

## ARTICLE X: GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

### Section 1. DESCRIPTION

There shall be a policy-development body known as the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), which shall be responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains.

### Section 2. ORGANIZATION

The GNSO shall consist of (i) various Constituencies representing particular groups of stakeholders, as described in Section 5 of this Article and (ii) a GNSO Council responsible for managing the policy development process of the GNSO.

### Section 3. GNSO COUNCIL

1. ~~Subject to the provisions of the Transition Article of these Bylaws, t~~The GNSO Council shall consist of three representatives selected by each of the Constituencies described in Section 5 of this Article, and three persons selected by the ICANN Nominating Committee. No two representatives selected by a Constituency shall be citizens of the same country or of countries located in the same Geographic Region. There may also be two liaisons to the GNSO Council, one appointed by each of the Governmental Advisory Committee and the At-Large Advisory Committee from time to time, who shall not be members of or entitled to vote on the GNSO Council, but otherwise shall be entitled to participate on equal footing with members of the GNSO Council. The appointing Advisory Committee shall designate its liaison (or revoke or change the designation of its liaison) on the GNSO Council by providing written notice to the Chair of the GNSO Council and to the ICANN Secretary. The GNSO Council may also have observers as described in paragraph 9 of this Section.

2. ~~Subject to the provisions of the Transition Article of these Bylaws: (a) t~~The regular term of each GNSO Council member shall begin at the conclusion of an ICANN annual meeting and shall end at the conclusion of the second ICANN annual meeting thereafter. ~~;~~ ~~(b) t~~The regular term of ~~one two~~ representatives selected by each Constituency shall begin in ~~an~~ even-numbered years and the regular term of the other representative selected by the Constituency shall begin in ~~an~~ odd-numbered years. ~~;~~ ~~(c) t~~The regular term of one of the three members selected by the Nominating Committee shall begin in even-numbered years and the regular term of the other two of the three members selected by the Nominating Committee shall begin in odd-numbered years. Each GNSO Council member shall hold office during his or her regular term and until a successor has been selected and qualified or until that member resigns or is removed in accordance with these Bylaws. Except in a "special circumstance," such as to meet geographic diversity requirements, where no alternative representative is available to serve, no Council member may be selected to serve more than two consecutive terms. For these purposes, a person selected to fill a vacancy in a term shall not be deemed to have served that term. A former Council member must remain out of office for one full term prior to serving any subsequent term.

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