

From:  
James Bladel, GNSO Chair  
Donna Austin and Heather Forrest, GNSO Vice-Chairs

To:  
CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs - Thomas Rickert, Leon Felipe Sanchez and Matthieu Weill,

Date:

Re: **GNSO Council Response to the CCWG-Accountability Third Draft Proposal**

Dear Thomas, Leon and Matthieu:

Attached, please find the detailed Response from the GNSO Council to each of the CCWG-Accountability's Recommendations that were contained in the Third Draft Proposal published for public comment on 30 November 2015. On behalf of the GNSO Council and the GNSO community, we hope that the attached document will be helpful to the CCWG-Accountability as it reviews all the community comments it has received, including those from each of its Chartering Organizations, and determines its next steps and timeline.

These Responses should be read in the wider context of input that the CCWG-ACCT received from all of the GNSO's various Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies (SGs/Cs) during the short Public Comment period, as well as any late comments submitted after the deadline. Our goal in this communication is to draw your and the CCWG's attention to the following points, which will further explain the GNSO Council's Response:

- The attachment does not represent the GNSO Council's approval (or lack thereof) for any of the CCWG-Accountability's recommendations; rather, it describes the GNSO Council's comments on – and where applicable, suggested modifications, conditions and qualifications to – those recommendations. We confirm that the attachment has been reviewed and approved by the GNSO Council, along with this letter.
- The GNSO Council's Response was based on a review and analysis of all of the GNSO SG/Cs' feedback provided during the public comment period on the Third Draft Report. Where specific SG/C comments have been included, these should not be read as representing either the entirety of that SG/C view or the endorsement of the GNSO Council of that comment. Instead, these comments were extracted and included in the GNSO Council Response because they were considered to represent or exemplify the specific qualifications, conditions and/or concerns that were expressed by the GNSO community (or parts thereof) in that portion of the Response document.
- The GNSO Council will continue to discuss the CCWG-Accountability's recommendations from the Third Draft Proposal, with the expectation that the Council will vote on

approval (or lack thereof) for a Supplemental Proposal forthcoming from the CCWG-Accountability. If no Supplemental Proposal will be forthcoming from the CCWG-Accountability, kindly let us know at your first opportunity.

- The GNSO Council expects that its Response, all of the GNSO SG/C public comments, and the GNSO Council and community's suggested conditions, modifications and concerns will be fully taken into account by the CCWG-Accountability. We expect that the CCWG-Accountability develop a Supplemental Proposal based on the input from its Chartering Organizations and the public, the GNSO Council expects also that it and other Chartering Organizations, as well as the larger community, will have an adequate opportunity to review and comment on the Proposal in a timely fashion.

On behalf of the GNSO Council and the GNSO community, we thank you and the CCWG-Accountability for all the tireless work and thoughtful effort that went into the development of the Third Draft Proposal. We look forward to working with the CCWG and the rest of the community to finalize a proposal that will meet the requirements and conditions set by the CCWG-Accountability's Chartering Organizations.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards,

Donna Austin, GNSO Vice-Chair  
James Bladel, GNSO Chair  
Heather Forrest, GNSO Vice-Chair

(with Attachment)