

13 June 2019

Keith Drazek
GNSO Council Chair

Cc: Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Subject: IGO Access to Curative Rights Mechanisms: Follow-up on Next Steps

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your recent [letter](#) (31 May 2019) in response to the GAC's [request](#) (23 May 2019) for a confirmation of the GNSO Council's willingness to participate in a Board-facilitated dialogue, which the GAC has sought in order to address the persistent inconsistency between GAC Advice and GNSO Policy recommendations on the protection of IGO Identifiers, including their access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms (CRP).

Our understanding of the GNSO Council's position at this time, based on your response, the [GNSO Extraordinary Council Meeting](#) (28 May 2019), and the [GNSO-GAC Leadership Call](#) (21 May 2019) is as follows:

- Recommendations 1-4 of the IGO Access to CRP PDP WG Final Report will not be discussed further by the GNSO Council until the Board has made a decision on your [resolution](#) (18 April 2019)
- Formal action on recommendation 5 of the Final Report, including taking part in a dialogue, is considered not possible by GNSO Council at this time due to the apparent/perceived dependency on the outcome of the Board's consideration of recommendations 1-4
- The GNSO Council is not opposed to a future facilitated dialogue.

On the basis of the above, we understand that the GNSO Council believes that the conditions for a substantive dialogue during the ICANN65 meeting are not met at this time, unless otherwise initiated by the ICANN Board as part of its consideration of the situation.

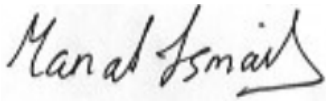
Therefore, in terms of ICANN65 planning, we propose that this matter be discussed between the GAC and GNSO, as needed, during our regular joint meeting, currently

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planned on Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 10:30 local time in Marrakech. In particular we would appreciate the GNSO Council's views on the concept of GAC Early Engagement vis-à-vis planned chartering work on recommendation 5. As for the dedicated 60-minutes dialogue session we had initially planned, we will reserve it should the Board decide to facilitate it as part of its consideration of the situation.

We look forward to further discussions as well as any new information or developments that could serve to resolve this long-standing issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manal Ismail". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Manal Ismail
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)