



11 July 2017

Mr. James Bladel, Chair, GNSO  
Ms. Donna Austin, Vice-Chair, GNSO  
Ms. Heather Forrest, Vice-Chair, GNSO

RE: GNSO Comments on GAC Copenhagen Communiqué

Dear Mr. James Bladel, Ms. Donna Austin, and Ms. Heather Forrest,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 June 2017 with the adopted GNSO Council response to the GAC Copenhagen Communiqué. Your letter is posted on ICANN's correspondence page at: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/bladel-et-al-to-crocker-02jun17-en.pdf>.

The Board reviewed the GNSO's input as part of its consideration of the GAC Copenhagen Communiqué, taking it into account with the scorecard which the Board adopted on 12 June 2017 (see the resolution here: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/secretarys-notice-2017-06-12-en>).

As it relates to GAC Advice item 4.a, the Board notes the GNSO's request "to be kept apprised of [discussions with affected GAC-members] along with any decisions taken with individual GAC members that is contrary to the Board's resolution on [2-Character Country and Territory Codes at the second level] in Hyderabad". The Board understood the GAC Advice as a request to the ICANN organization for discussion without a predetermined outcome. Accordingly, the ICANN organization has been conducting consultations with GAC members to listen to their views and concerns on the subject and further explain the decision-making process. The recordings of the consultation calls are available on the GAC website here: <https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee>. The ICANN Board and organization will provide updates from these calls as necessary. We hope this information provides additional clarification.

We thank you again for your input and we look forward to future input from the GNSO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Crocker", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Stephen D. Crocker  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Cc: Thomas Schneider, Chair, GAC