Dear Philippe,

I would like to share with you and the GNSO Council a discussion draft of the attached paper, Modifying Consensus Policies. The ICANN organization has developed this paper as a thought exercise to share with the community for information and input on existing processes. As mentioned in some of our previous interactions, this piece has been developed within the org, considering what procedures are in place for modifying consensus policies, and where there may be gaps, ambiguities, or opportunities for additional collaboration.

The Board has expressed interest in understanding these processes and discussing possible mechanisms to address where there are identified and agreed needs for greater clarity or elaboration. As the GNSO's processes are interwoven with those of the Board and org in the consensus policy lifecycle, the org is seeking input from GNSO stakeholders before taking this paper to the Board.

To date for the org, this review of applicable procedures to modify policies has been helpful in identifying gaps that might benefit from further clarification or discussion, relating to how to modify an existing policy in varying circumstances. Some possible gaps are further described in section 3 of this paper, to provide an opportunity for community discussions on identifying the source of gaps and confirming where they exist. In the spirit of sharing ideas and observations, we hope you also find this useful, and the org looks forward to hearing from GNSO stakeholders on these topics.

I appreciate that this comes at a busy time, and look forward to engaging on this in due course.

And, wishing the best for a successful ICANN72 meeting.

Kind regards,

Theresa