EURALO Chair Response
Nominating Committee (NomCom) Rebalancing

Following the letter from Tripty Sinha,ICANN Board Chair to EURALO Chair, on 26 April 2023, please find some reflections.

As you already have the answers of various RALOS and ALAC and as we have a similar view, we will take this opportunity to give additional comments.

Some points of history

In 2000 direct elections of ICANN "At-Large" directors were organized world wide.
5 people (one per region) joined the ICANN Board
- Karl Auerbach (USA)
- Ivan Moura Campos (Brazil)
- Masanobu Katoh (Japan)
- Andy Mueller-Maguhn (Germany)
- Nii Quaynor (Ghana)

In total 9 ICANN "At-Large" directors were supposed to be selected by direct elections.
They were supposed to be the voice of end-users (both individual and business).

It was decided to stop this process and after some consideration it was created an interim ALAC and then in 2007 the 5 RALOs and a final ALAC (At-Large) to give a house and to be the voice for the end-users.
In the same time a NomCom almost as we know it today was created and started to deliver a first selection in 2003. The aim was to replace the direct "At-Large" elections and nominated in total 8 directors.
In 2010 the ALAC liaison was replaced by an At-Large director selected by ALAC + RALOs.

Rebalancing the NomCom seems today to be a choice between:
- Replacing one of the BC members by NPOC
- Add one member for NPOC

Both solutions will create more problems than the current situation.

There are good reasons to have 2 seats for the BC and if we open a new position in the NomCom other parts of ICANN may consider setting up a new constituency to have a seat in the NomCom and we will end-up to an unbalanced NomCom.

We would like to suggest that this item of the composition of the NomCom (and the output of the NomCom) will be a very good topic for the Holistic Review.
And we may consider this as the first content topic for the Pilot Holistic Review.

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