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GNSO Council Review of the Marrakesh GAC Communiqué

From: James Bladel, GNSO Chair To: Steve Crocker, ICANN Board

Dear Members of the ICANN Board,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I'm hereby transmitting to you the GNSO Council's <u>review</u> of the GAC Marrakesh Communiqué. This review is an effort to provide feedback to you, in your capacity as members of the ICANN Board, as you consider issues referenced in the GAC Communiqué that we believe relate to generic top-level domains. Our intent is to inform you, as well as the broader community of gTLD policy activities, either existing or planned, that may directly or indirectly relate to advice provided by the GAC.

As we noted in our response following the Buenos Aires meeting, the GNSO Council review of the GAC Communiqué is part of our continuing dialogue with the GAC to facilitate early engagement in GNSO policy development activities. To this end, I am also sharing this communication with the GAC Chair for distribution to the GAC membership.

The GNSO Council hopes that the input provided through its review of the GAC Communiqué will enhance co-ordination and promote the sharing of information on gTLD related policy activities between the GAC, Board and the GNSO.

James Bladel Chair, GNSO

Cc: Thomas Schneider, Chair, GAC