As the ICANN community considers proposals related to registration data accuracy, verification, and DNS abuse mitigation, the Council would welcome insights from GAC members whose governments or ccTLD operators have experience with similar measures. The Council recognizes that ccTLDs operate within distinct national legal, regulatory, and operational frameworks and are not direct corollaries to the gTLD environment. Nevertheless, the successes and challenges from real-world implementation can offer valuable insights for the community as it considers the potential effectiveness, costs, and operational implications of different approaches. In particular, it would be helpful to understand:

1. Have registration or verification requirements, or shorter timeframes for addressing abusive registrations, resulted in measurable improvements in preventing or mitigating DNS abuse?
2. Are there data, studies, metrics, or operational experience that could help assess the effectiveness of these approaches?
3. Have implementation challenges, unintended consequences, or limitations emerged that could help inform consideration of similar measures in the gTLD space?

3. SSAD

GAC Talking Points/Questions:

Agreed focus: take stock of progress in the SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team and GAC priority areas, with Marc Anderson invited for possible Q&A.

<u>Background/Statements</u>

- The GAC is pleased to have representation on the SSAD SRT and intends to continue closely following the group's work, given the importance of the issues at stake for governments.
- The GAC urges the SRT to complete its work within its expected timeline, to avoid delaying the establishment of a permanent central portal for data disclosure requests at ICANN.
- The GAC also reiterates that it shares the Board's vision for the future of the RDRS, as expressed in the RDRS Policy Alignment Analysis. The SRT's updated recommendations should reflect that vision.
- The GAC emphasizes that governments are a distinct category of registration data requestor and that their needs should continue to be reflected in the development of a permanent disclosure request system.

Question

- Does the GNSO still expect the SRT's completed recommendations to be sent to the GNSO Council for review early next year, before ICANN88? What main issues remain to be resolved through SRT discussions, in the GNSO's view?

4. GAC/GNSO Priorities

Agreed focus: GNSO overview of its ADR/prioritization work and early results; GAC opportunity to share priorities for the coming year. GNSO may also provide questions for the GAC.

5. AOB

Background

With the pace of GAC participation in ICANN policy development activities changing in recent years, information sharing with various parts of the ICANN community has become increasingly valuable in helping GAC members understand the context of DNS policy issues. At recent ICANN Public Meetings, the GAC has interacted with various community groups from the gTLD space, including business, intellectual property and non-commercial interests. This meeting with the GNSO Council will continue that strategic communications approach.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is a body within the ICANN community responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains. The GNSO is the largest Supporting Organization within the ICANN framework.

The GAC regularly meets with the Chair and other members of the GNSO Council at ICANN Public Meetings to discuss issues of common concern and identify opportunities for enhanced cooperation. The current GNSO Council Chair is Susan Payne, with Jennifer Chung and Taiwo Peter Akinremi serving as Vice-Chairs. The GNSO Liaison to the GAC is Sebastien Ducos. The GAC Points of Contact to the GNSO are Manal Ismail (Egypt) and Rida Tahir (Canada).

The GNSO is a “federation” of different stakeholder groups. It is made up of two “Houses” – one House for parties contracted to ICANN (Registries and Registrars) and a second House for non-contracted parties representing commercial and non-commercial interests.

The GNSO Council and the GNSO stakeholder groups have different roles within the GNSO. The Council manages the policy development process and is composed of representatives from the various GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies. Comparatively, the stakeholder groups themselves – including the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) and Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) – focus on their respective stakeholder interests, share information, and support their

members' participation in GNSO activities. Members of the stakeholder groups also participate directly in policy development working groups.

Prior to ICANN Public Meetings, the GAC and GNSO coordinate to identify issues of common interest for discussion during their bilateral meetings. In preparation for ICANN87, GAC and GNSO Topic Leads met intersessionally to discuss potential bilateral topics and facilitate substantive preparation ahead of the meeting.

Further Information

Further information about the GNSO and its policy development process is available at http://gnso.icann.org/en/about. GNSO web site – https://gnso.icann.org/en

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