**Motion to extend the term of the current GNSO Liaison to the GAC and confirm the extended timeline for the selection process for the next GNSO liaison to the GAC.**

Whereas:

1. The GNSO Council adopted the ‘Request for Candidates – GNSO Liaison to the GAC’ which includes the proposed call for volunteers, application and evaluation process (see <http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/request-liaison-gac-30mar16-en.pdf> during its meeting on 14 April 2016.
2. The subsequent call for volunteers resulted in one incomplete application by the deadline.
3. The GNSO Leadership team shared with the Council its assessment concerning the misalignment of the current deadline and the fact that the terms of possible candidates (e.g. former Council members) end at the ICANN AGM and as a result proposed to extend the selection timeline as follows: Nominations Accepted for Candidates - 1 OCT 2016; Council Chairs consider candidates and notify first choice - 20 OCT; Chairs submit motion to Council by 29 OCT for consideration during Council meeting on 8 NOV; GAC Leadership notified of new Liaison by 9 NOV.
4. The current GNSO Liaison to the GAC has agreed to extend his term until the ICANN AGM in Hyderabad.
5. The GNSO Council leadership expects that appointments of this nature will continue to be necessary in the future, and these selections would benefit from a uniform selection process. Additionally, the Council notes the upcoming implementation work associated with the post-transition bylaws will include work on drafting a uniform selection process, and this could be expanded to cover additional roles.

Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council hereby confirms the extension of the term of the current GNSO Liaison to the GAC, Mason Cole, until the end of the ICANN AGM in Hyderabad.
2. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to inform the GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies of the extended selection timeline (Nominations Accepted for Candidates - 1 OCT 2016; Council Chairs consider candidates and notify first choice - 20 OCT; Chairs submit motion to Council by 29 OCT for consideration during Council meeting on 8 NOV; GAC Leadership notified of new Liaison by 9 NOV).
3. The Council instructs Staff to include consideration of a uniform selection process as part of the work associated with implementing the post-transition bylaws