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**Recommended Improvements from the GNSO Council on ICANN Org Legislative Statement**

The GNSO Council supports ICANN org in its initiative to identify legislative and regulatory efforts across the globe that may have impacts on ICANN activities. However, we have some recommended improvements to the approach that ICANN org takes.

* First, the GNSO Council believes that the current, crowdsourced approach where the community is expected to identify errors and omissions in the Global Legislative and Regulatory Developments Report is inappropriate. If ICANN is a professional organization then its professional staff should be comprehensively monitoring the regulatory landscape within which we operate.
* Second, we encourage ICANN org to conduct proper regulatory impact assessments so that the community can understand the intended rationale for a law/regulation/directive, specific extracts of the proposed text that could have implications on activities within ICANN’s remit, and outline concretely what implications are anticipated for ICANN. A timeline should be included so we understand how imminent the law/regulation/directive is and when we need to take action.
* Third, we encourage ICANN org to partner with a professional firm to receive regular updates (at least every three months) focused on those key regions which cause the majority of concerns. These reports must be made available to ICANN community members in a timely manner.
* Fourth, while the GNSO Council would be pleased to accept ongoing monitoring reports, we would also welcome the opportunity to be briefed at our face-to-face meetings by ICANN’s government relations team and to enter into a dialogue about issues that have the potential to cause us concern.
* Fifth, once a law or regulation has been adopted, ICANN org must undertake a compliance assessment in order to fully understand what implications there may or may not be on ICANN activities.
* Sixth, the GNSO Council considers the GAC to be an important partner in these discussions and we would be delighted if they are able to alert us to potentially problematic legislation. However, we understand that often the GAC is not in a position to be able to do so, so we believe the onus must ultimately fall on ICANN org to structure the dialogue and to monitor regulatory and legislative developments.

Thank you for welcoming our input.