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Items in the ICANN76 GAC Communiqué Issues of Importance

To:
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CC:
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Dear Nicolas,

As is standard practice, following ICANN76 the GNSO Council submitted to the ICANN Board (https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/correspondence/ducos-to-sinha-et-al-10apr23-en..pdf) its Review of the ICANN76 GAC Communique (https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/icann76-cancun-communique), which focuses on informing the Board and the broader community of gTLD policy activities, either existing or planned, that may directly or indirectly relate to advice provided by the GAC. This review specifically focuses on GAC advice.

To supplement the review of advice, the GNSO Council would like to provide the following input to the GAC regarding two items included in the Issues of Importance section of the Communique:

2. DNS Abuse

The Communique notes that "DNS Abuse" should form the basis of the next wave of GAC Capacity Building interventions in the lead up to, and at ICANN77. To the extent that it would be useful for the GNSO Council to provide materials on GNSO work related to this topic or otherwise assist the capacity building efforts, the GNSO stands ready to support the GAC.

4. Transparency in GNSO Participation

The GNSO Council appreciates the interest of the GAC in the ongoing work on the review of the GNSO Statement of Interest Requirements. Through the Council's Committee for Overseeing and Implementing Continuous Improvement (CCOICI), the GNSO Statement of Interest Task Force was tasked to review the existing Statement of Interest (SOI) requirements and make recommendations accordingly. The Task Force published its draft recommendations report in September last year (see https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/updates-to-the-gnso-statement-of-interest-soi-procedures-and-requirements-09-09-2022).

Based on the feedback received during the public comment period, the Task Force has been reviewing further its position on the exemption to disclose who someone is representing. The exemption aims to accommodate individuals with certain professional ethical obligations that prohibit them from disclosing client information without the client's explicit consent. As the GAC may be aware, such an exemption already exists in the current SOI.

At this point in time, disagreement persists within the Task Force over whether some type of exemption should remain or whether it should be completely removed from the SOI. If the Task Force is not able to resolve this issue, it will provide its recommendations report, including an outline of the remaining area of disagreement to the CCOICI for further consideration.

The GNSO Council has taken note of the broader community's interest in this topic.

The GNSO Council further notes that two items included in the Issues of Importance, **Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs** and **Registration Data**, are key priorities that were discussed during the GAC-GNSO bilateral session at ICANN76. The GNSO Council welcomes any questions the GAC may have for the GNSO on these topics and can provide any further information at the GAC's request.

We hope the GAC welcomes this additional input on the GAC's Issues of Importance. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any of these items further.

Kindly,

Sebastien Ducos, GNSO Chair