Agenda Item 8: GAC Working Group on Participation in the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom)

Issues

1. Possible public-policy-focused criteria for the NomCom to use in selecting members for the ICANN Board.

2. GAC active participation in the NomCom itself.

Action required by GAC

This depends on what the Working Group reports to the GAC.

Current position

This Working Group is chaired by Argentina (Olga Cavalli).

There was no Working Group meeting at ICANN 60 (Abu Dhabi).

At the time of preparing this briefing, revised draft public-policy-focused criteria for the NomCom to use in selecting members for the ICANN Board had been circulated to Working Group members by the WG chair for consideration.

There was an exchange of views on NomCom issues on the GAC list in December 2017. Several members indicated support for the GAC taking up its (currently vacant) non-voting position in the NomCom. However, while this issue has been discussed several times in the GAC over the past four years, there is no GAC-wide consensus on this at present.

An organisational review of the NomCom is underway and an Assessment Report was recently published, and comments sought from SOs/ACs. The GAC was informed of details on 10 January 2018. There have been no GAC comments on this to date.

Further Information

GAC Working Group website: https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-group-on-gac-participation-in-nomcom

ICANN NomCom: https://www.icann.org/nomcom2018

Organisational review of NomCom: https://community.icann.org/display/OR

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