**GNSO Council Motion on Adoption of the GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group Final Report and Recommendations**

Whereas:

1. On 17 July 2013, the GNSO Council approved the charter for a GNSO non-PDP Policy and Implementation Working Group (<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201307>) tasked to provide the GNSO Council with a set of recommendations on:
   1. A set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions, taking into account existing GNSO Operating Procedures.
   2. A process for developing gTLD policy, perhaps in the form of “Policy Guidance”, including criteria for when it would be appropriate to use such a process (for developing policy other than “Consensus Policy”) instead of a GNSO Policy Development Process.
   3. A framework for implementation related discussions associated with GNSO Policy Recommendations.
   4. Criteria to be used to determine when an action should be addressed by a policy process and when it should be considered implementation.
   5. Further guidance on how GNSO Implementation Review Teams, as defined in the PDP Manual, are expected to function and operate.
2. The GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group published its Initial Recommendations Report for public comment on 19 January 2015 (see <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/policy-implementation-2015-01-19-en>).
3. The GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group reviewed the input received (see [public comment review tool](https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/43985289/Public%20comment%20review%20tool%20-%20FINAL%2013%20May%202015.doc?version=1&modificationDate=1432671718000&api=v2)) and updated the report accordingly.
4. The Final Recommendations Report (see http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/policy-implementation-recommendations-01jun15-en.pdf), which contains a number of recommendations that will require changes to the ICANN Bylaws, has obtained the full consensus support of the GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group. The Final Recommendations Report was submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 2 June 2015.

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council adopts the GNSO Input Process as outlined in Annex C of the Final Recommendations Report and instructs ICANN staff to post the new version of the GNSO Operating Procedures, effective immediately upon adoption.
2. The GNSO Council recommends that the ICANN Board of Directors adopt the new GNSO Processes as reflected in the Annexes D and E for the GNSO Guidance Process and Annexes F and G for the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process as outlined in the Policy & Implementation Final Recommendations Report (see http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/policy-implementation-recommendations-01jun15-en.pdf).
3. The GNSO Council recommends that the GNSO Guidance Process and GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process shall be available for use by the GNSO Council following adoption of any necessary changes to the ICANN Bylaws by the ICANN Board. The GNSO Input Process, which does not require any Bylaw changes, will be available for use upon adoption by the GNSO Council.
4. The GNSO Council adopts the recommendation to add a provision to the GNSO Operating Procedures that clarifies that parallel efforts on similar/identical topics should be avoided as outlined in recommendation #3 of the Final Recommendations Report. The GNSO Council instructs ICANN staff to post the new version of the GNSO Operating Procedures immediately upon adoption by the ICANN Board of the GNSO Guidance Process and GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process per resolved clause 3.
5. The GNSO Council adopts the ‘Policy & Implementation Principles / Requirements’ as outlined in section 4 of the Final Recommendations Report and recommends that the ICANN Board of Directors also (a) adopts these principles / requirements and (b) instructs ICANN staff to follow these accordingly to help guide any future GNSO policy and implementation related work.
6. The GNSO Council adopts recommendation #4 of the Final Recommendations Report to modify the PDP Manual to require the creation of an Implementation Review Team following the adoption of the PDP recommendations by the ICANN Board, and instructs ICANN staff to post the new version of the GNSO Operating Procedures immediately upon adoption.
7. The GNSO Council adopts the ‘Implementation Review Team Principles & Guidelines’ as outlined in Annex L of the Final Recommendations Report and recommends that (a) the ICANN Board of Directors also adopts these principles & guidelines and (b) instructs ICANN staff to follow these accordingly to guide GNSO policy related implementation efforts.
8. The GNSO Council thanks the Policy & Implementation Working Group for its efforts and recommends that the working group is formally closed upon adoption by the ICANN Board of these recommendations while still allowing the working group to provide input to the GNSO Council and implementation staff should any questions or issues arise before or after that time.
9. The GNSO Council recommends that a review of these recommendations is carried out at the latest five years following their implementation to assess whether the recommendations have achieved what they set out to do and/or whether any further enhancements or changes are needed.