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GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC appointment

From: GNSO Council

To: GAC Chair and Vice-Chairs

Dear Manal, Mark, Ghislain, Milagros and Guo Feng,

The GNSO Council is pleased to inform you that, by a motion of the GNSO Council of 1 November 2017 (<https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201711>), Johan (“Julf”) Helsingius has been appointed to serve as GNSO Council Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).

To facilitate the transition of this role to Julf from its previous holder, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, as well as to introduce the new leadership teams of both the GAC and GNSO Council, we propose to schedule a call at a mutually agreeable time in the near future.

The GNSO Council considers the Liaison role to be an important communications bridge between the GNSO and the GAC. The GNSO Council plans to reflect on the Liaison role in its upcoming strategic planning session taking place in Los Angeles on 29-31 January 2017. This will be an opportunity for us to give close consideration to the feedback we have received from the GAC as to the effectiveness of the Liaison role, with a view to identifying possible improvements. We look forward to sharing the results of these discussions with you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent appointment as GAC Chair. We look forward to working with you and your leadership team throughout the coming year.

On behalf of the GNSO Council,

Heather Forrest, GNSO Chair

Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice Chair (Contracted Parties House)

Rafik Dammak, GNSO Council Vice Chair (Non-Contracted Parties House)

