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## **Proposed Limited Scope for the Upcoming Third Accountability & Transparency Review Team**

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The GNSO Council thanks the CCWG-Accountability for requesting that the GNSO Council consider its suggestion to limit the scope of the upcoming third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT-3). The Council has reviewed the proposal carefully, and wishes to provide the following response. The Council requests that ICANN staff forward this input for consideration by the ATRT-3 when the Review Team is formed.

The GNSO Council is mindful of the fact that the mandate for the ATRT is outlined in the ICANN Bylaws and as such the Council does not believe it will be appropriate to limit the scope of the ATRT-3 at the outset of its formation. Nevertheless, the Council recognizes the strong possibility of substantial overlap between some of the work that is ongoing in Work Stream 2 of the CCWG-Accountability and the work that may potentially be done by the ATRT-3. The GNSO Council believes that it is important that the ATRT-3 conduct its work with a view toward efficacy and minimizing duplication of work as far as possible. Consequently, the GNSO Council wishes to offer the following advice:

- The ATRT-3 should, at an initial stage of its work, take account of the work being done within Work Stream 2 of the CCWG-Accountability and note any topics that can be considered as potentially overlapping;
- With respect to those topics that are identified as potentially overlapping, the ATRT-3 should consider ways of conducting its work so as to avoid duplication with the work of the CCWG-Accountability; for example, by defining its scope of work in line with the expected timing of outcomes from the CCWG-Accountability, or structuring its timeline to allow for the implementation of accountability mechanisms that may be modified or added as a result of the work of the CCWG-Accountability; and
- In developing its scope of work, the ATRT-3 should strive to: (a) avoid duplication of work being done elsewhere in the community, particularly by the CCWG-Accountability; and (b) minimize the possibility of conflicting recommendations resulting from concurrent work.

The GNSO Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposal from the CCWG-Accountability, and hopes that its advice will be helpful in focusing the work of the ATRT-3 while avoiding duplication of work that is already underway in the community

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