Agenda Item 7: Board-GAC Review Implementation (BGRI) Working Group

Note: This briefing has been prepared by ICANN GAC support staff.

Issue:

Efforts to improve the processing and tracking of GAC advice have been an underlying focus of the Board and GAC for some time. The GAC has realized Improvements in its work methods and efforts to improve processes between the GAC and the ICANN Board have progressed over the last several years.

Originated back in 2011 to address recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT), the Board-GAC Review Implementation Working Group (BGRI) has proven to be a useful vehicle for regular dialogue between the Board and GAC members. To date, the work has improved the receipt, consideration, processing and tracking of GAC advice by the ICANN Board. Issues under BGRI discussion have ranged from the actual definition of GAC advice to information exchange between the two entities, to GAC secretariat support and amendment of the GAC Operating Principles among several other topics.

GAC Action Required:

The following issues for discussion have been suggested by the GAC Chair:

1. Can the timing of the Board scorecard in response to GAC advice be improved?

2. Do we need to introduce a step for the GAC to acknowledge the Board scorecard before entering it into the RAA?

3. What are the status flags used in the RAA? Is there a need to re-iterate GAC Advice (Follow-up on previous GAC Advice section) if marked as open in the RAA? (we can look into open GAC Advice items as an example)

4. Can the structure of the GAC communique be improved?

Further Background Information/Details:

The Board-GAC Recommendations Implementation Working Group (BGRI-WG) (**https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/board-gac-2011-2012-02-28-en**) was originally created to implement GAC-related recommendations of the first ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review Team. (ATRT1), **https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atrt**.

The BGRI's term was then extended to implement GAC-related recommendations of the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT2), https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atrt;

And see ATRT2 Recommendation Implementation Wiki - https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT2+Implementation+Program - see recommendation 6 for GAC recommendations

Other Useful Links:

Final Recommendations of the First ATRT – 31 Dec 2010:
http://www.icann.org/en/reviews/affirmation/atrt-final-recommendations-31dec10-en.pdf

Board/GAC JWG Final Report – 19 June 2011:
http://www.icann.org/en/committees/board-gac-2009/board-gac-jwg-final-report-19jun11-en.pdf

ICANN ATRT Home Page: https://www.icann.org/resources/accountability

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