

Proposed Timeline for Board-GAC Consultation Process

To be read in conjunction with **“Process for Consultations between the ICANN Board of Directors (“Board”) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (“GAC”), including those required pursuant to Article XI Section 2.1.j of the ICANN Bylaws”**

This timeline begins at Step 2 of the Process for Consultations and proceeds through Step 6. It is expected that the GAC and the Board will have, through clarifications on GAC Advice set out in Step 1, already addressed concerns related to the GAC Advice and the Board’s understanding of the Advice. The Board and the GAC are expected to complete the Consultation Process within 6 months (180 days).

Required Action	Proposed Timeframe	Maximum Proposed Days Elapsed
Board provides written notice to the GAC stating, in reasonable detail, the GAC advice the Board determines not to follow, and the reasons why such GAC advice may not be followed. (Step 2)	Begins the Process	0
The GAC will be afforded a reasonable period of time to review the Board’s Notice and explanation, and to assess whether there are additional elements of GAC advice that it believes have been rejected by the Board. (Step 2)	Within 45 calendar days from the receipt of the Board’s notice and explanation	45 days
Chair of the GAC and the Chair of the Board will confer as to an appropriate time and agenda for a meeting between the GAC and the Board (the “Bylaws Consultation”). (Step 3)	Within 15 calendar days from the receipt of the GAC assessment of the Board’s notice and explanation	60 days
All issues related to the meeting are identified and agreed upon between the GAC and Board prior to the consultation. (Step 3)	Within 30 calendar days from the receipt of the GAC assessment of the Board’s notice and explanation	75 days
Within a timeline agreed to by the GAC Chair and Board	Subject to the agreement to publish documents, such	121 days

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Chair, the GAC and/or the Board may prepare written documents setting forth their respective positions on the intended Board action for presentation at the Bylaws Consultation. (Step 4)	documents should be communicated and will be published at least two (2) weeks prior to the Bylaws Consultation meeting.	
Bylaws Consultation meeting is conducted. (Step 5)	Unless extenuating circumstances exist, the Consultation Meeting is recommended to occur within 60 calendar days of the agreement upon the issues between the GAC and the Board.	135 days
Board determines the action it will take based upon the Consultation meeting and provides notice to the GAC. (Step 6)	Within 21 days of the conclusion of the Consultation meeting.	156 days
GAC provides comment, if any, on the Board decision. (Step 6)	Within 21 days of the receipt of the Board's communication of determination.	177 days