

NOTES OF CALL BETWEEN ICANN BOARD AND GAC

14 December 2017

Present

ICANN Board: Cherene Chalaby (Chair), Chris Disspain, Maarten Botterman, Becky Burr, Sara Deutsch, Avri Doria. Leon Sanchez, Akinori Maemura,

GAC: Manal Ismail (Chair), Pär Brumark (Vice Chair), Kavouss Arasteh (Iran), Vincent Museminali (Rwanda), Thongchai Sansiri (Thailand), Wajdi Garali (Tunisia), Jorge Cancio (Switzerland), Ryan Carroll (United States), Nigel Cassimir (Caribbean Telecommunications Union), Brian Beckham (WIPO), Jon Passaro (OECD), Jaifa Mezher (Colombia), Dalila Rahmouni (France), T. Santhosh (India), Vyacheslav Erokhin (Russian Federation), Laureen Kapen (FTC)

The purpose of the call was to consider clarifying questions from the Board with regard to the GAC Abu Dhabi Communiqué. The Board will consider GAC responses made on this call in preparing its response to the Communiqué.

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No clarifying questions.

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Clarifying question from Board: In addition to the materials currently being provided to the GAC, does the GAC have suggestions as to other types of materials which would be of value to your work?

It was noted that the GAC's advice, which forms part of a joint statement with ALAC, addresses community-wide issues rather than just the operations of the GAC. The intention is to look at ways of building on existing mechanisms rather than create new processes.

GDPR and WHOIS

Clarifying question from Board: Does the GAC plan on submitting comments on the models proposed by the community.

The GAC Chair stated that the answer to this is 'yes.'

The Board noted that ICANN Org had held a useful briefing call; had included the questions from the GAC in follow-up questions to external counsel; and makes information on this issue progressively available on the ICANN website.

Other Matters

The GAC Chair reiterated that the GAC expects a response from the Board to the issues in the Communique detailed under 'Follow Up on Previous Advice.' Board members noted this, and asked that the need for a response be made clear in the Communique in future.

With regard to 2-character codes at the second level, the Board recognizes the question in the Communique and did not have any clarifying questions.

In response to a request for an update on the situation with regard to the applications by Amazon.com, Board members indicated that they understand facilitated talks are continuing between the company and relevant governments; and that the Board supports continued facilitation and looks forward to an outcome that is agreeable to all.