Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee Activities Report
1 January 2019 – 30 June 2019

Summary:

Completed Activities:
1. Reconsideration Request 14-42 (Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco/.TATA)
2. Reconsideration Request 16-3 (dotgay LLC/.GAY)
3. Reconsideration Request 18-5 (DotMusic Limited/.MUSIC)

In-Progress Activities:
1. Independent Review Process (IRP) Standing Panel
2. IRP Implementation Oversight Team's Composition
3. Reconsideration Request 19-1 (Colombian government/.AMAZON and related Internationalized Domain Names)

Section I: Completed Activities

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	BAMC Completion Date	Accomplishments/Outcome
1. Reconsideration Request 14-42 (Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco/.TATA)	Request submitted by Moroccan government relating to TATA Son's application for .TATA, seeking reconsideration of the Geographic (Geo) Names Panel's finding that the application met all the relevant criteria needed for a geographic top level domain. Following additional evidence submitted by the Moroccan government that it did not support TATA Son's application, which is required, the application was sent back to the Geo Names Panel for re-evaluation. Request 14-42 was placed on hold pending re-evaluation. On 13 January 2017, the Geo Names Panel issued a new report, finding that the required documentation of support or nonobjection was either not provided or did not meet the criteria described in the Applicant Guidebook and therefore the application was ineligible for further review. The application status was changed to "Will Not Proceed".	25 January 2019	On 25 January 2019, the BAMC determined that Request 14-42 be denied for mootness because the relief requested by the Requestor has already been effectuated by the outcome of the Geo Names Panel's re-evaluation of TATA Son's application. (*See* BAMC Determination on Reconsideration Request 14-42).
2. Reconsideration Request 16-3 (dotgay LLC/.GAY)	Request submitted by dotgay LLC (Requestor) seeking reconsideration of the Board Governance Committee's denial of the Requestor's previous reconsideration request, Request 15-21, which challenged the second Community Priority Evaluation ("CPE") panel's report finding that the Requestor did not prevail in CPE for the .GAY gTLD. On 25 January 2019, the BAMC recommended that Request 16-3 be denied because ICANN org and the CPE provider acted consistent with the Guidebook and did not violate applicable policies or procedures when the CPE Provider determined that the Application did not satisfy the requirement for Community Priority and ICANN org accepted the CPE Report. (*See* BAMC Recommendation on Reconsideration Request 16-3).	25 January 2019	On 25 February 2019, the Requestor withdrew Request 16-3 (*See* Email from Requestor dated 25 February 2019.)
3. Reconsideration Request 16-5 (DotMusic Limited/.MUSIC)	Request submitted by DotMusic Limited (Requestor) seeking reconsideration of the CPE panel's report finding that the Requestor's application for the .MUSIC did not prevail in CPE and ICANN's acceptance of the CPE report. On 25 January 2019, the BAMC determined that the CPE Provider did not violate any established policies or procedure in conducting the CPE. The BAMC further found that ICANN org did not violate any established policies, Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation when it accepted the CPE Report. The BAMC also concluded that the Requestors do not identify any misapplication of policy or procedure by the CPE Provider or ICANN org that materially or adversely affected the Requestors. The BAMC found that the Requestors have not shown that the Board relied on any false or	25 January 2019	On 14 March 2019, the Board adopted the BAMC's Recommendation (*See* Board Resolution 2019.03.14.12)

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	inaccurate information or disregarded any material information when it responded to the IRP Panel Declaration in the Despegar IRP (Despegar IRP Declaration). Accordingly, the BAMC recommended that the Board deny Request 16-5. (*See* BAMC Recommendation on Request 16-5).		

Section II: In-Progress Activities

Item	Description of BAMC Activity	Target Completion Date	Status
1. IRP Standing Panel	The BAMC discussed options to move the process forward, including proceeding with the publication of a Call for Expressions of Interest for standing panelists. The BAMC will continue to explore options to move forward the work on vetting the standing panel, which requires coordination among the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to nominate one slate for Board approval.	TBD	ICANN org to move forward with the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Standing Panel. The BAMC will continue to explore options to move forward the work on vetting the standing panel, which require coordination among the SOs and ACs to nominate one slate for Board approval.
2. IRP Implementation Oversight Team's composition	The Committee discussed the status of the work relating to repopulating the IRP-IOT. The BAMC noted that pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.3(n) of the ICANN Bylaws, the establishment of the IOT is ICANN's responsibility in consultation with the SOs and ACs. As the Board committee with oversight role of ICANN's accountability mechanisms, the BAMC considers the work of the IOT to be paramount to ICANN's accountability and is committed to ensuring that, in fulfilling its responsibility, the work of the IOT is completed in a timely and efficient manner. The BAMC acknowledged that while ICANN org previously issued a call for more volunteers to join the IRP-IOT, more detail should be provided to the SOs and ACs to assist in helping ICANN achieve a broader and active membership. The BAMC noted that it will ask the SOs and ACs, in their consultation role on the membership of the IOT, to assist with circulating the call for expressions of interest to their membership and engage with those people in their	TBD	The BAMC sent a letter to SO and AC leadership and the IOT to provide more information on the skills and experience required and the targeted size of the repopulated IRP-IOT. The BAMC will evaluate the expressions of interest following the EOI submission deadline of 31 July 2019.

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	membership and network that meet the skills and availability, and encourage them to apply.		
3. Reconsideration Request 19-1	Request submitted by the Colombian government, seeking reconsideration of the Board's action on 15 May 2019 (Resolutions 2019.05.15.13 - 2029.05.15.15) to move forward with the processing of Amazon corporation's applications for .AMAZON and related IDNs (.AMAZON applications). The Requestor asked that the Request be treated at "urgent" under the Bylaws. The BAMC determined that urgent reconsideration is not warranted for the reasons set forth in the BAMC's Determination Regarding the Requestor's Request for Urgent Consideration of Request 19-1. The BAMC then determined that Request 19-1, which was processed as standard request, satisfied the procedural review in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.2(k) of the Bylaws. Request 19-1 is currently pending evaluation by the BAMC.	TBD	The BAMC determined that urgent reconsideration is not warranted for the reasons set forth in BAMC's Determination Regarding the Requestor's Request for Urgent Consideration of Request 19-1. The BAMC then determined that Request 19-1, which was processed as standard request, satisfied the procedural review in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.2(k) of the Bylaws. On 28 June 2019, the Ombudsman recused himself from consideration of Request 19-1 pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.2(l)(iii). Request 19-1 is currently pending evaluation by the BAMC.