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ICANN78 - GAC Joint Meeting with the ICANN Board

Tuesday, 24 October 2023
Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 October at 11:30 UTC (13:30 local Hamburg time)

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
3. Discussion of GAC answers to selected Board question
4. AOB
5. Closing
GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions - Overview

Topic #1 – New gTLD Program Next Rounds
Topic #2 – DNS Abuse
Topic #3 - Registration Data Policy
Topic #1 – New gTLD Program Next Rounds –

**GAC Questions:**

1. The GAC welcomes an update from the Board on its understanding of the status of Closed Generic gTLDs, following the GAC/GNSO/ALAC Chairs’ decision to halt the facilitated dialogue on closed generics, as outlined in their [letter](#) to the facilitated dialogue group on 7 August 2023 and subsequent correspondence.

2. The GAC takes note of the Board’s decision as outlined in the [September 2023 Scorecard: Subsequent Procedures PDP](#) (10 September 2023) pertaining to Topic 30 and “that the Board reviewed the concerns voiced by GAC members in the [ICANN77 GAC Communiqué](#). On Recommendation 30.4, the Board notes that the ICANN Bylaws Section 12.2(a) details all relevant procedures concerning GAC Consensus Advice, and that this section of the ICANN Bylaws determines how the Board engages with GAC Consensus Advice - not language included in a future Applicant Guidebook. Accordingly, the Board moves to adopt this recommendation, noting that it does not in any way prejudice or impact the processes regarding Board consideration of GAC Consensus Advice detailed in Bylaws Section 12.2 (a)” and reaffirms the GAC’s concerns with the suppression of the language in recommendation 30.4.
Topic #2 – DNS Abuse

**GAC Question:**

3. Will the Board consider organizing a listening session on the desirable scope of policy development to further inform the updated Registry Agreement and Registrar Accreditation Agreement?
GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions

Topic #3 - Registration Data Policy

GAC Question:

4. What are the ICANN Board’s current plans regarding the timeline issue of responding to Urgent Requests and the future publication of the Registration Data Consensus Policy?
For ICANN78, the GAC was given the option to choose from five questions proposed by the Board. Based on feedback collected by staff from the GAC email list, the following question was proposed to be discussed:

1. **What significant Internet developments are GAC Member governments paying attention to this year and next year?**

GAC Members would welcome a dialogue with Board Members where ICANN also indicates which priorities they will have – especially regarding Internet Governance developments during 2024-2025. In particular, GAC Members are interested in ICANN plans, positions and intentions with respect to the Global Digital Compact and the WSIS+20 Review Process.
Thank you!