

To: Olivier Crépin-Leblond & the At-Large Advisory Committee

On behalf of the GNSO Policy & Implementation WG we want to thank you for the 'ALAC Statement on the Policy & Implementation Working Group' in response to the policy and implementation questions that you submitted in November of 2013. The purpose of this communication is to give you a brief status report with regard to how the WG is using your input.

All of your input has been reviewed and is being considered as the WG deliberates on tasks to which it is related. Here are a few examples how your input is being applied or will be applied going forward:

- Your statement says that 'implementation' can be understood as consisting of two distinct phases: 'execution' which would entail no decision that would impact the community, and 'implementation design' which includes decision[s] that could have been part of the original policy. We discussed this in the early stages of our work and expect to reconsider this as we move closer to developing recommendations.
- You went on to say that the challenge is to develop mechanisms to use to make these decisions which do not exclude the bottom-up process, but at the same time do not result in interminable delays. This very point was made in a recent WG call and has been reinforced by several WG members. In fact, we have started work on possible mechanisms for which your points will have very useful impact.
- The principles you proposed in your statement were very applicable to the second main task that the WG performed, i.e., development of policy and implementation principles. The current draft Working Principles take on board some of the ALAC's suggested principles, in particular the need for: (1) a methodology that recognizes when a decision may impact the community, (2) a bottom up process to address such decisions, and (3) time sensitive processes. What the Principles may not yet fully address are the points regarding a way to come to closure when the community is divided on an issue and the role of the Board in such an instance. These will be taken up by the WG when it returns to reviewing the draft Principles after completing its work on the various deliverables, unless there is a reason to do so earlier.

Thanks again for your responsiveness. You were one of only three groups that provided feedback so we appreciate that very much. You were also the first to respond.

Please continue to provide us input through your representative(s) on the WG and in response to future requests for comments.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Evans & Chuck Gomes (Co-Chairs), Michael Graham & Olévié Kouami (Co-Vice-Chairs)