**Motion – 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, a GNSO liaison to the GAC was piloted during FY15 and FY16.
2. Based on the review of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group (see [http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-liaison-gac-pilot-29feb16-en.pdf](https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-liaison-gac-pilot-29feb16-en.pdf)) and discussions between the GAC and GNSO during their joint session at the ICANN meeting in Marrakesh, the GNSO Council confirmed on 14 April 2016 role and process for a GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee as a permanent feature (see <https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/request-liaison-gac-30mar16-en.pdf)>.
3. Following a call for candidates (<https://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/msg19176.html>) three applications were received all of which were evaluated by the GNSO Council Leadership based on the criteria outlined in the call for candidates.
4. **Carlos Gutiérrez** was unanimously recommended by the GNSO Council Leadership as the preferred candidate.

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council hereby appoints **Carlos Gutiérrez** to the role of GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee until the end of the ICANN AGM 2017.
2. The GNSO Council will review the role and is expected to annually reconfirm the appointment, unless the review indicates otherwise and/or the Liaison has indicated that he/she is no longer available to continue in this role in which case a new selection process will take place and/or the review indicates .
3. The GNSO Council Leadership Team will co-ordinate with **Carlos Gutiérrez** as well as the GAC Leadership Team and GAC Secretariat on next steps and the successful implementation of this role.
4. The GNSO Council thanks all who expressed an interest in this role, and noting that all candidates met or exceeded the published requirments for the position.