

Implementation of ATRT Recommendations 9-14

Rec. 9 – What Constitutes GAC Advice

“The Board, acting through the GAC-Board joint working group, should clarify by March 2011 **what constitutes GAC public policy “advice”** under the Bylaws.”

Rec. 9 – What Constitutes GAC Advice

- Status: Completed
- Progress:
 - Agree on what constitutes GAC advice
 - Amend GAC Operating Principles
 - Agree on a new format of GAC communiqué to clearly distinguish GAC advice to the Board from other informational sections

Rec. 10 – GAC Advice Online Register

“Having established what constitutes “advice,” the Board, acting through the GAC-Board joint working group, should establish by March 2011 a more formal, documented process by which it notifies the GAC of matters that affect public policy concerns to request GAC advice. As a key element of this process, the Board should be proactive in requesting GAC advice in writing. In establishing a more formal process, ICANN should develop **an on-line tool or database** in which each request to the GAC and advice received from the GAC is documented along with the Board’s consideration of and response to each advice.”

Rec. 10 – GAC Advice Online Register

- Status: Completed
- Progress:
 - Implement GAC advice online register
 - Populate the GAC advice online register
 - Launch of GAC advice online register
 - Agree on an ongoing process for continued population of the online register

Rec. 11 – Board/GAC Documented Process

“The Board and the GAC should work together to have the GAC advice provided and considered on a more timely basis. The Board, acting through the GAC-Board joint working group, should establish by March 2011 **a formal, documented process by which the Board responds to GAC advice.** This process should set forth how and when the Board will inform the GAC, on a timely basis, whether it agrees or disagrees with the advice and will specify what details the Board will provide to the GAC in circumstances where it disagrees with the advice. This process should also set forth the procedures by which the GAC and the Board will then “try in good faith and in a timely efficient manner, to find a mutually acceptable solution.” This process must take into account the fact that the GAC meets face-to-face only three times a year and should consider establishing other mechanisms by which the Board and the GAC can satisfy the Bylaw provisions relating to GAC advice.”

Rec. 11 – Board/GAC Documented Process

- Status: Completed
- Progress:
 - Agree on a formal timely documented process of GAC advice to the Board (flow chart), describing:
 - Agree on how to ensure timeliness of such process
 - Agree on a process to archive and track all steps through the online register including the necessary handshake for each step

Recs. 12-13 – Earlier Involvement in PDP & Ongoing Information Exchange

“The Board, acting through the GAC-Board joint working group, should develop and implement a process to **engage the GAC earlier in the policy development process.**”

“The Board and the GAC should jointly develop and implement actions to ensure that the **GAC is fully informed as to the policy agenda at ICANN and that ICANN policy staff is aware of and sensitive to GAC concerns.** In doing so, the Board and the GAC may wish to consider creating/revising the role of ICANN staff support, including the appropriate skill sets necessary to provide effective communication with and support to the GAC, and whether the Board and the GAC would benefit from more frequent joint meetings.”

Recs. 12-13 – Earlier Involvement in PDP & Ongoing Information Exchange

- Status: Ongoing
 - Testing “Early Policy Engagement” proposal, to start after Toronto and be evaluated by Beijing, as a first step in an iterative implementation of both Recs. 12 & 13
- Progress:
 - Review ways to include GAC advice earlier within the PDP (including how GAC’s work agenda can be taken into account in ICANN Monthly Policy Updates)
 - Consider scheduling topic focused Board-GAC exchanges
 - Agree on role of ICANN staff in facilitating routine information sharing, on briefs prepared to the Board and on having a senior ICANN staff member assigned to coordinate with the GAC liaison
 - Agree on role, scope and means of communication among liaisons (GAC liaison to the Board, inverse liaisons, if any)
 - Explore whether ICANN bylaws or GAC OP need to be amended

Rec. 14 – Increased Support & Commitment of Governments

“The Board should endeavor to **increase the level of support and commitment of governments** to the GAC process. First, the Board should encourage member countries and organizations to participate in GAC deliberations and should place a particular focus on engaging nations in the developing world, paying particular attention to the need to provide multilingual access to ICANN records. Second, the Board, working with the GAC, should establish a process to determine when and how ICANN engages senior government officials on public policy issues on a regular and collective basis to complement the existing GAC process.”

Rec. 14 – Increased Support & Commitment of Governments

- Status: Ongoing
 - High Level Meeting
- Progress:
 - Agree on ways to facilitate participation of members (Travel Support – Translation & Interpretation – Secretarial Support)
 - Help GAC members to increase awareness of GAC work at a more senior level (High-level meeting – Evaluation – Frequency)
 - Agree on ways to extend outreach to non-members (Awareness – Invitation to meetings – Funding)