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Governmental Advisory Committee

GAC CRITERIA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NOMCOM

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The GAC is of the view that the ICANN Board should include, collectively among its membership, members who have the following qualifications and attributes:

The personal qualities and experience identified by the ICANN Board in its periodic advice to the NomCom¹

RATIONALE: It is a matter of good public policy that ICANN operate efficiently and effectively. The criteria identified by the Board appear to be a reasonable set of operational requirements for this purpose.

Experience of working with or in the public sector, including national or local government, public authorities or inter-governmental bodies.

RATIONALE: Experience in working or interacting with governments or public authorities would contribute to a good understanding by the Board of GAC input which represents the view of concerned/interested governments and inter-governmental bodies.

An understanding and appreciation of advancing the public interest through building partnerships and consensus

RATIONALE: Understanding and appreciation of public-private partnerships and/or multistakeholder processes with track record in developing a consultative approach can facilitate a constructive resolution of matters.

Experience in the multicultural setting and understanding of the value and importance of diversity for ICANN as a global coordinator of the Domain Name System

RATIONALE: Pursuit of diversity is a legitimate public policy goal, especially when it comes to a global organization that strives to be inclusive.

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¹ See, e.g., <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/botterman-to-jacobsen-11jan21-en.pdf>