

NOTES OF BOARD-GAC CALL 27 APRIL 2017

Present

GAC – USA, Colombia, Australia, Argentina, China, Switzerland, Mexico, Thailand, Egypt, United Kingdom, European Commission, Russian Federation, Spain, Singapore

BOARD – Markus Kummer, Steve Crocker, Chris Disspain, Lousewiese van der Laan, Ron da Silva, Khaled Koubaa, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Cherine Chalaby, Marten Botterman, Asha Hemrajani, Becky Burr, Jonne Soininen, George Sadowsky, Rafael Lito Ibarra, Akinori Maemura, Kaveh Ranjbar

ICANN STAFF – David Olive, Akram Atallah, Cyrus Namazi, Christine Willett, Jamie Hedlund, Melissa King, Tarek Kamel, Michelle Bright, John Jeffrey, Wendy Profit, Vinciane Koenigsfeld, Migel Munoz, David Conrad, Erika Randall, Olof Nordling, Fabien Betremieux, Julia Charvolen, Gulden Tepe

ACIG – Tom Dale, Michelle Scott Tucker

1. Board Questions re Copenhagen Communiqué

The main part of the discussion dealt with the Board's questions on the GAC Copenhagen Communiqué that were circulated to the GAC on 26 April. It was noted that this does not take into account the recent letter from the GNSO Council to the Board (also circulated to the GAC) concerning the Communiqué, as this has only just been received.

Red Cross Red Crescent – Developments were noted.

IGOs – Recent developments on the facilitated discussion mailing list were noted

DNS abuse mitigation – Board members noted that the GAC advice is understood. The Board asked if GAC/PSWG members would be interested in a separate dialogue with the ICANN CEO on ICANN's handling of these issues. The GAC Chair said this would probably be useful, for both PSWG and GAC members generally. Several GAC members asked that such discussions be open. The GAC will consider the Board's invitation further.

2-character country/territory codes at second level

The Board indicated that the ICANN organisation ("ICANN org") would consult with interested GAC members on this issue. The staff lead is David Olive. The Board sees this as the beginning of a dialogue to identify issues and possible solutions.

David Olive, supported by Olof Nordling, will work with GAC leadership to determine how to identify "interested" GAC members and whether to have bilateral or group discussions. Several GAC members suggested a group discussion with interested members would be more efficient and productive. Interest in participating was expressed by Argentina, Mexico, Singapore, Colombia, Egypt and the European Commission.¹

David Olive committed to having as many discussions as possible before ICANN 59, subject to availability of relevant people. A suggestion from the GAC Chair to first contact those who had approached the Board/ICANN directly was taken on board. The option of a group meeting at ICANN 59 was noted and left open.

¹ Since the call the following GAC Members and Observers have expressed interest in participating in any discussion: Argentina, Brazil, Burundi, Chinese Taipei, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guyana, India, Iran, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, Sudan, Swaziland, Venezuela, WIPO.

2. Possible GAC-Board Meeting at ICANN 59

The GAC Chair noted that GAC members would like a face-to-face meeting with the Board at the Johannesburg meeting if possible. Markus Kummer said this makes sense but the Board will need to consider the request. Cherine Chalaby asked if questions from the GAC could be provided in advance. The GAC Chair said best efforts to do so were always made, but sometimes new issues come up during the course of a meeting.

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