Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board

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Session Goals (GAC Chair)

- Background to GAC Members regarding Board-GAC interaction at ICANN Public Meetings

- Review and Confirm GAC Topics, Questions and Statements To ICANN Board

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Background (GAC Chair)

1. Board-GAC Meetings are an important and regular feature of ICANN Public Meetings

2. Back when GAC meetings were "closed" the Board-GAC meeting was one of the few meetings that the public could witness

3. Even after most GAC sessions have become public, the sessions have remained important regular interaction points to maintain useful GAC connections with the Board and to provide a venue to highlight and emphasize areas that are likely to be in the upcoming GAC Communiqué

4. In recent years, the meeting preparations have achieved more structure. A formal exchange of questions have become expected so that preparations can be made for the meeting dialogue.

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Board-GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 10 March, 2020 at 19:45 UTC

- Opening Remarks (GAC Chair)

- Dialogue on GAC topics/questions posed to Board

- GAC Responses to Board Questions Regarding ICANN Strategic Matters

- AOB

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Topics For GAC Questions/Statement to the Board

- PIR Transaction
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
- Workstream 2 Implementation
- RDS-WHOIS 2 Review
- CCT Review Follow-Up
- Access to non-public gTLD Registration Data

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GAC Responses To ICANN Board Chair Interest

- Key priorities for action of ICANN constituencies in 2020 (e.g. prioritization of recommendations, streamlining of reviews, improve effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model, …)

- Specific developments coming up that ICANN constituencies feel need to be addressed when updating the ICANN Strategic Plan.

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A. PIR Transaction - (Drafting Back-Up Slide)

The ICANN organization's ability to demonstrate that considerations of the global public interest are carefully assessed and protected in the context of the proposed PIR transaction is important to the organization. In evaluating the PIR transaction, ICANN must demonstrate its commitment to multistakeholder input, from all parts of the community.

1. What are the steps taken by ICANN to safeguard the global public interest? [Besides communication correspondence].
2. Are there any interim results of the diligence performed by ICANN that were referred to in the initial ICANN response to the GAC Chair?
3. Is the ICANN Board considering the possibility of not giving the consent for the transaction?
4. PICs are indicated in the correspondence as establishing the basis for addressing community concerns, nevertheless, it should be evaluated whether it is actually safeguarding public benefit and are there any guarantees for such safeguarding foreseen, how the affordability of .org is further ensured.

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B. New gTLD Subsequent Procedures- (Drafting Back-Up Slide)

Given the priority of this work to governments, during ICANN67, the GAC's engagement on this topic combines the Capacity Building Workshop, several plenary discussions, and a pilot project to encourage GAC participation in the Subsequent Procedures SubPro PDP's virtual working sessions.

During the meeting week, in coordination with the GNSO SubPro PDP WG Leadership, the GAC will review and discuss several priority new gTLD policy areas including: Closed Generics, Public Interest Commitments, the role of GAC Early Warnings and GAC Advice, the Applicant Support Program and Community Based Applications.

As a result of the SubPro PDP's complexity and ongoing challenge for the GAC to keep abreast of the extent and depth of policy discussions, the GAC welcomes the Board's and ICANN Org's sharing of their own preparations for the future round as it may assist the GAC with its own forward-thinking and planning.

In particular:

Can the Board please provide an update on its and ICANN Org's internal process of preparing for a future round of the New gTLD Program?

Does the Board anticipate any specific or targeted activities related to Board-GAC interactions that should be undertaken to ensure a smooth future round of the New gTLD Program?

Topics for GAC Questions- (Drafting Back-Up Slide)

C. Workstream 2 Implementation

The GAC is beginning its SO-AC Workstream 2 implementation work. The GAC is interested in understanding what progress ICANN org is making on this matter and what the Board is doing to encourage those efforts.

D. RDS-WHOIS2 Review

The GAC notes the Board's recent actions on the RDS-WHOIS2 Review recommendations. The topics covered by the review remain a strong area of interest for the GAC, which it will continue to follow closely, especially with respect to WHOIS Accuracy, Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation and compliance enforcement of relevant contractual provisions in ICANN contracts. The GAC welcomes the Board's adoption of the recommendations relating to monitoring the efficacy

of WHOIS access for law enforcement and associated services.

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E. CCT Review Follow-Up

The GAC appreciates the Board's follow-up and correspondence with the GAC on the committee's Montreal Communique Advice regarding the relationship between the CCT Review implementation and a next round of new gTLDs.

Can the Board share its thoughts regarding how and when it will approach the task of determining whether CCT Review Recommendations and previous GAC concerns have been adequately addressed in the upcoming GNSO Subsequent Procedures Policy proposals?

F. Access to non-public gTLD Registration Data

Requested placeholder for possible addition from the EPDP2 GAC Small Group. The Group had suggested (after the initial communication to the Board) inserting a placeholder, for possible questions that could arise from the ongoing work.

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