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**A Note of Thanks on the Completion of Work of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group (CG) on Early Engagement of the GAC in GNSO Policy Development Processes (PDPs)**

From: GNSO Council Leadership

To: Manal Ismail & Jonathan Robinson (CG Co-Chairs) and CG Members

Cc: Thomas Schneider (GAC Chair), GNSO Council

Dear Manal, Jonathan and members of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group:

On behalf of the GNSO Council, we write to thank you for your work to enhance and facilitate early engagement by the GAC in GNSO Policy Development Processes (PDPs). From the GNSO Council's perspective, the new mechanisms and initiatives that have been adopted as a result of your recommendations are welcome improvements that will result in better coordination and communication between the GNSO and the GAC on policy matters.

On 7 November 2016, the GNSO Council unanimously adopted all the recommendations from the Consultation Group (CG) as contained in your Final Status Update and Proposed Recommendations (see <https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201611>). In accordance with Recommendation #8 in the CG report, the GNSO Council therefore considers the work of the CG complete and the group dissolved.

We understand that several remaining CG recommendations are currently being implemented by ICANN staff, and we anticipate that staff will update us and the GAC on the status of this work at our next joint meeting at ICANN58. We also look forward to continuing our collaboration with the GAC, to further enhance participation and early engagement of the GAC in GNSO PDP work.

Best regards,

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*Donna Austin (GNSO Council Vice-Chair)*

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