



8 March 2016

To: Leon Sanchez, Thomas Rickert, Mathieu Weill
Co-Chairs, Cross Community Working Group on Accountability

Dear Co-Chairs

I am pleased to advise you that the GAC has agreed to the following response to the Supplemental Final Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations:

The GAC expresses its support for the multistakeholder, bottom-up approach within ICANN and reiterates its interest in participating in the post-transition phase with a view to fulfilling its roles and responsibilities.

The GAC wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the diligent and productive work performed by the CCWG-Accountability, its Co-Chairs, its members and all its contributors.

The GAC reaffirms its role as an advisory committee to the ICANN Board and within the ICANN multistakeholder environment and will continue to advise on relevant matters of concern with regard to government and public interests.

The GAC has considered the CCWG's proposal and supports Recommendations 1 to 10 and 12. However, there is no consensus on Recommendation 11 and the "carve-out" provision contained in Recommendations 1 and 2.

As regards Recommendations 1 and 2, the GAC expresses its willingness to take part in the envisioned empowered community mechanism as a decisional participant, under conditions to be determined internally.

While there are delegations that have expressed support for the proposal, there are other delegations that were not in a position to endorse the proposal as a whole.

In spite of this difference of opinions, the GAC has no objection to the transmission of the proposal to the ICANN Board.

Best regards,

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Mr Thomas Schneider
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee