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cc: Thomas Schneider, Chair, GAC

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Dear Members of the ICANN Board,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I'm hereby transmitting to you the GNSO Council's review of the most recent GAC Communiqué. This review is a new initiative and has been prepared in an effort to provide feedback to you, as members of the ICANN Board, on issues within the GAC Communiqué, as these relate to generic top-level domains. The intent is to inform you as well as the broader community of past, present or future gTLD policy activities that may directly or indirectly relate to advice provided by the GAC.

For your information, as part of its continuing dialogue with the GAC to facilitate early engagement in GNSO policy development activities, the GNSO shared its intent to undertake such a review of the GAC Communiqué with the GAC during our joint session in Buenos Aires and several GAC members welcomed this initiative with one noting that 'this is a very valuable initiative that's going to serve those objectives [...] of enhancing communication and understanding of where the GNSO positions itself on issues that the GAC has already engaged on'. As such, I am also sharing this communication with the GAC Chair for distribution to the GAC membership.

The GNSO Council intends that the input provided through its review of the GAC Communiqué will further enhance the co-ordination and promote the sharing of information on gTLD related policy activities between the GAC, the Board and the GNSO. We look forward to hearing from you whether this approach is deemed helpful and with any additional feedback you may wish to provide. It is the current intention of the GNSO Council intends to take the same approach to future GAC Communiqués.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council