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GNSO Resolution: Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance

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GNSO Council Chairs

Cc: Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Rafik Dammak, Tarek Kamal, Nigel Hickson

Dear Katrina and Alan,

As Chairs of the Chartering Organizations of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG), we wanted to make you aware of a resolution from a recent Council meeting that concerns the GNSO Council's ongoing support as a Chartering Organization of the CCWG-IG.

On 24 August 2017, the GNSO Council unanimously adopted a motion expressing its support for continued ICANN community engagement in Internet Governance activities and recognizing the importance of the ICANN community's participation in these activities as appropriate to ICANN's mission. However, because the Council believes that the CCWG structure is not best suited to the purpose of this work (given the nature of CCWGs as time-limited and targeted to a specific deliverable), the GNSO Council has requested that members of CCWG-IG consider a different framework or model to more effectively conduct their work, and submit a proposal for a new structure to GNSO Council for consideration by ICANN61. This proposal should ideally incorporate clear mechanisms for ensuring a continuous and full dialogue between the ICANN community and the new structure to improve accountability and transparency in this important work. Additionally, the CCWG-IG should develop its submission with the understanding that the GNSO Council will withdraw as a Chartering Organization from the CCWG-IG in favor of the new proposal.

The full text of the resolution can be found at: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201708>. For your reference, the transcript of the Council meeting can be found here: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/meetings/transcript-council-24aug17-en.pdf>

We would be happy to discuss further the GNSO Council decision, if you feel this would be helpful.

Sincerely,

James Bladel (GNSO Chair)

Donna Austin (GNSO Vice-Chair, Contracted Parties House)

Heather Forrest (GNSO Vice-Chair, Non-Contracted Parties House)