**Staff analysis of the Bylaws and possible changes to GNSO Operating Procedures mapped to the following categories by color code:**

**Nominations for GNSO representatives on Empowered Community, Customer Service Committee, IANA Functions Review Team, and other review teams in new Bylaws should be determined by [TBD]**

**Decisions made by GNSO to initiate or respond to Empowered Community petitions, instruct the GNSO Empowered Community Representative, and initiate investigations (per Bylaws Sections 22.8) will be made by a majority of each House in the GNSO Council [may change for some decisions].**

**Decisions made by GNSO on its own. e.g., request document inspection (Bylaws 22.7(a) and (e)) may be made by any GNSO Stakeholder Group or Constituency. This request would be automatically communicated by the GNSO’s Decisional Participant representative, and would not require action by GNSO Council. In addition, the GNSO Council may request ICANN document inspection per Bylaws 22.7(a) and (e).**

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| ARTICLE 4 ACCOUNTABILITY AND REVIEW |

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| 4.2 & 4.3 RECONSIDERATION REQUESTS; INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROCESS (IRP) FOR COVERED ICANN ACTIONS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 4.2(b) EC may file a Reconsideration Request if approved pursuant to Section 4.3 of Annex D (“Community Reconsideration Request”) and if the matter relates to the exercise of the powers and rights of the EC of these Bylaws. EC Administration to act as the Requestor for such a Community Reconsideration Request on behalf of the EC, as directed by the Decisional Participants4.3(b) A “Claimant” is any legal or natural person, group, or entity including, but not limited to the EC, a Supporting Organization, or an Advisory Committee that has been materially affected by a Dispute. To be materially affected by a Dispute, the Claimant must suffer an injury or harm that is directly and causally connected to the alleged violation. 4.3(j) ICANN shall, in consultation with the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, initiate a four-step process to establish the [IRP] Standing Panel … [SO/ACs] shall nominate a slate of proposed panel members from the well-qualified candidatesidentified per the process set forth in Section 4.3(j)(ii)(B).4.3(k) The Claimant and ICANN shall each select one panelist from the Standing Panel, and the two panelists selected by the parties will select the third panelist from the Standing Panel. In the event that a Standing Panel is not in place when an IRP Panel must be convened for a given proceeding or is in place but does not have capacity due to other IRP commitments or the requisite diversity of skill and experience needed for a particular IRP proceeding, the Claimant and ICANN shall each select a qualified panelist from outside the Standing Panel and the two panelists selected by the parties shall select the third panelist. In the event that no Standing Panel is in place when an IRP Panel must be convened and the two party-selected panelists cannot agree on the third panelist, the IRP Provider’s rules shall apply to selection of the third panelist.4.3(n) An IRP Implementation Oversight Team shall be established in consultation with the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and comprised of members of the global Internet community [to[ develop clear, published rules for the IRP that conform with international arbitration norms and are streamlined, easy to understand and apply fairly to all parties.4.3(p) A Claimant may request interim relief. Interim relief may include prospective relief, interlocutory relief, or declaratory or injunctive relief, and specifically may include a stay of the challenged ICANN action or decision until such time as the opinion of the IRP Panel is considered as described in Section 4.3(o)(iv).4.3(x) If the Board rejects an IRP Panel decision without undertaking an appeal to the en banc Standing Panel or rejects an en banc Standing Panel decision upon appeal, the Claimant or the EC may seek enforcement in a court of competent jurisdiction ….. By submitting a Claim to the IRP Panel, a Claimant thereby agrees that the IRP decision is intended to be a final, binding arbitration decision with respect to such Claimant. Any Claimant that does not consent to the IRP being a final, binding arbitration may initiate a non-binding IRP if ICANN agrees; provided that such a non-binding IRP decision is not intended to be and shall not be enforceable. | NEW: EC can file Reconsideration Request; SO/ACs expressly acknowledged as a possible Claimant for IRP (which may now be filed to cover enforcement of IANA contract and PTI service complaints); SO/ACs to be consulted as part of process for establishing Standing Panel (in coordination with the IRP Implementation Oversight Team); SO/ACs can nominate Standing Panel members from the list of qualified candidates. | The GNSO would need to determine the circumstances and mechanisms by which it will support a Reconsideration Request by the EC.The GNSO would need to agree on the voting threshold that would apply for each of the steps/items involved in an IRP (including relief) if this is to be different from a simple majority vote. If agreement is that the threshold will be a simple majority vote then existing processes could apply.The GNSO will also have to identify the process through which it will decide whether to be a Claimant for an IRP. Some of the questions could include, but are not limited to:--How a decision to initiate an IRP is reached - not just the threshold, but what it covers--Who would represent them? --Who would pay for representation?-- How would a claim that is supported by the GNSO be put forward? For the standing panel, the questions are likely to be more related to the following: --What are the thresholds to agree? --Would it make sense to rely more on the SGs/Cs? -- How does their voice fit in? | The process regarding nominations for Standing Panel members may be within the current remit of the GNSO Council, with Councilors consulting with their respective SGs/Cs on the matter. Note that Standing Panel members are appointed for 5-year terms.As the Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) seems to be a one-time appointment, a new process will likely not be needed. It is noted that the IOT is already formed and working. |

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| 4.6 SPECIFIC REVIEWS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Review teams will be established for each applicable review, which will include both a limited number of members and an open number of observers. The chairs of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees participating in the applicable review shall select a group of up to 21 review team members from among the prospective members nominated by the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees, balanced for diversity and skill:(A)Each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee participating in the applicable review may nominate up to seven prospective members for the review team; (B)Any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee nominating at least one, two or three prospective review team members shall be entitled to have those one, two or three nominees selected as members to the review team, so long as the nominees meet any applicable criteria for service on the team; and (C)If any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee has not nominated at least three prospective review team members, the Chairs of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees shall be responsible for the determination of whether all 21 SO/AC member seats shall be filled and, if so, how the seats should be allocated from among those nominated.  | NEW: Specific provision for appointment of review team members (these would be for the reviews mandated by the current AoC, which are being enshrined in the new Bylaws)Note that for the RDS review, ICANN must specifically work with SOACs to “explore structural changes to improve accuracy and access to generic top-level domain registration data, as well as consider safeguards for protecting such data.” | The GNSO will need to agree on a process for nominating and selecting these review team members.Issues the GNSO may wish to discuss include:(1) how will the GNSO (or its subparts) identify the up-to-seven nominees for any of the review teams; and (2) how should the GNSO Chair participate in the selection of the review team? | The current practice (e.g. as was used for ATRT and CCT) could be used and/or modified to serve as a general procedure for nominating and selecting review team members. See the ATRT 2 at <https://www.icann.org/>resources/reviews/aoc/atrt and the CCT Review Team athttps://community.icann.org /x/C4RlAw. Further guidance for the GNSO Chair may need to be developed based on the new procedure. |

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| 4.7 COMMUNITY MEDIATION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) If the Board refuses or fails to comply with a duly authorized and valid EC Decision (as defined in Section 4.1(a) of Annex D) under these Bylaws, the EC Administration representative of any Decisional Participant who supported the exercise by the EC of its rights in the applicable EC Decision during the applicable decision period may request that the EC initiate a mediation process pursuant to this Section 4.7. The Board shall be deemed to have refused or failed to comply with a duly authorized and valid EC Decision if the Board has not complied with the EC Decision within 30 days of being notified of the relevant EC Decision. | NEW: Procedure to request that the EC initiate a mediation process; ability to recommend individuals to represent the EC in the Mediation Administration. | The GNSO Council will request that the EC initiate Mediation, and recommend EC representatives for the Mediation Administration. Note, however, that how this procedure is defined may need to be done in consultation with the other Decisional Participants. The GNSO Council may also need to decide on the voting threshold depending on a weighting of the decisions.More broadly, this type of process/decision can be related directly to how the GNSO will define its participation in the EC. For example, how will the GNSO make a decision that it should request the initiation if there is not a straightforward allegation of a violation? | No current process specifically addresses this. However, it is envisioned that the GNSO Council will make the request on behalf of the GNSO, with Councilors consulting with their respective SGs/Cs according to current practice. |
| (b) If the EC Administration delivers a Mediation Initiation Notice (as defined in Section 4.1(a) of Annex D) to the Secretary pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.1(a) of Annex D, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the EC Administration shall designate individuals to represent the EC in the mediation (“Mediation Administration”) and the Board shall designate representatives for the mediation (“Board Mediation Representatives”). Members of the EC Administration and the Board can designate themselves as representatives.  |  | One topic for consideration is what principles the GNSO will use to guide how it identifies its representatives to the Mediation Administration. |  |

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| ARTICLE 6 EMPOWERED COMMUNITY |

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| SECTION 6.1 COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY |  |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) The Empowered Community (“**EC**”) shall be a nonprofit association formed under the laws of the State of California consisting of the ASO, the ccNSO, the GNSO, the ALAC and the GAC (each a “**Decisional Participant**” or “associate,” and collectively, the “**Decisional Participants**”). | NEW: Procedures relating to Decisional Participants and decision making | One point of discussion could be whether the GNSO would act through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism was determined or desired. Also, see comment above with respect to consultation with other Decisional Participants and the weighting of decision to determine thresholds. | No current process specifically addresses this. However, it is envisioned that the GNSO Council will be the decision-making body for the GNSO as a Decisional Participant, with Councilors consulting with their respective SGs/Cs according to current practice. The GNSO Council Chair, or designee, would then be the GNSO representative in the EC Administration. The GNSO may wish to consider what principles it would want to have in place to guide a designation. More generally, for a number of these new provisions relating to GNSO Decisional Participation, the GNSO might wish to consider whether different processes /voting weightages/principles are needed for different types (e.g. in impact or complexity). |

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| (g) Each Decisional Participant shall, except as otherwise provided in Annex D, adopt procedures for exercising the rights of such Decisional Participant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Annex D, including (i) who can submit a petition to such Decisional Participant, (ii) the process for an individual to submit a petition to such Decisional Participant, including whether a petition must be accompanied by a rationale, (iii) how the Decisional Participant determines whether to accept or reject a petition, (iv) how the Decisional Participant determines whether an issue subject to a petition has been resolved, (v) how the Decisional Participant determines whether to support or object to actions supported by another Decisional Participant, and (vi) the process for the Decisional Participant to notify its constituents of relevant matters. | NEW: Procedures for exercising the rights of a Decisional Participant as described in (i)-(vi) | Clarity may be needed as to whether the GNSO acts through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism is deemed to be needed. Also, see comment above with respect to consultation with other Decisional Participants and the weighting of decision to determine thresholds. | See additional notes on Annex D (forthcoming). |

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| SECTION 6.2 EC POWERS  |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 6.2(a) & (b) EC will have various powers and rights, including appointing and removing individual Directors (other than the President); recall the entire Board; reject ICANN Budgets, IANA Budgets, Operating Plans and Strategic Plans; reject Standard Bylaws Amendments; approve Fundamental Bylaw Amendments, Articles Amendments and Asset Sales; reject PTI Governance Actions; require the ICANN Board to re-review its rejection of IFR Recommendation Decisions, Special IFR Recommendation Decisions, SCWG Creation Decisions and SCWG Recommendation Decisions; initiate a Community Reconsideration Request, mediation or a Community IRP; and take necessary and appropriate action to enforce its powers and rights, including through the community mechanism contained in Annex D or an action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. EC may also pursue an action in any court with jurisdiction over ICANN to enforce the EC’s rights under these Bylaws. ICANN acknowledges the EC’s legal personhood and shall not raise the EC’s legal personhood as a defense in any proceeding between ICANN and the EC. ICANN shall not assert as a defense that prior filing or completion of a Reconsideration Request or an IRP Claim was a prerequisite to an action in court regarding the EC’s power to appoint or remove an individual Director or recall the Board. | NEW: Various rights and powers for the EC (as described in (a) & (b)) | See notes above regarding the possibility that the GNSO will exercise its rights and powers via the GNSO Council.  |  |

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| SECTION 6.3 EC ADMINISTRATION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) The Decisional Participants shall act through their respective chairs or such other persons as may be designated by the Decisional Participants (collectively, such persons are the “**EC Administration**”). Each Decisional Participant shall deliver annually a written certification from its chair or co-chairs to the Secretary designating the individual who shall represent the Decisional Participant on the EC Administration.(b) In representing a Decisional Participant on the EC Administration, the representative individual shall act solely as directed by the represented Decisional Participant and in accordance with processes developed by such Decisional Participant in accordance with Section 6.1(g). (c) In representing the EC Administration, the individuals serving thereon shall act as required for the EC to follow the applicable procedures in Annex D, and to implement EC decisions made in accordance with such procedures.(d) All communications and notices required or permitted to be given under these Bylaws by a Decisional Participant shall be provided by the Decisional Participant’s representative on the EC Administration. All communications and notices required or permitted to be given under these Bylaws by the EC shall be provided by any member of the EC Administration. Where a particular Bylaws notice provision does not require notice to the Secretary, the EC and the Decisional Participants shall provide a copy of the notice to the Secretary in accordance with Section 21.5, and ICANN shall post it on the Website. | NEW: Procedures for Decisional Participants as described in (a)-(d) | The GNSO needs to agree on how such “other persons” would/could be designated and by whom.  | Discuss advisability of designating GNSO Chair as EC representative, possibly with option to appoint a temporary alternate (see above). |

ARTICLE 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| SECTION 7.2 DIRECTORS AND THEIR SELECTION; SECTION 7.12 VACANCIES |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 7.2(b) In carrying out their responsibilities to nominate Directors for Seats 9 through 15 for designation by the EC, the Supporting Organizations and the At-Large Community shall seek to ensure that the Board is composed of Directors who, in the aggregate, display diversity in geography, culture, skills, experience, and perspective, by applying the criteria set forth in Section 7.3, Section 7.4 and Section 7.5. The Supporting Organizations shall ensure that, at any given time, no two Directors nominated by a Supporting Organization are citizens from the same country or of countries located in the same Geographic Region.7.12(a) Vacancies occurring in Seats 1 through 15 shall be filled by the EC after nomination as provided in Section 7.2 and Articles 8 through 12. 7.12(b) [Concerning vacancies when the entire Board is recalled] Concurrently with delivery of any EC Board Recall Notice (as defined in Section 3.3(f) of Annex D), the EC Administration shall provide written notice of the EC’s designation of individuals to fill such vacancies (each such individual, an “Interim Director”) to the Decisional Participants and to the Secretary, who shall cause such notice to be promptly posted to the Website. An Interim Director must meet the criteria specified in Section 7.3, Section 7.4 and Section 7.5, as applicable. An Interim Director shall hold office until the EC designates the Interim Director’s successor in accordance with Section 7.12(a), and the successor’s designation shall occur within 120 days of the Interim Director’s designation. | NEW: Appointment of Directors via the EC | The GNSO will need to discuss the process and criteria for selection of Directors, including Interim Directors. |  |

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| ARTICLE 11 GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION |

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| SECTION 11.3 GNSO COUNCIL |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
|  (i) Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, Annex A hereto, or the GNSO Operating Procedures, the default threshold to pass a GNSO Council motion or other voting action requires a simple majority vote of each House. The voting thresholds described below shall apply to the following GNSO actions: | NEW: Supermajority votes per GNSO role as Decisional Participant for these actions:**Section 17.3**: Amendments to CSC Charter – ratified by a vote of the simple majority of the GNSO Council**Section 18.3**: Frequency of Periodic IFRS: Approval of a delay by supermajority**Section 18.6:** IFR Recommendations approved by supermajority**Section 18.12**: Special IFR approved by supermajority ANDSpecial IFR Recommendations approved by supermajority**Section 19.1**: Establish SCWG – SCWG creation recommendation approved by supermajority ANDSCWG recommendation approved by supermajority | These will need to be fully documented in and where necessary revised or added to the GNSO Operating Procedures. | This can be done by amending the voting thresholds table currently in the GNSO Operating Procedures.NOTE: Where GNSO Supermajority is used, it is specifically intended to refer to the defined use of a supermajority threshold for the GNSO Council. |

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| ARTICLE 16 POST TRANSITION IANA ENTITY |

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| SECTION 16.2 PTI GOVERNANCE |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| No amendment or modification of the articles of incorporation of PTI shall be effective unless approved by the EC (pursuant to the procedures applicable to Articles Amendments described in Section 25). | NEW: EC approval of changes to PTI articles of incorporation. | Clarity may be needed as to whether the GNSO acts through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism is deemed to be needed.  |  |

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| SECTION 16.3 IANA NAMING FUNCTIONS CONTRACT |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| On or prior to 1 October 2016, ICANN shall enter into a contract with PTI for the performance of the IANA naming function (as it may be amended or modified, the “**IANA Naming Function Contract**”) and a related statement of work (the “**IANA Naming Function SOW**”). Except as to implement any modification, waiver or amendment to the IANA Naming Function Contract or IANA Naming Function SOW related to an IFR Recommendation or Special IFR Recommendation approved pursuant to Section 18.6 or an SCWG Recommendation approved pursuant to Section 19.4 (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be subject to this Section 16.3(a)), ICANN shall not agree to modify, amend or waive any Material Terms (as defined below) of the IANA Naming Function Contract or the IANA Naming Function SOW if a majority of each of the ccNSO and GNSO Councils reject the proposed modification, amendment or waiver. | NEW: Majority of GNSO Council rejects the proposed modification, amendment, or waiver. | Clarity may be needed as to whether the GNSO acts through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism is deemed to be needed. Need to clarify whether majority means simple majority of each house. |  |

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| ARTICLE 17 CUSTOMER STANDING COMMITTEE |

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| SECTION 17.1 DESCRIPTION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| The CSC is not authorized to initiate a change in PTI through a Special IFR (as defined in Section 18.1), but may escalate a failure to correct an identified deficiency to the ccNSO and GNSO, which might then decide to take further action using consultation and escalation processes, which may include a Special IFR. The ccNSO and GNSO may address matters escalated by the CSC, pursuant to their operating rules and procedures.  | NEW: Consultation and escalation processes and Special IFR | The GNSO should discuss whether or not its current procedures are adequate to cover this situation. |  |

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| SECTION 17.2 COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, TERM AND REMOVAL |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) If so determined by the ccNSO and GNSO, the CSC may, but is not required to, include one additional member: an individual representing top-level domain registry operators that are not considered a ccTLD or gTLD, who shall be appointed by the ccNSO and the GNSO. Such representative shall be required to submit a letter of support from the registry operator it represents.(c) Each of the following organizations may also appoint one liaison to the CSC in accordance with the rules and procedures of the appointing organization: (i) GNSO (from the Registrars Stakeholder Group or the Non-Contracted Parties House), (ii) ALAC, (iii) either the NRO or ASO (as determined by the ASO), (iv) GAC, (v) RSSAC, (vi) SSAC and (vii) any other Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee established under these Bylaws.(d) The GNSO and ccNSO shall approve the initial proposed members and liaisons of the CSC, and thereafter, the ccNSO and GNSO shall approve each annual slate of members and liaisons being recommended for a new term. | NEW:(b) Appointment of individual representing top-level domain registry operator not ccTLD or gTLD.(c) Appointment of liaison to the CSC.(d) Approval of initial proposed members and liaisons of the CSC and annual slate of members and liaisons. | Yes, this will require procedures for appointing a member by the Registry Stakeholder Group and a liaison by the GNSO. If one or more letters of support are provided for a non ccTLD or gTLD representative to join as a member, a procedure will need to be developed to identify how the GNSO will (i) internally and (ii) externally [with the ccNSO] determine the additional member.In addition, the GNSO and ccNSO must jointly approve the full membership of the CSC. | This is currently covered by provisional procedures developed to address the GNSO’s obligations relating to the CSC. These procedures will need to be formally approved as part of the GNSO Operating Procedures.GENERAL NOTE: Individual SGs and Cs should also review their internal procedures to ensure that they are able to make all the necessary appointments enabled by the revised Bylaws. |

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| SECTION 17.3 CSC CHARTER; PERIODIC REVIEW |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) The effectiveness of the CSC shall be reviewed two years after the first meeting of the CSC; and then every three years thereafter. The method of review will be determined by the ccNSO and GNSO and the findings of the review will be published on the Website. | NEW: GNSO and ccNSO define method of review of the CSC charter. | Possible new procedures, although current procedures for GNSO Council approval via a vote on a motion may apply. | Discuss if current procedures for GNSO Council approval may apply. |
| (c) The CSC Charter shall be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the ccNSO and the Registries Stakeholder Group selected by such organizations. This review shall commence one year after the first meeting of the CSC. Thereafter, the CSC Charter shall be reviewed by such committee of representatives from the ccNSO and the Registries Stakeholder Group selected by such organizations at the request of the CSC, ccNSO, GNSO, the Board and/or the PTI Board and/or by an IFRT in connection with an IFR. | NEW: GNSO is one of the bodies that is to request the formation of committee comprised of ccNSO and RySG representatives, to review CSC Charter. | Possible new procedures, although current procedures for GNSO Council approval via a vote on a motion may apply. | Discuss if current procedures for GNSO Council approval may apply. |
| (d) Amendments to the CSC Charter shall not be effective unless ratified by the vote of a simple majority of each of the ccNSO and GNSO Councils pursuant to each such organizations’ procedures. Prior to any action by the ccNSO and GNSO, any recommended changes to the CSC Charter shall be subject to a public comment period that complies with the designated practice for public comment periods within ICANN. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent any provision of an amendment to the CSC Charter conflicts with the terms of the Bylaws, the terms of the Bylaws shall control. | NEW: Amendments to the CSC Charter by a vote of simple majority of the GNSO Council. | Possible new procedures, although current procedures for GNSO Council approval via a vote on a motion may apply. | Discuss if current procedures for GNSO Council approval may apply. |

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| ARTICLE 18 IANA NAMING FUNCTION REVIEWS |

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| SECTION 18.2 FREQUENCY OF PERIODIC IFRS  |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (c) In the event a Special IFR is ongoing at the time a Periodic IFR is required to be convened under this Section 18.2, the Board shall cause the convening of the Periodic IFR to be delayed if such delay is approved by the vote of (i) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council’s members) and (ii) a GNSO Supermajority. Any decision by the ccNSO and GNSO to delay a Periodic IFR must identify the period of delay, which should generally not exceed 12 months after the completion of the Special IFR. | NEW: Delay of convening IFR subject to GNSO Supermajority vote. | Only the administrative change required to update the voting thresholds in the GNSO Operating Procedures.  | Update GNSO Council voting thresholds table in the GNSO Operating Procedures.  |

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| SECTION 18.6 RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE IANA NAMING FUNCTION CONTRACT, IANA NAMING FUNCTION SOW OR CSC CHARTER |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) (i) The IFR Recommendation becomes effective if it has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council’s members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority.(c) (i) If the Board rejects an IFR Recommendation that was approved by the ccNSO Council and GNSO Council [or] does not resolve to either accept or reject an IFR Recommendation within [the requisite time period], the Secretary shall provide a Board Notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants … ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a Rejection Action Community Forum … to discuss the Board Notice; [and] the EC Administration shall be treated as the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant. | NEW: Approve IFR Recommendation by a GNSO Supermajority; EC Administration can direct Board to convene rejection action community forum. | For approval, only the administrative change required to update the voting threshold in the GNSO Operating Procedures. May need to clarify if and how the GNSO Council may instruct the EC to request the Board to convene the community forum. | Update GNSO Council voting thresholds table in the GNSO Operating Procedures. |

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| SECTION 18.7 COMPOSITION OF IFR REVIEW TEAMS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| Each GNSO SG can appoint one member (except that the RySG may appoint two). One of the two IFRT co-chairs is to be appointed “by the GNSO” from among the members appointed by the different stakeholder groups or constituencies in the GNSO. There is also the possibility of “other participants” that cannot vote. | NEW: IFRTs and their appointments | The GNSO SGs will collectively need to agree on a uniform process for the nomination and appointment process of a IFRT co-chair.  | Each listed constituency or stakeholder group of the GNSO will also have to identify the process through which it will make its appointment.  |

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| SECTION 18.12 SPECIAL IFRS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) A Special IFR may be initiated outside of the cycle for the Periodic IFRs to address any deficiency, problem or other issue that has adversely affected PTI’s performance under the IANA Naming Function Contract and IANA Naming Function SOW [under] the following conditions: (i) The Remedial Action Procedures of the CSC set forth in the IANA Naming Function Contract shall have been followed and failed to correct the PTI Performance Issue and the outcome of such procedures shall have been reviewed by the ccNSO and GNSO according to each organization’s respective operating procedures;(ii) The IANA Problem Resolution Process set forth in the IANA Naming Function Contract shall have been followed and failed to correct the PTI Performance Issue and the outcome of such process shall have been reviewed by the ccNSO and GNSO according to each organization’s respective operating procedures;(iii) The ccNSO and GNSO shall have considered the outcomes of the processes set forth in the preceding clauses (i) and (ii) and shall have conducted meaningful consultation with the other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees with respect to the PTI Performance Issue and whether or not to initiate a Special IFR; and(iv) After a public comment period that complies with the designated practice for public comment periods within ICANN, if a public comment period is requested by the ccNSO and the GNSO, a Special IFR shall have been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the Council members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority.(c) A recommendation of an IFRT for a Special IFR shall only become effective if, with respect to each such recommendation (each, a “**Special IFR Recommendation**”), each of the following occurs:(i) The Special IFR Recommendation has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council’s members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority.(d) If the Board rejects a Special IFR Recommendation that was approved by the ccNSO Council and GNSO Council [or] does not resolve to either accept or reject a Special IFR Recommendation within [the requisite time period], the Secretary shall provide a Board Notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants … ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a Rejection Action Community Forum … to discuss the Board Notice; [and] the EC Administration shall be treated as the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant. | NEW: (a) (i) Review of the outcome of the Remedial Action Procedures of the CSC.(ii) Review of the IANA Problem Resolution Process.(iii) Consultation with other SOs and ACs.(iv) Comment period requested by GNSO and Special IFR approval by GNSO Supermajority. | Possible new procedure, although it may be that existing procedures and/or the GIP could be applied. This will require discussion. | The GNSO should discuss whether this is within the current remit and procedures of the Council. The new GIP could potentially be extended/amended to apply to certain aspects of this process, e.g. responding to another SO/AC request to initiate a Special IFR. |

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| ARTICLE 19 IANA NAMING FUNCTION SEPARATION PROCESS |

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| SECTION 19.1 ESTABLISHING AN SCWG |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) The Board shall establish an SCWG if each of the following occurs: (ii) The SCWG Creation Recommendation has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council’s members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority; | NEW: Approval of SCWG by a GNSO Supermajority. | Only the administrative change required to update the voting thresholds in the GNSO Operating Procedures.  | GNSO Council voting thresholds table in the GNSO Operating Procedures.  |

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| SECTION 19.3 COMMUNITY REVIEWS AND REPORTS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| The SCWG shall seek community input through one or more public comment periods (such public comment period shall comply with the designated practice for public comment periods within ICANN) and may recommend discussions during ICANN’s public meetings in developing and finalizing its recommendations and any report. |  | No - the SCWG is anticipated to follow the soon-to-be finalized Uniform Framework of Cross-Community Working Group Principles. |  |

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| SECTION 19.4 SCWG RECOMMENDATIONS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) ICANN shall not implement an SCWG recommendation (including an SCWG recommendation to issue an IANA Naming Function RFP) unless, with respect to each such recommendation (each, an “**SCWG Recommendation**”), each of the following occurs:(i) The SCWG Recommendation has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO’s procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council’s members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority.(c) [Similar process for Board rejection of SCWG recommendation as for IFR and Special IFR Recommendations, including convening community action forum at request of the EC.] | NEW: Approval of SCWG recommendation by GNSO Supermajority.Note: the recommendation to create a SCWG is anticipated to come out of a Special or Periodic IFR (see above). | Only the administrative change required to update the voting thresholds in the GNSO Operating Procedures. May need to clarify if and how the GNSO Council may instruct the EC to request the Board to convene the community forum | GNSO Council voting thresholds table in the GNSO Operating Procedures.  |

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| SECTION 19.6 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS AND LIAISONS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) The SCWG shall be led by two co-chairs: one appointed by the GNSO from one of the members appointed pursuant to clauses (iii)-(vi) of Section 19.5(a) and one appointed by the ccNSO from one of the members appointed pursuant to clauses (i)-(ii) of Section 19.5(a). | NEW: Appointment of Co-Chair of the SCWG from the GNSO. | The GNSO will need to agree on the identification of a co-chair from among the appointees selected from across the GNSO community. Each listed constituency or stakeholder group of the GNSO will also have to identify the process through which it will make its appointment. The collective of those Cs/SGs need to identify how they will agree upon one of those appointees as the recommended co-chair. | See comments under IFRT (above). |

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| ARTICLE 22 FISCAL AND STRATEGIC MATTERS, INSPECTION, AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION |

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| SECTION 22.7 INSPECTION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) A Decisional Participant (the “**Inspecting Decisional Participant**”) may request to inspect the accounting books and records of ICANN, as interpreted pursuant to the provisions of Section 6333 of the CCC, and the minutes of the Board or any Board Committee for a purpose reasonably related to such Inspecting Decisional Participant’s interest as a Decisional Participant in the EC. The Inspecting Decisional Participant shall make such a request by providing written notice from the chair of the Inspecting Decisional Participant to the Secretary stating the nature of the documents the Inspecting Decisional Participant seeks to inspect (“**Inspection Request**”)…[excerpt] | NEW: GNSO (as decisional participant) requesting an inspection. | There is nothing to prevent the GNSO Council from initiating, or a SG/C to request that the Council initiate, an inspection request. However, given the significance of this new ability, it may be preferable to develop and document specific mechanisms and/or agree on the voting threshold that would apply to requesting an inspection should it be different from a simple majority vote of the Council. | The GNSO should discuss whether a new process should be developed to address this point. |
| (e) If the Inspecting Decisional Participant believes that ICANN has violated the provisions of this Section 22.7, the Inspecting Decisional Participant may seek one or more of the following remedies: (i) appeal such matter to the Ombudsman and/or the Board for a ruling on the matter, (ii) initiate the Reconsideration Request process in accordance with Section 4.2, (iii) initiate the Independent Review Process in accordance with Section 4.3, or (iv) petition the EC to initiate (A) a Community Independent Review Process pursuant to Section 4.3 of Annex D or (B) a Board Recall Process pursuant to Section 3.3 of Annex D. Any determination by the Ombudsman is not binding on ICANN staff, but may be submitted by the Inspecting Decisional Participant when appealing to the Board for a determination, if necessary. | NEW: Ability to seek appeals and initiate a Reconsideration Request. | The GNSO Council should discuss whether new procedures are necessary to decide whether to seek an appeal or initiate a Reconsideration request, or whether current procedures (such as approval via a motion) may apply. | If a process is developed and documented, this should be incorporated into the GNSO Operating Procedures. |

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| SECTION 22.8 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| If three or more Decisional Participants deliver to the Secretary a joint written certification from the respective chairs of each such Decisional Participant that the constituents of such Decisional Participants have, pursuant to the internal procedures of such Decisional Participants, determined that there is a credible allegation that ICANN has committed fraud or that there has been a gross mismanagement of ICANN’s resources,… [excerpt] | NEW: Joint written certification by 3 or more Decisional Participants. | Similar observation to the general right of inspection – the GNSO may wish to discuss the need to create and document a new process for either (1) the GNSO to initiate or join a certification of a determination of allegation of fraud or gross mismanagement.  | Consider incorporating this into any new process to be documented for investigations. |

ARTICLE 25 AMENDMENTS; ARTICLE 26 SALE & DISPOSITION OF ICANN ASSETS

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| SECTION 25.2 AMENDMENTS TO FUNDAMENTAL BYLAWS & ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION; ARTICLE 26 SALE & DISPOSITION OF ICANN ASSETS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 25.2(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, a Fundamental Bylaw or the Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended, or repealed (a “Fundamental Bylaw Amendment” or an “Articles Amendment”), only upon approval by a three-fourths vote of all Directors and the approval of the EC as set forth in this Section 25.2.  | NEW: EC to approve changes to or deletions of Fundamental Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. | The GNSO should discuss processes and mechanisms by which the EC may be instructed on this matter. |  |
| 26(a) ICANN may consummate a transaction or series of transactions that would result in the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of ICANN’s assets (an “Asset Sale”) only upon approval by a three-fourths vote of all Directors and the approval of the EC as set forth in this Article 26. | NEW: EC to approve sale or disposition of assets. | The GNSO should discuss processes and mechanisms by which the EC may be instructed on this matter. |  |

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| ANNEX D EC MECHANISM |
| SECTION 1.2 APPROVAL PROCESS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| Following the delivery of a Board Notice for an Approval Action (“**Approval Action Board Notice**”) by the Secretary to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the “**Approval Action Board Notification Date**”), the Decisional Participants shall thereafter promptly inform their constituents of the delivery of the Approval Action Board Notice.  | NEW: Informing constituents of delivery of the Approval Action Board Notice. | It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice.  | May not require new procedures. |
| SECTION 1.3 APPROVAL ACTION COMMUNITY FORUM |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 1.3(a) ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a forum at which the Decisional Participants and interested parties may discuss the Approval Action (an “Approval Action Community Forum”). | Requesting a forum and deciding GNSO representation. | Is there a responsibility for Decisional Participants to request a forum? One point of discussion could be whether the GNSO would act through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism was determined or desired. Also, see comment above with respect to consultation with other Decisional Participants and the weighting of decision to determine thresholds. | No current process specifically addresses this. However, it is envisioned that the GNSO Council will be the decision-making body for the GNSO as a Decisional Participant, with Councilors consulting with their respective SGs/Cs according to current practice. The GNSO Council Chair, or designee, would then be the GNSO representative in the EC Administration. The GNSO may wish to consider what principles it would want to have in place to guide a designation. More generally, for a number of these new provisions relating to GNSO Decisional Participation, the GNSO might wish to consider whether different processes /voting weightages/principles are needed for different types (e.g. in impact or complexity). |
| 1.3(b) If the EC Administration requests a publicly-available conference call by providing a notice to the Secretary, ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, schedule such call prior to any Approval Action Community Forum, and inform the Decisional Participants of the date, time and participation methods of such conference call, which ICANN shall promptly post on the Website. | EC request for a conference call and process. | When would the EC request a publicly-available conference call? What would the process be for deciding?See notes for 1.3 (a) above. | See notes for 1.3 (a) above. |
| (f) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Approval Action prior to the convening of and during the Approval Action Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. | Providing comments to a forum. | Determine whether the existing process for the GNSO to submit comments to a public forum would suffice.Questions: How will the EC receive and process these submissions? How will the GNSO determine whether to send its views to the EC? | While the SGs/Cs may separately submit comments, it would be expected that only the GNSO Council comments we be considered as those coming from the GNSO as a Decisional Participant. |
| 1.3(i) During the Approval Action Community Forum Period, an additional one or two Community Forums may be held at the discretion of the Board or the EC Administration. If the Board decides to hold an additional one or two Approval Action Community Forums, it shall provide a rationale for such decision, which rationale ICANN shall promptly post on the Website. | Procedure for requesting an additional forum and process for decision-making. | When would an additional forum be requested? What would the process be for deciding?See notes for 1.3(a) above. | See notes for 1.3(a) above. |
| SECTION 1.4 DECISION WHETHER TO APPROVAL AN APPROVAL ACTION |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Following the expiration of the Approval Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Approval Action Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Approval Action Decision Period**”), with respect to each Approval Action, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Approval Action, (ii) objects to such Approval Action or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Approval Action), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Approval Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Approval Action Decision Period). | Informing EC Administration of support, objection, abstention; forwarding notice. | How will GNSO decide whether to support/object/abstain? It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. Also, the current GNSO Council process of submitting and voting on motions could be used to indicate support, objection, or abstention. | May not require new procedures. |
| ARTICLE 2 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC’S RIGHTS TO REJECT SPECIFIED ACTIONS |
| SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (b) During the period beginning on the Rejection Action Board Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date (as it relates to a particular Rejection Action, the “**Rejection Action** **Petition Period**”), subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process (a “**Rejection Action** **Petition**”).(c) A Decisional Participant that has received a Rejection Action Petition shall either accept or reject such Rejection Action Petition; provided that a Decisional Participant may only accept such Rejection Action Petition if it was received by such Decisional Participant during the Rejection Action Petition Period.(i) If, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.2(c) of this Annex D, a Decisional Participant accepts a Rejection Action Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Period, the Decisional Participant shall promptly provide to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary written notice (“**Rejection Action** **Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance (such Decisional Participant, the “**Rejection Action** **Petitioning Decisional Participant**”), and ICANN shall promptly post such Rejection Action Petition Notice on the Website. The Rejection Action Petition Notice shall also include:(A) the rationale upon which rejection of the Rejection Action is sought. Where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to an ICANN Budget, an IANA Budget, an Operating Plan or a Strategic Plan, the Rejection Action Petition Notice shall not be valid and shall not be accepted by the EC Administration unless the rationale set forth in the Rejection Action Petition Notice is based on one or more significant issues that were specifically raised in the applicable public comment period(s) relating to perceived inconsistencies with the Mission, purpose and role set forth in ICANN’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the global public interest, the needs of ICANN’s stakeholders, financial stability, or other matter of concern to the community; and(B) where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, a statement, if applicable, that the Standard Bylaw Amendment is based solely on the outcome of a PDP, citing the specific PDP and the provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment subject to the Board Notice that implements such PDP (“**PDP Standard Bylaw Statement**”) and the name of the Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that undertook the PDP relating to the Standard Bylaw Amendment (“**Standard Bylaw Amendment** **PDP Decisional Participant**”).The Rejection Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 2.2(d) of this Annex D.  |  (b) Submitting a petition to a Decision Participant, subject to the procedures and requirements development by the Decisional Participant.(c) Acceptance or rejection of Rejection Action Petition.(i) Providing written notice.(A) Providing rationale.(B) Citing PDP and provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment. | How would GNSO receive and process individual petitions? 2.2 (c) (i) A-B How will GNSO decide whether to accept or reject a petition?The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. However, there may need to be new procedures on providing written notice, rationale, and citing PDP and provisions in the Bylaws. | Discuss whether there needs to be a new procedure for how to address a petition. |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (d) Following the delivery of a Rejection Action Petition Notice to the EC Administration pursuant to Section 2.2(c)(i) of this Annex D, the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Rejection Action Petition. The Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a “**Rejection Action** **Supporting Decisional Participant**”) during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period (the “**Rejection Action** **Petition Support Period**”), the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Rejection Action Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant, and ICANN shall promptly post such Rejection Action Supported Petition on the Website. Each Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Rejection Action Petition, and ICANN shall promptly post each such notice on the Website. SuchRejection Action Supported Petition shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Rejection Action Supported Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum (as defined in Section 2.3 of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition; (D) a statement as to whether the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Rejection Action Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting, taking into account the limitation on holding such a Rejection Action Community Forum when the Rejection Action Supported Petition relates to an ICANN Budget or IANA Budget as described in Section 2.3(c) of this Annex D; and(E) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement, if applicable. |  (d) Contact EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine whether any others support.(i) Providing written notice to the EC Administration, other Decisional Participant and Secretary.(A) Supporting rationale.(B) Contact information.(C) Statement re: conference call.(D) Statement re: forum.(D) Citing PDP Standard Bylaw Statement. | New procedure to contact the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support. New procedures for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. | New procedures are likely required. |
| SECTION 2.3 REJECTION ACTION COMMUNITY FORUM |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| 2.3(a) If the EC Administration receives a Rejection Action Supported Petition under Section 2.2(d) of this Annex D during the Rejection Action Petition Support Period, ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a forum at which the Decisional Participants and interested parties may discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition (“Rejection Action Community Forum”). If the EC Administration receives more than one Rejection Action Supported Petition relating to the same Rejection Action, all such Rejection Action Supported Petitions shall be discussed at the same Rejection Action Community Forum. | Process for deciding whether to request a forum. | How will GNSO, as part of EC, decide whether to request a forum?See 1.3(a) notes above. | See 1.3(a) notes above. |
| (f) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Rejection Action Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Rejection Action Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. | Delivery to EC Administration in writing views and questions on Rejection Action Supported Petition. | How will the EC receive and process these submissions? How will the GNSO decide whether to send its views?Current procedures for collecting GNSO Council views/questions may apply. | Discuss whether this will require new procedures. |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (h) If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participants for an applicable Rejection Action Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Rejection Action Community Forum that the issue raised in such Rejection Action Supported Petition has been resolved, such Rejection Action Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Rejection Process with respect to such Rejection Action Supported Petition will be terminated. If all Rejection Action Supported Petitions relating to a Rejection Action are withdrawn, the Rejection Process will automatically be terminated. If a Rejection Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Rejection Action Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Rejection Process Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Rejection Action Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant(s). | For the avoidance of doubt, the Rejection Action Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the ***internal procedures of the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant(s).*** | How will GNSO decide if the issue has been resolved?Would need to explore whether the GNSO has procedures that would cover its actions as a Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant/Supporting Participant. | Discuss whether existing procedures apply. |
| 2.3(i) During the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, an additional one or two Rejection Action Community Forums may be held at the discretion of a Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and a related Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant, or the EC Administration | Process to decide whether to hold a forum. | How will the EC determine whether an additional forum should be held?See 1.3(a) notes above. | See 1.3(a) notes above. |
| SECTION 2.4 DECISION WHETHER TO REJECT A REJECTION ACTION  |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Following the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Rejection Action Decision Period**”), with respect to each Rejection Action Supported Petition, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Rejection Action Supported Petition and has determined to reject the Rejection Action , (ii) objects to such Rejection Action Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Rejection Action Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period). | Decision re: Rejection Action Supported Petition and informing the EC Administration: supports, objects, abstains. | How will GNSO decide whether to support/object/abstain?It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. Also, the current GNSO Council process of submitting and voting on motions could be used to indicate support, objection, or abstention. | May not require new procedures. |
| ARTICLE 3 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC’S RIGHTS TO REMOVE DIRECTORS AND RECALL THE BOARD |
| SECTION 3.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE DIRECTOR REMOVAL PROCESS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove a Director holding Seats 1 through 8 and initiate the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition**”). Each Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition shall set forth the rationale upon which such individual seeks to remove such Director. The process set forth in this Section 3.1 of Annex D is referred to herein as the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal Process**.”(b) During the period beginning on the date that the Decisional Participant received the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition (such date of receipt, the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Date**”) and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Date (as it relates to a particular Director, the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period**”), the Decisional Participant that has received a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal** **Petitioned Decisional Participant**”) shall either accept or reject such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition; provided that a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall not accept a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition if, during the same term, the Director who is the subject of such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition had previously been subject to a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition that led to a Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum (as discussed in Section 3.1(e) of this Annex D).(c) During the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall invite the Director subject to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant’s representative on the EC Administration. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition may not be accepted unless this invitation has been extended upon reasonable notice and accommodation to the affected Director’s availability. If the invitation is accepted by either the Director who is the subject of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition or the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall not accept the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition until the dialogue has occurred or there have been reasonable efforts to have the dialogue.(i) If, in accordance with Section 3.1(b) of this Annex D, a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant accepts a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period (such Decisional Participant, the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal** **Petitioning Decisional Participant**”), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of its acceptance of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition, provide written notice (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice shall include the rationale upon which removal of the affected Director is sought. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.1(d) of this Annex D. (ii) If the EC Administration has not received a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice pursuant to Section 3.1(c)(i) of this Annex D during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall automatically be terminated with respect to the applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, deliver to the Secretary a notice certifying that the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process has been terminated with respect to the applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice**”).(d) Following the delivery of a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice to the EC Administration by a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 3.1(c)(i) of this Annex D, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) If the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a “**Nominating Committee Director Removal** **Supporting Decisional Participant**”) during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period (the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal** **Petition Support Period**”), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition. SuchNominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.1(e) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue for such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition pursuant to Section 3.1(e) of this Annex D. (ii) The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall automatically be terminated and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Support Period, deliver to the Secretary a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice if the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant is unable to obtain the support of at least one other Decisional Participant for its Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Support Period.…(vii) If the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participants for an applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum that the issue raised in such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition has been resolved, such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process with respect to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant(s).…(f) Following the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period**”), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period). | (a) Procedures and requirements for an individual to submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove a Director.(b) Accepting or rejecting a Nominating Director Removal Petition.(c) Inviting the Director subject to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant’s representative on the EC Administration. (i) providing written notice (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice shall include the rationale.(d) Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition.(i) Providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant. Including:(A) supporting rationale(B) contact information(C) statement re: conference call(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum… (vii) resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant(s)....(f) inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter | How will GNSO receive and process such petitions?The GNSO Council may need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support, providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.  | New procedure for how to address a petition. |
| SECTION 3.2 SO/AC DIRECTOR REMOVAL PROCESS |
| (a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to the ASO, ccNSO, GNSO or At-Large Community (as applicable, the “**Applicable Decisional Participant**”) seeking to remove a Director who was nominated by that Supporting Organization or the At-Large Community in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of the Bylaws, and initiate the SO/AC Director Removal Process (“**SO/AC Director Removal Petition**”). The process set forth in this Section 3.2 of this Annex D is referred to herein as the “**SO/AC Director Removal Process**.”(b) During the period beginning on the date that the Applicable Decisional Participant received the SO/AC Director Removal Petition (such date of receipt, the “**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Date**”) and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Date (as it relates to a particular Director, the “**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period**”), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall either accept or reject such SO/AC Director Removal Petition pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition; provided that the Applicable Decisional Participant shall not accept an SO/AC Director Removal Petition if, during the same term, the Director who is the subject of such SO/AC Director Removal Petition had previously been subject to an SO/AC Director Removal Petition that led to an SO/AC Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D).(c) During the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period, the Applicable Decisional Participant shall invite the Director subject to the SO/AC Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the SO/AC Director Removal Petition and the Applicable Decisional Participant’s representative on the EC Administration. The SO/AC Director Removal Petition may not be accepted unless this invitation has been extended upon reasonable notice and accommodation to the affected Director’s availability. If the invitation is accepted by either the Director who is the subject of the SO/AC Director Removal Petition or the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall not accept the SO/AC Director Removal Petition until the dialogue has occurred or there have been reasonable efforts to have the dialogue.(i) If, in accordance with Section 3.2(b), the Applicable Decisional Participant accepts an SO/AC Director Removal Petition during the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period, the Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the Applicable Decisional Participant’s acceptance of the SO/AC Director Removal Petition, provide written notice (“**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The SO/AC Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D. SuchSO/AC Director Removal Petition Notice shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Applicable Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the SO/AC Director Removal Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Applicable Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the SO/AC Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the SO/AC Director Removal Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has determined to hold the SO/AC Director Removal Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.The SO/AC Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue for such SO/AC Director Removal Petition pursuant to Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D. …(f) Following the expiration of the SO/AC Director Removal Comment Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the SO/AC Director Removal Comment Period (such period, the “**SO/AC Director Removal Decision Period**”), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant (“**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**”). The Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of obtaining such support, deliver the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and Secretary, and ICANN shall, at the direction of the Applicable Decisional Participant, concurrently post on the Website an explanation provided by the Applicable Decisional Participant as to why the Applicable Decisional Participant has chosen to remove the affected Director. Upon the Secretary’s receipt of the SO/AC Director Removal Notice from the EC Administration, the Director subject to such SO/AC Director Removal Notice shall be effectively removed from office and shall no longer be a Director and such Director’s vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 7.12 of the Bylaws.  | Removal of a SO/AC Director subject to the procedures and requirements of the Decisional Participant.(a) Individual petitioning GNSO to remove a Director(b) accepting or rejecting a petition subject to internal procedures(c) Inviting Director to a dialog(i) providing written notice of acceptance [of a petition] to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. Including:(A) supporting rationale(B) contact information(C) statement re: conference call(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum (f) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant (“**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**”). The Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of obtaining such support, deliver the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, including:(A) supporting rationale(B) contact information(C) statement re: conference call(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum... (f) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant (“**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**”)Delivering the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and Secretary | The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support, providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.  | New procedure for how to address a petition. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support. |
| SECTION 3.3 BOARD RECALL PROCESS |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors (other than the President) at the same time and initiate the Board Recall Process (“**Board Recall Petition**”), provided that a Board Recall Petition cannot be submitted solely on the basis of a matter decided by a Community IRP if (i) such Community IRP was initiated in connection with the Board’s implementation of GAC Consensus Advice and (ii) the EC did not prevail in such Community IRP. Each Board Recall Petition shall include a rationale setting forth the reasons why such individual seeks to recall the Board. The process set forth in this Section 3.3 of this Annex D is referred to herein as the “**Board Recall Process**.”(b) A Decisional Participant that has received a Board Recall Petition shall either accept or reject such Board Recall Petition during the period beginning on the date the Decisional Participant received the Board Recall Petition (“**Board Recall Petition Date**”) and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the Board Recall Petition Date (the “**Board Recall Petition Period**”).(i) If, in accordance with Section 3.3(b) of this Annex D, a Decisional Participant accepts a Board Recall Petition during the Board Recall Petition Period (such Decisional Participant, the “**Board Recall** **Petitioning Decisional Participant**”), the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of its acceptance of the Board Recall Petition, provide written notice (“**Board Recall Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Board Recall Petition Notice shall include the rationale upon which removal of the Board is sought. The Board Recall Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.3(c) of this Annex D. (ii) If the EC Administration has not received a Board Recall Petition Notice pursuant to Section 3.3(b)(i) of this Annex D during the Board Recall Petition Period, the Board Recall Process shall automatically be terminated with respect to the Board Recall Petition and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period, deliver to the Secretary a notice certifying that the Board Recall Process has been terminated with respect to the Board Recall Petition (“**Board Recall Process Termination Notice**”).(c) Following the delivery of a Board Recall Petition Notice to the EC Administration by a Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 3.3(b)(i) of this Annex D, the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Board Recall Petition. The Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) If the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least two other Decisional Participants (each, a “**Board Recall** **Supporting Decisional Participant**”) during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period (the “**Board Recall Petition Support Period**”), the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Board Recall Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four hours of receiving the support of at least two Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants. Each Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Board Recall Petition. SuchBoard Recall Supported Petition shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Board Recall Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Board Recall Board Recall Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.3(d) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Board Recall Supported Petition; and(D) a statement as to whether the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants have determined to hold the Board Recall Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.The Board Recall Process shall thereafter continue for such Board Recall Supported Petition pursuant to Section 3.3(d) of this Annex D. …(v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Board Recall Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Board Recall Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.(e) Following the expiration of the Board Recall Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Board Recall Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Board Recall Decision Period**”), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Board Recall Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Board Recall Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Board Recall Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Board Recall Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Board Recall Decision Period). | NEW: Procedures and requirements for an individual to submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors.(a) individual submitting a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors (other than the President) at the same time and initiate the Board Recall Process(b) accepting or rejecting such Board Recall Petition(i) providing written notice (“**Board Recall Petition Notice**”) of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. (c) contacting the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Board Recall Petition.(i) If obtains the support of at least two other Decisional Participants, providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Board Recall Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four hours of receiving the support of at least two Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants, including:including:(A) supporting rationale(B) contact information(C) statement re: conference call(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum....(v) delivering to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Board Recall Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Board Recall Community Forum. (e) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Board Recall Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Board Recall Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter | The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support, providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.  | New procedure for how to address a petition. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support, and for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. |
| ARTICLE 4 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC’S RIGHTS TO INITIATE MEDIATION, A COMMUNITY IRP OR RECONSIDERATION REQUEST |
| SECTION 4.1 MEDIATION INITIATION |
| (a) If the Board refuses or fails to comply with a decision by the EC delivered to the Secretary pursuant to an EC Approval Notice, EC Rejection Notice, Nominating Committee Director Removal Notice, SO/AC Director Removal Notice or EC Board Recall Notice pursuant to and in compliance with Article 1, Article 2 or Article 3 of this Annex D, or rejects or otherwise does not take action that is consistent with a final IFR Recommendation, Special IFR Recommendation, SCWG Creation Recommendation or SCWG Recommendation, as applicable (each, an “**EC Decision**”), the EC Administration representative of any Decisional Participant who supported the exercise by the EC of its rights in the applicable EC Decision during the applicable decision period may request that the EC initiate mediation with the Board in relation to that EC Decision as contemplated by Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration, the Decisional Participants and the Secretary requesting the initiation of a Mediation (“**Mediation Initiation Notice**”). ICANN shall promptly post to the Website any Mediation Initiation Notice.(b) As soon as practicable after receiving a Mediation Initiation Notice, the EC Administration and the Secretary shall initiate Mediation, which shall proceed in accordance with Section 4.7 of the Bylaws.  | Requesting initiation of a Mediation with the Board in relation to that EC Decision as contemplated by Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration, the Decisional Participants and the Secretary requesting the initiation of a Mediation (“**Mediation Initiation Notice**”). | The GNSO Council may need a new procedure for how it decides whether to request initiation of a Mediation. For the notice it may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. | New procedure for how to request initiation of a Mediation. |
| SECTION 4.2 COMMUNITY IRP |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) After completion of a Mediation under Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, the EC Administration representative of any Decisional Participant who supported the exercise by the EC of its rights in the applicable EC Decision during the applicable decision period may request that the EC initiate a Community IRP (a “**Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant**”), as contemplated by Section 4.3 of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants requesting the initiation of a Community IRP (“**Community IRP Petition**”). The Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. The process set forth in this Section 4.2 of this Annex D as it relates to a particular Community IRP Petition is referred to herein as the “**Community IRP Initiation Process**.”(b) Following the delivery of a Community IRP Petition to the EC Administration by a Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 4.2(a) of this Annex D (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the “**Community IRP Notification Date**”), the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community IRP Petition. The Community IRP Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) If the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a “**Community IRP** **Supporting Decisional Participant**”) during the period beginning on the Community IRP Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the Community IRP Notification Date (the “**Community IRP Petition Support Period**”), the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Community IRP Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community IRP Petition. SuchCommunity IRP Supported Petition shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Community IRP Supported Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Community IRP Community Forum (as defined in Section 4.2(c) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Community IRP Supported Petition;(D) a statement as to whether the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Community IRP Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting;(E) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a Fundamental Bylaw Amendment, a PDP Fundamental Bylaw Statement if applicable and, if so, the name of the Fundamental Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant; (F) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement if applicable and, if so, the name of the Standard Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant; and(G) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a policy recommendation of a cross community working group chartered by more than one Supporting Organization (“**CCWG Policy Recommendation**”), a statement citing the specific CCWG Policy Recommendation and related provision in the Community IRP Supported Petition (“**CCWG Policy Recommendation Statement**”), and, if so, the name of any Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that approved the CCWG Policy Recommendation(“**CCWG Policy Recommendation Decisional Participant**”).The Community IRP Initiation Process shall thereafter continue for such Community IRP Supported Petition pursuant to Section 4.2(c) of this Annex D. …(v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community IRP Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community IRP Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.…(vii) If the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participants for the Community IRP Supported Petition agree before, during or after a Community IRP Community Forum that the issue raised in such Community IRP Supported Petition has been resolved, such Community IRP Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Community IRP Process with respect to such Community IRP Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Community IRP Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Community IRP Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Community IRP Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Community IRP Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant(s).…(d) Following the expiration of the Community IRP Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Community IRP Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Community IRP Decision** **Period**”), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community IRP Petition, (ii) objects to such Community IRP Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community IRP Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Community IRP Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Community IRP Decision Period). | NEW: Initiating a Community IRP.(a) delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants requesting the initiation of a Community IRP (“**Community IRP Petition**”). The Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary(b) contacting the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community IRP Petition. The Community IRP Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community IRP Petition including:(A) supporting rationale(B) contact information(C) statement re: conference call(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum.(E) PDP Fundamental Bylaw Statement if applicable(F) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement if applicable(G) a statement citing the specific CCWG Policy Recommendation and related provision in the Community IRP Supported Petition (“**CCWG Policy Recommendation Statement**”), and, if so, the name of any Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that approved the CCWG Policy Recommendation(“**CCWG Policy Recommendation Decisional Participant**”)....(v) delivering to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community IRP Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community IRP Community Forum ANDdelivering to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN....(vii) resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant(s).(d) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community IRP Petition, (ii) objects to such Community IRP Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community IRP Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. | The GNSO Council may need a new procedure for how it decides whether to initiate a Community IRP. For the notice it may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice.New procedure to contact the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support. New procedures for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions. | New procedure for how it decides whether to initiate a Community IRP. New procedure for how to decide whether to initiate a Reconsideration Request. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support, and for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. |
| SECTION 4.3 COMMUNITY RECONSIDERATION REQUEST |
| *New Bylaw Section* | *New Obligation/Right for the GNSO* | *Any New Procedure Required?* | *Additional Comments* |
| (a) Any Decisional Participant may request that the EC initiate a Reconsideration Request (a “**Community** **Reconsideration Decisional Participant**”), as contemplated by Section 4.2(b) of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants, with a copy to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website, requesting the review or reconsideration of an action or inaction of the ICANN Board or staff (“**Community** **Reconsideration Petition**”). A Community Reconsideration Petition must be delivered within 30 days after the occurrence of any of the conditions set forth in Section 4.2(g)(i)(A), (B) or (C) of the Bylaws. In that instance, the Community Reconsideration Petition must be delivered within 30 days from the initial posting of the rationale. The process set forth in this Section 4.3 of this Annex D as it relates to a particular Community Reconsideration Petition is referred to herein as the “**Community Reconsideration Initiation Process**.”(b) Following the delivery of a Community Reconsideration Petition to the EC Administration by a Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 4.3(a) of this Annex D (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the “**Community Reconsideration Notification Date**”), the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community Reconsideration Petition. The Community Reconsideration Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.(i) If the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a “**Community Reconsideration** **Supporting Decisional Participant**”) during the period beginning on the Community Reconsideration Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the Community Reconsideration Notification Date (the “**Community Reconsideration Petition Support Period**”), the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary (“**Community Reconsideration Supported Petition**”) within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community Reconsideration Petition. SuchCommunity Reconsideration Supported Petition shall include:(A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition;(C) a statement as to whether or not the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Community Reconsideration Community Forum (as defined in Section 4.3(c) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition; and(D) a statement as to whether the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Community Reconsideration Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.The Community Reconsideration Initiation Process shall thereafter continue for such Rejection Action Supported Petition pursuant to Section 4.3(c) of this Annex D.…(v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community Reconsideration Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.…(vii) If the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participants for a Community Reconsideration Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Community Reconsideration Community Forum that the issue raised in such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition has been resolved, such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Community Reconsideration Process with respect to such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Community Reconsideration Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Community Reconsideration Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Community Reconsideration Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant(s).…(d) Following the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN’s principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Community Forum Period (such period, the “**Community** **Reconsideration Decision** **Period**”), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community Reconsideration Petition, (ii) objects to such Community Reconsideration Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community Reconsideration Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Decision Period). | Initiating a Reconsideration Request.(a) delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants, with a copy to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website, requesting the review or reconsideration of an action or inaction of the ICANN Board or staff (“**Community** **Reconsideration Petition**”).(b) contacting the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community Reconsideration Petition. 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