



29 December 2017

Ms. Heather Forrest, GNSO Council Chair  
Ms. Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice-Chair  
Mr. Rafik Dammak, GNSO Council Vice-Chair

RE: Submission of GNSO Council Review of the Abu Dhabi GAC Communiqué

Dear Ms. Heather Forrest, Ms. Donna Austin, and Mr. Rafik Dammak,

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 December 2017 with the adopted GNSO Council review of the GAC Abu Dhabi Communiqué. Your letter is posted on ICANN's correspondence page at: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/forrest-et-al-to-chalaby-06dec17-en.pdf>.

We note that it is the GNSO Council's intent to "inform [us] and the broader community of gTLD policy activities...that may directly or indirectly relate to advice provided by the GAC." Accordingly, the Board will take the GNSO Council Review into account as it considers the GAC Abu Dhabi Communiqué and develops the Communiqué scorecard.

We thank you for your input, and we appreciate the GNSO Council's commitment to "enhance co-ordination and promote the sharing of information on gTLD related policy activities between the GAC, Board and the GNSO."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cherine Chalaby", written over a horizontal line.

Cherine Chalaby  
Chairman, ICANN Board of Directors

Cc: Manal Ismail, Chair, GAC