**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO GNSO OPERATING PROCEDURES RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND MOTIONS – 15 August 2016**

WHEREAS:

1. On 05 March 2015 the SCI submitted to the GNSO Council a [Review Request](https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/49350790/SCI%20Letter%20to%20GNSO%20Council%20Chair%20Concerning%20Current%20Practice%20in%20Relation%20to%20Motions%2009%20Oct%202015.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1444421112000&api=v2) concerning the fact that there are currently no formal procedures on (i) whether, how and by whom a properly submitted motion is to be seconded, and (ii) treatment of proposed amendments to such motions as either “friendly” or “unfriendly”.
2. At its [meeting](https://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/agenda-council-19mar15-en.htm) on 19 March 2015 the GNSO Council asked that the SCI codify the existing customary practices of the GNSO Council and consider new processes to govern the seconding of motions and amendments to motions.
3. In a [motion](https://community.icann.org/x/tYkQAw) approved on 19 November 2015 the GNSO Council requested the SCI: (1) To review Sections 2.2(b), (f) and (g) of the GNSO Operating Procedures with respect to clarifying: (i) the eligibility of incoming Council members to run for the position of GNSO Chair; (ii) the start and end dates and the duration of the Chair and Vice-Chair terms in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws; and (iii) the timing of publication of the election results; and (2) To recommend a general time table for election of the GNSO Council Chair to be approved by the GNSO Council and added to the GNSO Operating Procedures.
4. After extensive consideration the SCI reached Full Consensus on modifications to the GNSO Council Operating Procedures relating to [motions](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-op-procedures-motions-amendments-05jul16-en.pdf) and the [Chair/Vice-Chair elections](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-op-procedures-officer-elections-05jul16-en.pdf).
5. As required by the ICANN Bylaws, a [public comment forum](https://www.icann.org/public-comments/gnso-op-procedures-2016-07-05-en) on the proposed modifications was opened on 05 July 2016 and closed on 14 August 2016 during which two comments were received that supported the proposed modifications.
6. On its meeting on 16 July 2016, the GNSO Council [adopted](http://gnso.icann.org/en/meetings/agenda-council-21jul16-en.htm) the [charter](https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/gnso-review-charter-21jul16-en.pdf) of the GNSO Review Working Group, and instructed the SCI to disband following the completion of the two tasks now before the Council.

RESOLVED:

1. The GNSO Council adopts the modifications to the GNSO Operating Procedures relating to [motions](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-op-procedures-motions-amendments-05jul16-en.pdf) and the [Chair/Vice-Chair elections](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/proposed-revisions-op-procedures-officer-elections-05jul16-en.pdf).
2. The GNSO Council instructs ICANN staff to post the new version of the GNSO Operating Procedures, effective immediately upon adoption.
3. The GNSO Council thanks both present and former members of the SCI, as well as Policy Staff and the GNSO Secretariat supporting them for the work they have done on behalf of the GNSO over the years since the SCI’s formation. The SCI is hereby disbanded.