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ICANN72 GAC Operating Principles Working Group (GOPE WG) Update

26 October 2021

Agenda

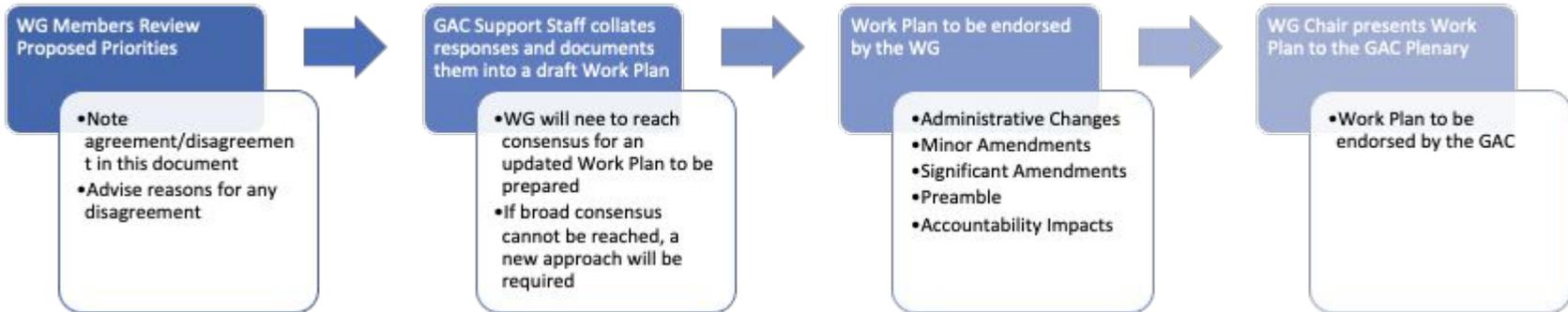
1. Opening Remarks (Guo Feng), 2min
2. Update on recent GOPE WG activity (Guo Feng), 6min
3. Briefing on Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles and work plan (Benedetta Rossi), 8min
4. Comments and discussion (GAC members), 12min
5. AOB, 2min

Update on Recent GOPE WG Activities

- The GOPE WG resumed its activities prior to ICANN72, notably in a prioritization effort aimed at reviewing each GAC Operating Principle, in preparation for the upcoming focused review of GAC Operating Principles.
- In preparation for ICANN72, the Working Group updated an Analysis of GAC Operating Principles document, which aims to identify which GAC Operating Principles require:
 - minor changes;
 - no changes; or
 - substantive changes and discussion by the GOPE WG.
- The Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles was reviewed by GOPE WG members and subsequently circulated with GAC membership for discussion at ICANN72 for GAC wide input.



Next Steps



Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles

Following WG deliberations on how to prioritize the review of the GAC Operating Principles, GAC Support Staff was asked to provide the GOPE WG with a preliminary report outlining:

- Which Articles and Principles may require mere administrative updates, to resolve numbering and formatting issues or to ensure a principle reflects current GAC procedures.
- Which Articles and Principles may require more complex amendments, and so should be subject to the consideration of the Working Group.
- Which Articles and Principles may remain unchanged.

The document referred to as the “Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles” provides this information.

Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles

- Gope WG Members provided input on the Analysis of GAC Operating Principles in writing. No discussions have taken place.
- Based on the responses received, and on the preliminary review from GAC Support:
 - GAC Support identified areas of the GAC Operating Principles where references to the ICANN Bylaws are outdated - i.e. refer to the previous set. Alignment was suggested.
 - Minor changes include:
 - References to in-person meetings vs online meetings
 - Alignment with current practice in the GAC (elections of vice chairs, replacement of vice chairs among others)
 - Renumbering of GAC Operating Principles (some numbers missing)
 - Further Discussion Needed:
 - Areas where membership/members/observers are defined or referenced;
 - GAC Chair absence/no longer able to perform functions of office;
 - GAC Chair election;
 - Quorum



Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles

- Additionally, comments from GOPE WG members note some Operating Principles include several points;
- GOPE WG members to discuss potentially dividing said Principles into multiple Principles for clarity;
- Are any items/procedures/topics missing from GAC Operating Principles? - Question for further discussion (noting need for Operating Principles to remain “high level”)
- Formatting of Operating Principles: should this be changed and divided into subsections for clarity rather than simple numbering?

GOPE WG Work Plan: 2021-2022

#	Working Item	Target Time
1	Updating Analysis of GAC Operating Principles Document.	October 2021
2	GOPE WG Members to provide input on Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles Document.	October 2021
3	GAC members to discuss Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles Document and provide input.	At ICANN72
4	GOPE WG to finalize GAC Working Group Principles as per 2020 draft.	November 2021
5	GOPE WG to review and update GAC Operating Principles (including review/focus on WS2 Accountability Recommendations) based on prioritization outlines in the Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles Document.	From November 2021
6	Adoption of updated principles for GAC Working Group operations.	January 2022 - March 2022
7	Discussion on updated GAC Operating Principles and recent developments.	At ICANN73
8	Continue drafting updated GAC Operating Principles.	Between March 2022 and June 2022
9	Update GAC Membership of progress on GAC Operating Principles review	At ICANN74
10	Submit updated GAC Operating Principles for GAC endorsement.	November 2022



Discussion on Preliminary Analysis of Operating Principles

- GAC membership input based on document circulated?
- Questions?