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Subject: GNSO Council offer to brief the ICANN Board on the Final Report from the EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protection for IGOs

Dear Maarten

During the GNSO Council's last Strategic Planning Session (SPS), one of the priorities that the Council identified was the need to explore ways to further support for and follow-up on Policy Development Process (PDP) recommendations after they have been approved by the Council. Subsequently, the Council held a brainstorming session in which the GNSO's Stakeholder Group and Constituency Chairs as well as the GNSO-appointed Board members, Becky and Matthew, also participated. The discussion focused on the current Board-Council interaction following the GNSO Council's approval of PDP recommendations, including possible gaps and remedies, with an emphasis on remedies that can be easily implemented and tested. One idea that was put forward was that, following the GNSO Council's approval of a PDP Final Report, the Council would offer to schedule a meeting with the ICANN Board where the GNSO Council, with the assistance of the PDP Chair(s), can present the Final Report and recommendations to the ICANN Board and answer questions from the Board.

Now that the GNSO Council has approved the Final Report from the EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs and submitted our Recommendations Report to the ICANN Board, the Council thought it might be timely and a good opportunity to explore whether the Board would welcome a meeting that will center on a presentation of the Final Report and its recommendations, followed by an ample opportunity to ask questions. The Council hopes that this type of meeting will promote engagement and dialogue between the Council and ICANN Board following the Council's approval of (E)PDP recommendations and reduce the need for formal exchanges on issues that could otherwise have been clarified or addressed in a more informal setting at an earlier stage in the Board's consideration of (E)PDP recommendations.

If you are open to this idea, I propose that the GNSO Secretariat works with the Board Operations support team to identify a good time / date for such a meeting.

Best regards,

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GNSO Chair