**Nomination of GNSO Replacement Candidate for Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (SSR2) Review Team**

**Submitted by**

**Seconded by**

WHEREAS,

1. On 19 January 2017, the GNSO Council nominated (see <https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201701>) the following candidates to serve on the SSR2-RT (in alphabetical order): James Gannon, Denise Michel, and Emily Taylor as its primary three candidates for the SSR2-RT, noting that these candidates under the new ICANN Bylaws are entitled to be selected. Furthermore, the GNSO nominated (in alphabetical order): Howard Eland, Scott McCormick, Rao Naveed bin Rais, and Norm Ritchie to be considered for inclusion in the SSR2-RT by the SO-AC Chairs should additional places be available.
2. On 14 February 2017, ICANN announced the selection of the 16-member team (see <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2017-02-14-en>), which included the three primary candidates nominated by the GNSO Council.
3. Following the resignation of Emily Taylor on 16 July 2017 (see <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ssr2-review/2017-July/000468.html>), the GNSO Council tasked the GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC) with recommending a candidate for this vacancy. The SSC recommended Norm Ritchie, who was subsequently nominated by the GNSO Council on 24 August 2017 (see <https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201708>).
4. On 8 December 2017, James Gannon submitted his resignation to the SSR2-RT (see: <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/ssr2-review/2017-December/000920.html>)
5. The GNSO Council asked the SSC to consider an analysis of the skills that existing SSR2-RT members possess (see <https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/79433986/SSR2%20Skills%20Matrix%20for%20SO%20%26%20AC%20Chairs.xlsx?version=1&modificationDate=1518099841494&api=v2>) in order to identify if one of the candidates might have specific skills that are currently underrepresented in the Review Team. The GNSO Council further tasked the GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC) with recommending a replacement candidate, taking into account the analysis of existing and needed skills on the Review Team, the criteria outlined in the call for volunteers, as well as the desire to ensure a RT that is balanced for diversity and expertise (<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2016-06-30-en>).
6. Out of the three candidates that were nominated in the initial selection process for consideration, beyond those that were entitled to be selected, the following two expressed that they were still interested in serving on the SSR2-RT: Scott McCormick and Rao Naveed bin Rais.
7. The SSC submitted its recommendation to the GNSO Council on 12 February 2018.
8. The GNSO Council considered the recommendation of the SSC.

Resolved,

1. The GNSO Council nominates Rao Naveed bin Rais to replace James Gannon on the SSR2-RT.
2. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to communicate resolved #1 to the staff supporting the SSR2-RT as soon as possible.
3. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to inform the selected applicant that he has been chosen and that the GNSO Council expects that the applicant will represent the views of the entire GNSO community in his work on the SSR2-RT, and provide regular feedback as a group on the discussions taking place in the SSR2-RT, as well as the positions being taken by GNSO Review Team Members.
4. The GNSO Council asks the GNSO Secretariat to send a response to the applicant who was not selected, thanking him for his continued interest. The response should also encourage him to follow the SSR2-RT work, and participate in Public Comments and community discussions.
5. If the Council is in a position to nominate an additional candidate for the SSR2-RT in the future, the Council will consider Scott McCormick as a first choice for this position, following the SSC’s recommendation that he is also a strong and qualified candidate.