27 November 2012

Dr Steve Crocker, Chair, ICANN Board

Heather Dryden, Chair, ICANN GAC

Dear Steve, Dear Heather,

**Accountability & Transparency Review Team 2 (ATRT 2)**

At its most recent meeting (15 November 2012) the GNSO Council discussed the call for volunteer ATRT2 members (http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-2-14nov12-en.htm).

The Council shares your sense of the importance of this review and would like to highlight the GNSO’s interest in contributing to it in a constructive and balanced way, as was the case during the first ATRT review.

In the course of the first application round, the GNSO approved, via a GNSO Council motion, a “Process for endorsement of nominees to the ATRT” (see attached) which we, the GNSO Council, propose to be the basis for the current application round.

In this context, I wish to draw your particular attention to two issues:

1. Schedule: since the GNSO nominations are to be derived from stakeholder group recommendations, and due to the fact that the application deadline is close to Christmas holidays, the GNSO will require at least until the date of our January meeting (17 Jan, 2013), to communicate our endorsement of nominees.
2. Composition: as in the first ATRT review, the GNSO requests four (4) ATRT2 member seats to be allocated by reference to the nominations from the respective Stakeholder Groups. We are aware that the final selection of the review team members is at your discretion.

We would appreciate if you could work with us as outlined above and look forward to a fruitful ATRT2 process.

Jonathan Robinson

Chair, GNSO Council

Attachment: **Process for GNSO Endorsement of Nominees to the**

**Affirmation of Commitments Review Teams**

cc:

GNSO council

SG chairs

Constituency chairs