

11 July 2019

Manal Ismail Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

Re: Policy Development Process on IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

Dear Manal,

Pursuant to Article 12, Section 2.a-x and Article 3, Section 6.a.iii of the ICANN Bylaws, I am sending this letter to formally notify the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) that the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council has approved four policy recommendations that were developed by the GNSO's Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms. The four recommendations will be posted for public comment, in accordance with Article 3, Section 6.a-ii of the ICANN Bylaws, prior to Board action (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments#open-public).

After the public comment period ends, the Board will meet to consider whether to adopt the four recommendations. In the event that the GAC believes that there are public policy issues raised by these recommendations and provides timely advice accordingly, the Board will take the GAC's advice into account on this matter, as set forth in the Bylaws.

The GAC may wish to note that the GNSO Council did not approve the fifth recommendation from the PDP Working Group. This fifth recommendation is therefore not part of the public comment period, and will not be considered by the Board at this time. As noted in our letter to the GAC and GNSO chairs dated 23 June 2019, the Board encourages the GNSO and the GAC to engage in direct dialogue to determine the best manner by which this fifth recommendation and its underlying considerations can be addressed.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

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