**PROPOSED MOTION FOR NEXT STEPS IN DEVELOPING A FRAMEWORK FOR CROSS-COMMUNITY WORKING GROUPS**

Whereas, in October 2011 the GNSO Council adopted a [Resolution](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201110) approving the formation of a GNSO Drafting Team (DT) to develop a proposed framework under which working groups jointly chartered by other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs) along with the GNSO can effectively function and produce meaningful and timely reports and recommendations on topics that are of interest of such SO/ACs;

Whereas, pursuant to its [Charter](http://gnso.icann.org/issues/ccwg/charter-ccwg-30sep11-en.pdf) the DT proposed a set of [Draft Principles for Cross Community Working Groups](http://gnso.icann.org/drafts/draft-principles-for-cwgs-23dec11-en.pdf) (CCWGs) that were [approved](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201203) by the GNSO Council in March 2012;

Whereas, the GNSO Council [directed](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201203) ICANN staff to forward the Draft Principles to the Chairs of the other SO/ACs for their comments on both the principles and the route forward either for the adoption of the Draft Principles or the development of a related set of principles for the operation of CCWGs;

Whereas, in June 2013 the ccNSO provided [comments and suggestions](http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/ccnso-comments-cwg-principles-11jun13-en.pdf) regarding the Draft Principles for further consideration by the GNSO Council; and

Whereas, in full cooperation with other SO/ACs the GNSO Council now wishes to jointly develop an updated set of principles for CCWGs taking into consideration the feedback provided by the ccNSO and in collaboration with other interested SO/ACs so as to create a framework applicable across all SO/ACs for the effective functioning of CCWGs:

RESOLVED:

The GNSO Council thanks the DT for its work in developing the proposed Draft Principles and the ccNSO for its very constructive feedback;

The GNSO Council directs ICANN staff to prepare a paper consolidating the ccNSO feedback with the Draft Principles and highlighting areas requiring additional work as well as questions for further discussion;

 The GNSO Council intends to invite the ccNSO to provide a co-chair for, and all SO/ACs to appoint at least one representative each to, a new drafting team co-chaired by a representative from the GNSO and the ccNSO, to be tasked with creating a charter for a community working group having the responsibility of developing the updated set of principles for CCWGs;

The GNSO Council requests that the new drafting team be formed no later than the first GNSO Council meeting after the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires in November; and

The GNSO Council hereby appoints John Berard as the GNSO co-chair of the new drafting team.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

The GNSO Council requests that the new drafting team utilizes the Draft Principles, the ccNSO feedback and the upcoming staff paper as the basis for its work; and

The GNSO Council requests that the new drafting team, subject to the further input of other interested SO/ACs, consider at a minimum the following matters in developing the set of updated principles:

* Prior experiences relating to previous and current CCWGs (including without limitation the DSSA Working Group, the Joint GAC-ccNSO IDN Working Group and the Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group);
* The need to align the scope of CCWGs to the remit of each SO/AC and the appropriate delineation of the scope of a CCWG charter as a result;
* The type of issues or topics that might be suitable for CCWG work;
* How to deal with outputs from a CCWG and decision-making concerning such outputs, particularly in relation to matters where either an SO/AC disagrees with a CCWG or with one another on a CCWG’s recommendations, and taking into account the differing rules and operating procedures within each SO/AC; and
* The closure of a CCWG and, where applicable, periodic future reviews of CCWG recommendations.