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Subject: ccNSO Proposal to review Definition of ICANN Geographic Regions

Dear Avri and Chuck:

The ICANN Board invited the ICANN community (including the ALAC, ASO, ccNSO, GAC and GNSO) to provide input on the proposal by the ccNSO to appoint a community-wide working group to review the structure of ICANN's present Geographic Regions and related issues.

The Board recognized that any potential change to ICANN Geographic Regions would have "wide-spread effect" in ICANN and that it should seek the views of the other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees before taking further action. The ICANN Board directed Staff to summarize and analyze that community input and to subsequently prepare a report for consideration to the Board.

The GNSO is kindly requested to provide input, if any, on the suggested formation of a community wide working group, and its mandate.

Staff is targeting a Board report, summarizing all responses received, by early September. We hope that the GNSO will be able to provide input on the relative importance of the Geographic Regions structure to the At-Large community in general and to the value of a community-wide working group specifically, by that time. We expect that the proposed working group, if ultimately formed, will reach out to the broader community to seek further input and perspectives.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. For your convenience links to relevant background documents are included below. Please contact Rob Hoggarth, Senior Policy Director (policy-staff@xxxxxxxxxx ), who is staffing this issue, if you have any questions. We look forward to following-up with the GNSO.

Regards,

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