**Motion to confirm the role and process for a GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee**

Whereas:

1. As part of the discussions within ICANN between the GNSO and GAC, on how to facilitate early engagement of the GAC in GNSO policy development activities, the option of appointing a GNSO liaison to the GAC was proposed as one of the mechanisms to explore and implemented as a one-year pilot program in FY15 on the recommendation of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group.
2. The GAC and GNSO Council agreed that additional time was needed to fully evaluate this pilot program and as such requested, and received, support for continuing the pilot program in FY16.
3. The GAC-GNSO Consultation Group reviewed the pilot project (see <http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-liaison-gac-pilot-29feb16-en.pdf>) and has recommended to the GAC and GNSO that ‘the GNSO Liaison to the GAC, in conjunction with the other improvements recommended by the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group, has positively contributed to the GAC engagement with the GNSO, and recommends that the GNSO Liaison to the GAC is transformed from a pilot project to a permanent role’.
4. The GAC and GNSO discussed the review of the pilot project during their joint session at the ICANN meeting in Marrakesh.
5. The GNSO Council reviewed the ‘Request for Candidates – GNSO Liaison to the GAC’ which includes the proposed call for volunteers, application and evaluation process (see [include link].

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council hereby confirms that the GNSO Liaison to the GAC is to become a permanent role at the start of FY17 (1 July 2016) and adopts the ‘Request for Candidates – GNSO Liaison to the GAC’ as the requirements, process and procedures for this role (see [include link]).
2. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to distribute the request for candidates to the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies in accordance with the timeline outlined in the ‘Request for Candidates – GNSO Liaison to the GAC’.
3. The Council thanks Mason Cole who has been fulfilling this role for the last two years and looks forward to working with him during the remainder of his term.