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

Dear CCWG Co-Chairs,

The GAC welcomes the efforts of ICANN to better plan and budget the use of resources for any activity it undertakes, as the GAC believes that accountable and transparent planning is an essential element of good governance in an institution such as ICANN.

At the same time, the GAC recalls the agreed understanding among the ICANN community, which has also been confirmed by the ICANN board, that Work Stream 2 issues will be given the same priority, bearing and diligence as WS1 issues, so that the work carried out in Work Stream 2 will be concluded successfully and within a reasonable time frame with results that are supported by the whole ICANN community.

The GAC has no objection to your proceeding with this matter and presenting the proposed FY17 budget to the ICANN Board for approval as estimated expenditure, with the understanding that it will be possible to request additional resources should this be necessary for a successful conclusion of all issues of Work Stream 2.

I remain at your disposal and for any questions, please email the GAC Leadership at <u>gac-leadership@icann.org</u>.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Schneider Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee