**Appointment of a GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee**

Whereas:

1. As part of the discussions within ICANN between the GNSO and GAC, on how to facilitate early engagement of the GAC in GNSO policy development activities, the option of appointing a GNSO Liaison to the GAC has been proposed as one of the mechanisms to explore.
2. As such, the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group (CG) on GAC Early Engagement in GNSO policy development activities proposed to implement this option as a one-year pilot program in FY15 (1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015).
3. This mechanism will be evaluated at the end of FY 15, by both the GNSO Council and the GAC, to determine whether or not to continue in either in the same form or with possible adjustments based on the feedback received.
4. Following a call for candidates (see <http://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/msg16435.html>), five applications were received, all of which were evaluated by the GNSO Council Leadership based on the criteria outlined in the call for candidates.
5. Mason Cole was unanimously selected by the GNSO Council Leadership as the preferred candidate.

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council hereby appoints Mason Cole to the role of GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee until 30 June 2015.
2. The GNSO Council Leadership Team will co-ordinate with Mason Cole as well as the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group on next steps and the successful implementation of this new role.