

ICANN BOARD SUBMISSION NO. 2014.03.27.1g

TITLE: **Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group**

PROPOSED ACTION: **For Consent Agenda**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 31 December 2013, the Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (“ATRT2”) submitted its Final Report and Recommendations to the Board. The Final Report contains twelve recommendations, including recommendations relating to the Governmental Advisory Committee (“GAC”) Operations and Interactions. In light of the ATRT2 GAC-related Recommendations, the Board Governance Committee recommends that the Board extend the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group (BGRI-WG) term to oversee the implementation of the ATRT2 GAC-related recommendations that the Board adopts.

BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (BGC) RECOMMENDATION:

The BGC recommends that the Board re-establish the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group with the following Board members: Chris Disspain, Bill Graham – Co-Chair (with GAC-identified Co-Chair), Erika Mann, Ram Mohan, Ray Plzak, and Mike Silber.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Whereas, in resolution 2011.09.17.10, the Board created the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group (“BGRI-WG”), which was tasked with leading the Board’s coordination with the GAC on, among other things, the implementation of the Governmental Advisory Committee (“GAC”)-related recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review Team (“ATRT”).

Whereas, the Second ATRT (“ATRT2”) submitted its Final Report and Recommendations to the Board on 31 December 2013 (“ARTR2 Report”).

Whereas, the ATRT2 Report contains recommendations regarding GAC Operations and Interactions.

Whereas, the Board Governance Committee (“BGC”) has recommended that the BGRI-WG’s term be extended in order to lead the Board’s coordination with the GAC on the implementation of the ATRT2 GC-related recommendations that the Board adopts.

Whereas, the BGC has recommended that a re-established BGRI-WG should consist of the following Board members: Chris Disspain, Bill Graham – Co-Chair (with GAC-identified Co-Chair), Erika Mann, Ram Mohan, Ray Plzak, and Mike Silber.

Resolved (2014.03.27.xx), the Board approves the extension of the term of the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group’s, which shall be tasked with leading the Board’s coordination with the GAC on overseeing the implementation of the ATRT2 GAC-related recommendations that the Board adopts.

Resolved (2014.03.27.xx), the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group’s term shall be deemed concluded upon determination by, and notification to the ICANN Board chair from, the Working Group’s co-chairs that its work in relation to the Board- adopted ATRT2 GAC-related recommendations is concluded.

PROPOSED RATIONALE:

ICANN is committed to continuing to enhance and improve its accountability and transparency. Extending the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation Working Group’s (BGRI-WG) term to oversee implementation of the ATRT2 GAC-related recommendations that the Board adopts is important to ensuring that the adopted recommendations are implemented in a manner that is efficient and effective, while enhancing the accountability and transparency of both the GAC and the Board. Further, as some of the Board members on the first formation of the BGRI-WG are no longer on the Board, the Board needed to re-visit the membership.

This action will not have any financial impact on ICANN and there will be no impact on the security, stability or resiliency on the DNS as a result of this action.

This is an Organizational Administrative Function that does not require public comment.

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