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Draft FY19 IANA-PTI Operating Plan and Budget

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Dear Xavier -

Following the publication of ICANN's Draft FY19 IANA-PTI Operating Plan and Budget, the GNSO Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comments and feedback through ICANN's Public Comment Forum.

This statement was adopted by the GNSO Council without objection via the GNSO Council's mailing list. These comments are intended to complement any input that may be provided on the FY19 IANA-PTI Budget by GNSO Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs).

At the request of the GNSO Council, a standing committee of Councilors reviewed the draft FY19 IANA-PTI budget and examined the proposed budget allocations, focusing especially on aspects that directly relate to the GNSO Council's activities and priorities, both in relation to the GNSO's current workload, but also in view of any planned activities for FY19.

Based on this review, the GNSO Council would like to provide the following feedback:

General Comments:

- The GNSO Council notes that its current priorities and policy development activities do not appear to intersect directly with the operations of the IANA Functions by PTI. It is expected that SGs/Cs will provide more detailed feedback regarding the budget and operating plan of PTI.
- For FY19, the GNSO Council welcomes the separation of the Draft FY19 IANA Functions from the other IANA Services operated by ICANN as the IANA Functions Operator noting that this is sensible not only from a budgeting and allocation perspective, but it is the activities of the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) and Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) that are most visible to the GNSO Council.
- The GNSO, as a Decisional Participant within the Empowered Community, is aware that should any of its constituent parts have issue with the IANA-PTI budget, it is the IANA Operating Plan and Budget that would be subject to possible rejection petition should that occur.
- The GNSO Council fully supports the IANA-PTI budgets as currently provided and will defer any specific comments to its SGs/Cs.

The GNSO Council looks forward to submitting future comments as they relate to ICANN's finances and budget related proceedings.

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Best Regards,

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