INTRODUCTION

Following the discussion at the GNSO Council meeting on 12 May on the draft revised ICANN Bylaws and the IANA Transition, staff conducted a detailed review and analysis of the final revised ICANN Bylaws with respect to GNSO obligations. This analysis in the table below could provide guidance on the obligations as they relate to the new community, and particular GNSO, powers as provided for in the revised Bylaws. Please note, however, that the table is subject to further updates pending final checks against the Bylaws.

As noted in the analysis below the revised ICANN Bylaws contain a number of new provisions that may require the GNSO Council and community to develop additional mechanisms to address certain new obligations and allow for the GNSO's effective participation in the Empowered Community that is to be created as a result of the IANA stewardship transition, as well as to ensure continuity of GNSO processes in other matters. In this table, which addresses Annex D Empowered Community Mechanisms of the revised Bylaws, the staff analysis addresses the obligations of the GNSO as a Decisional Participant of the Empowered Community. This Annex provides step-by-step descriptions of these mechanisms.

Obligations of the GSNO as a Decisional Participant of the Empowered Community

As stated in Section 1.1(a) of Article 6 Empowered Community, concerning the composition and organization of the Empowered Community (EC), "The Empowered Community ("**EC**") shall be a nonprofit association formed under the laws of the State of California consisting of the ASO, the ccNSO, the GNSO, the ALAC and the GAC (each a "Decisional Participant" or "associate," and collectively, the "Decisional Participants")." As a Decisional Participant, the GNSO has obligations that are set forth in the Draft New ICANN Bylaws, both in Article 6 and elsewhere. Examples include:

1) Actions relating to the Post-Transition IANA Entity (PTI);
2) Engaging in consultations;
3) Providing comments in public forums;
4) Requesting mediation processes;
5) Deciding how to address a petition from an individual to a Decisional Participant (in this case the GNSO);
6) Engaging in processes for removing Directors and recall of the ICANN Board;
7) Engaging in Independent Review Processes (IRP);
8) Initiating reconsideration requests; and

9) Voting (see below).

As noted above, the details concerning how the Empowered Community exercises its powers in all the areas where these powers apply are contained in Annex D Empowered Community Mechanisms of the revised Bylaws. This Annex provides step-by-step descriptions of these mechanisms in the following articles and sections:

Article 1 Procedure for Exercise of EC'S Rights to Approve Approval Actions
Section 1.2 Approval Process
Section 1.3 Approval Action Community Forum
Section 1.4 Decision Whether to Approve an Approval Action
Article 2 Procedure for Exercise of EC's Rights to Reject Specified Actions
Section 2.2 Petition Process for Specified Actions
Section 2.3 Rejection Action Community Forum
Section 2.4 Decision Whether to Reject a Rejection Action
Article 3 Procedure for Exercise of EC's Rights to Remove Directors and Recall the Board
Section 3.1 Nominating Committee Director Removal Process
Section 3.2 SO/AC Director Removal Process
Section 3.3 Board Recall Process
Article 4 Procedure for Exercise of EC's Rights to Initiate Mediation, a Community IRP or Reconsideration Request
Section 4.1 Mediation Initiation
Section 4.2 Community IRP
Section 4.3 Community Reconsideration Request

A NOTE ON ASSUMPTIONS AND THE SCOPE OF THIS DOCUMENT

1) The table lists only new or additional rights and obligations for the GNSO Council and community effected as a result of the latest revisions to the ICANN Bylaws. It does not address existing rights and obligations, even where language or other changes may have been made as part of the current revision process (e.g. any entity materially affected by an action of the ICANN Board and staff could – and still can – file a Reconsideration Request, so language changes to that part of the Bylaws are not included in the table).

2) The revised Bylaws include references to voting. The current GNSO structure, as described in the ICANN Bylaws, foresees that any voting is conducted via the GNSO Council (outside the specific remits of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency). As such, the table was developed based on the assumption that, in the absence of a new mechanism, it is the GNSO Council who will be voting on behalf of the GNSO with respect to those new or additional rights and obligations noted under the revised Bylaws.

3) The table lists only new, modified or additional procedures that may be needed solely to enable the GNSO to fulfil its new obligations, including as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community. It does not go further to address any procedures that may need to be developed for the Empowered Community as a whole to exercise its rights, powers, responsibilities and obligations as it is the assumption that these will need to be developed through cross-community collaboration.

4) In the absence of new procedures or agreement on which procedures to be used, the default threshold to pass a GNSO default threshold to pass an action will apply (a simple majority vote of each House) to any decisions that are not defined otherwise.

ORGANIZATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

The following color coding is applied to show where likely action is needed or not:

Green: Administrative changes likely;
Yellow: Action may be necessary, but requires discussion; and
Orange: Action likely.

ANNEX D EC MECHANISM			
SECTION 1.2 APPROVAL PROCESS			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
Following the delivery of a Board Notice for an Approval Action ("**Approval Action Board Notice**") by the Secretary to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the "**Approval Action Board Notification Date**"), the Decisional Participants shall thereafter promptly inform their constituents of the delivery of the Approval Action Board Notice.	NEW: Informing constituents of delivery of the Approval Action Board Notice.	It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice.	May not require new procedures.
SECTION 1.3 APPROVAL ACTION COMMUNITY FORUM			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
1.3(a) ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a forum at which the Decisional Participants and interested parties may discuss the Approval Action (an "Approval Action Community Forum").	Requesting a forum and deciding GNSO representation.	Is there a responsibility for Decisional Participants to request a forum? One point of discussion could be whether the GNSO would act through the GNSO Council if no other mechanism was determined or desired. Also, see comment above with respect to consultation with other Decisional Participants and the weighting of decision to determine thresholds.	No current process specifically addresses this. However, it is envisioned that the GNSO Council will be the decision-making body for the GNSO as a Decisional Participant, with Councilors consulting with their respective SGs/Cs according to current practice. The GNSO Council Chair, or designee, would then be the GNSO representative in the EC Administration. The GNSO may wish to consider what principles it would want to have in place to guide a designation. More generally, for a number of these new provisions relating to GNSO Decisional Participation, the GNSO might wish to consider whether different processes /voting weightages/principles are

			needed for different types (e.g. in impact or complexity).
1.3(b) If the EC Administration requests a publicly-available conference call by providing a notice to the Secretary, ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, schedule such call prior to any Approval Action Community Forum, and inform the Decisional Participants of the date, time and participation methods of such conference call, which ICANN shall promptly post on the Website.	EC request for a conference call and process.	When would the EC request a publicly-available conference call? What would the process be for deciding? See notes for 1.3 (a) above.	See notes for 1.3 (a) above.
(f) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Approval Action prior to the convening of and during the Approval Action Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.	Providing comments to a forum.	Determine whether the existing process for the GNSO to submit comments to a public forum would suffice. Questions: How will the EC receive and process these submissions? How will the GNSO determine whether to send its views to the EC?	While the SGs/Cs may separately submit comments, it would be expected that only the GNSO Council comments we be considered as those coming from the GNSO as a Decisional Participant.
1.3(i) During the Approval Action Community Forum Period, an additional one or two Community Forums may be held at the discretion of the Board or the EC Administration. If the Board decides to hold an additional one or two Approval Action Community Forums, it shall provide a rationale for such decision, which rationale ICANN shall promptly post on the Website.	Procedure for requesting an additional forum and process for decision-making.	When would an additional forum be requested? What would the process be for deciding? See notes for 1.3(a) above.	See notes for 1.3(a) above.
SECTION 1.4 DECISION WHETHER TO APPROVAL AN APPROVAL ACTION			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) Following the expiration of the Approval Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as	Informing EC Administration of support, objection, abstention; forwarding notice.	How will GNSO decide whether to support/object/abstain?	May not require new procedures.

calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Approval Action Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Approval Action Decision Period**"), with respect to each Approval Action, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Approval Action, (ii) objects to such Approval Action or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Approval Action), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Approval Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Approval Action Decision Period).		It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. Also, the current GNSO Council process of submitting and voting on motions could be used to indicate support, objection, or abstention.	
ARTICLE 2 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC'S RIGHTS TO REJECT SPECIFIED ACTIONS			
SECTION 2.2 PETITION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIED ACTIONS			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(b) During the period beginning on the Rejection Action Board Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the Rejection Action Board Notification Date (as it relates to a particular Rejection Action, the "**Rejection Action Petition Period**"), subject to the procedures	(b) Submitting a petition to a Decision Participant, subject to the procedures and requirements development by the Decisional Participant. (c) Acceptance or rejection of Rejection Action Petition. (i) Providing written notice. (A) Providing rationale.	How would GNSO receive and process individual petitions? 2.2 (c) (i) A-B How will GNSO decide whether to accept or reject a petition? The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a	Discuss whether there needs to be a new procedure for how to address a petition.

and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant, seeking to reject the Rejection Action and initiate the Rejection Process (a "**Rejection Action Petition**"). (c) A Decisional Participant that has received a Rejection Action Petition shall either accept or reject such Rejection Action Petition; provided that a Decisional Participant may only accept such Rejection Action Petition if it was received by such Decisional Participant during the Rejection Action Petition Period. (i) If, in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.2(c) of this Annex D, a Decisional Participant accepts a Rejection Action Petition during the Rejection Action Petition Period, the Decisional Participant shall promptly provide to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary written notice ("**Rejection Action Petition Notice**") of such acceptance (such Decisional Participant, the "**Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant**"), and ICANN shall promptly post such Rejection Action Petition Notice on the Website. The Rejection Action Petition Notice shall also include: (A) the rationale upon which rejection of the Rejection Action is sought. Where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to an ICANN Budget, an IANA Budget, an Operating Plan or a Strategic Plan, the Rejection Action Petition Notice shall not be valid and shall not be accepted by the EC Administration unless the rationale set forth	(B) Citing PDP and provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment.	petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. However, there may need to be new procedures on providing written notice, rationale, and citing PDP and provisions in the Bylaws.	

in the Rejection Action Petition Notice is based on one or more significant issues that were specifically raised in the applicable public comment period(s) relating to perceived inconsistencies with the Mission, purpose and role set forth in ICANN's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the global public interest, the needs of ICANN's stakeholders, financial stability, or other matter of concern to the community; and (B) where the Rejection Action Petition Notice relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, a statement, if applicable, that the Standard Bylaw Amendment is based solely on the outcome of a PDP, citing the specific PDP and the provision in the Standard Bylaw Amendment subject to the Board Notice that implements such PDP ("**PDP Standard Bylaw Statement**") and the name of the Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that undertook the PDP relating to the Standard Bylaw Amendment ("**Standard Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant**").
The Rejection Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 2.2(d) of this Annex D.

New Bylaw Section	New Obligation/Right for the GNSO	Any New Procedure Required?	Additional Comments
(d) Following the delivery of a Rejection Action Petition Notice to the EC Administration pursuant to Section 2.2(c)(i) of this Annex D, the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Rejection Action Petition. The Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional	(d) Contact EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine whether any others support. (i) Providing written notice to the EC Administration, other Decisional Participant and Secretary. (A) Supporting rationale. (B) Contact information. (C) Statement re: conference call.	New procedure to contact the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support. New procedures for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.	New procedures are likely required.

Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a "**Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant**") during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Petition Period (the "**Rejection Action Petition Support Period**"), the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Rejection Action Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant, and ICANN shall promptly post such Rejection Action Supported Petition on the Website. Each Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Rejection Action Petition, and ICANN shall promptly post each such notice on the Website. Such Rejection Action Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by	(D) Statement re: forum. (D) Citing PDP Standard Bylaw Statement.		

the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Rejection Action Supported Petition;

(C) a statement as to whether or not the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Rejection Action Community Forum (as defined in Section 2.3 of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Rejection Action Supported Petition;

(D) a statement as to whether the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Rejection Action Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting, taking into account the limitation on holding such a Rejection Action Community Forum when the Rejection Action Supported Petition relates to an ICANN Budget or IANA Budget as described in Section 2.3(c) of this Annex D; and

(E) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement, if applicable.

SECTION 2.3 REJECTION ACTION COMMUNITY FORUM			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
2.3(a) If the EC Administration receives a Rejection Action Supported Petition under Section 2.2(d) of this Annex D during the Rejection Action Petition Support Period, ICANN shall, at the direction of the EC Administration, convene a forum at which the Decisional Participants and interested parties may discuss the Rejection Action	Process for deciding whether to request a forum.	How will GNSO, as part of EC, decide whether to request a forum? See 1.3(a) notes above.	See 1.3(a) notes above.

Supported Petition ("Rejection Action Community Forum"). If the EC Administration receives more than one Rejection Action Supported Petition relating to the same Rejection Action, all such Rejection Action Supported Petitions shall be discussed at the same Rejection Action Community Forum.			
(f) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Rejection Action Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Rejection Action Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.	Delivery to EC Administration in writing views and questions on Rejection Action Supported Petition.	How will the EC receive and process these submissions? How will the GNSO decide whether to send its views? Current procedures for collecting GNSO Council views/questions may apply.	Discuss whether this will require new procedures.
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(h) If the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participants for an applicable Rejection Action Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Rejection Action Community Forum that the issue raised in such Rejection Action Supported Petition has been resolved, such Rejection Action Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Rejection Process with respect to such Rejection Action Supported Petition will be terminated. If all Rejection Action Supported Petitions relating to a Rejection Action are withdrawn, the Rejection Process will automatically be terminated. If a Rejection Process is	For the avoidance of doubt, the Rejection Action Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the ***internal procedures of the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant(s).***	How will GNSO decide if the issue has been resolved? Would need to explore whether the GNSO has procedures that would cover its actions as a Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant/Supporting Participant.	Discuss whether existing procedures apply.

terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Rejection Action Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Rejection Process Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Rejection Action Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant(s).			
2.3(i) During the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, an additional one or two Rejection Action Community Forums may be held at the discretion of a Rejection Action Petitioning Decisional Participant and a related Rejection Action Supporting Decisional Participant, or the EC Administration	Process to decide whether to hold a forum.	How will the EC determine whether an additional forum should be held? See 1.3(a) notes above.	See 1.3(a) notes above.
SECTION 2.4 DECISION WHETHER TO REJECT A REJECTION ACTION			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) Following the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Rejection Action Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Rejection Action Decision Period**"), with respect to each Rejection Action Supported Petition, each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Rejection Action Supported Petition and has determined to reject the Rejection Action , (ii) objects to such	Decision re: Rejection Action Supported Petition and informing the EC Administration: supports, objects, abstains.	How will GNSO decide whether to support/object/abstain? It may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. Also, the current GNSO Council process of submitting and voting on motions could be used to indicate support, objection, or abstention.	May not require new procedures.

Rejection Action Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Rejection Action Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Rejection Action Decision Period).			
ARTICLE 3 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC'S RIGHTS TO REMOVE DIRECTORS AND RECALL THE BOARD			
SECTION 3.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE DIRECTOR REMOVAL PROCESS			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove a Director holding Seats 1 through 8 and initiate the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition**"). Each Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition shall set forth the rationale upon which such individual seeks to remove such Director. The process set forth in this Section 3.1 of Annex D is referred to herein as the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Process**." (b) During the period beginning on the date that the Decisional Participant received the Nominating Committee Director Removal	(a) Procedures and requirements for an individual to submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove a Director. (b) Accepting or rejecting a Nominating Director Removal Petition. (c) Inviting the Director subject to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional	How will GNSO receive and process such petitions? The GNSO Council may need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support,	New procedure for how to address a petition.

Petition (such date of receipt, the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Date**") and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Date (as it relates to a particular Director, the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period**"), the Decisional Participant that has received a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant**") shall either accept or reject such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition; provided that a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall not accept a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition if, during the same term, the Director who is the subject of such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition had previously been subject to a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition that led to a Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum (as discussed in Section 3.1(e) of this Annex D). (c) During the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall invite the Director subject to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the Nominating Committee	Participant's representative on the EC Administration. (i) providing written notice ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice**") of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice shall include the rationale. (d) Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition. (i) Providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant. Including: (A) supporting rationale (B) contact information (C) statement re: conference call (D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum … (vii) resolution process shall be	providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.	

Director Removal Petition and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant's representative on the EC Administration. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition may not be accepted unless this invitation has been extended upon reasonable notice and accommodation to the affected Director's availability. If the invitation is accepted by either the Director who is the subject of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition or the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant shall not accept the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition until the dialogue has occurred or there have been reasonable efforts to have the dialogue. (i) If, in accordance with Section 3.1(b) of this Annex D, a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioned Decisional Participant accepts a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period (such Decisional Participant, the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant**"), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of its acceptance of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition, provide written notice ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice**") of such acceptance to the EC	handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant(s). ... (f) inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter		

Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice shall include the rationale upon which removal of the affected Director is sought. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.1(d) of this Annex D.

(ii) If the EC Administration has not received a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice pursuant to Section 3.1(c)(i) of this Annex D during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall automatically be terminated with respect to the applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period, deliver to the Secretary a notice certifying that the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process has been terminated with respect to the applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice**").

(d) Following the delivery of a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Notice to the EC Administration by a Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 3.1(c)(i) of this Annex D, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other

Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) If the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant**") during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Period (the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Support Period**"), the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support			

to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition. Such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.1(e) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting. The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue for such Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition pursuant to Section 3.1(e)			

of this Annex D. (ii) The Nominating Committee Director Removal Process shall automatically be terminated and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Support Period, deliver to the Secretary a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice if the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant is unable to obtain the support of at least one other Decisional Participant for its Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition during the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petition Support Period. … (vii) If the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participants for an applicable Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum that the issue raised in such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition has been resolved, such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Process with respect to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four			

(24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Nominating Committee Director Removal Process Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supporting Decisional Participant(s). … (f) Following the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period**"), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Nominating Committee Director Removal Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the			

Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Nominating Committee Director Removal Decision Period).			
SECTION 3.2 SO/AC DIRECTOR REMOVAL PROCESS			
(a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to the ASO, ccNSO, GNSO or At-Large Community (as applicable, the "**Applicable Decisional Participant**") seeking to remove a Director who was nominated by that Supporting Organization or the At-Large Community in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of the Bylaws, and initiate the SO/AC Director Removal Process ("**SO/AC Director Removal Petition**"). The process set forth in this Section 3.2 of this Annex D is referred to herein as the "**SO/AC Director Removal Process**." (b) During the period beginning on the date that the Applicable Decisional Participant received the SO/AC Director Removal Petition (such date of receipt, the "**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Date**") and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the date that is the 21st day after the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Date (as it relates to a particular Director, the	Removal of a SO/AC Director subject to the procedures and requirements of the Decisional Participant. (a) Individual petitioning GNSO to remove a Director (b) accepting or rejecting a petition subject to internal procedures (c) Inviting Director to a dialog (i) providing written notice of acceptance [of a petition] to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. Including: (A) supporting rationale (B) contact information (C) statement re: conference call (D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum (f) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the	The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support, providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.	New procedure for how to address a petition. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support.

"**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period**"), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall either accept or reject such SO/AC Director Removal Petition pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition; provided that the Applicable Decisional Participant shall not accept an SO/AC Director Removal Petition if, during the same term, the Director who is the subject of such SO/AC Director Removal Petition had previously been subject to an SO/AC Director Removal Petition that led to an SO/AC Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D). (c) During the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period, the Applicable Decisional Participant shall invite the Director subject to the SO/AC Director Removal Petition and the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director) to a dialogue with the individual(s) bringing the SO/AC Director Removal Petition and the Applicable Decisional Participant's representative on the EC Administration. The SO/AC Director Removal Petition may not be accepted unless this invitation has been extended upon reasonable notice and accommodation to the affected Director's availability. If the invitation is accepted by either the Director who is the subject of the SO/AC Director Removal Petition or the Chair of the Board (or the Vice Chair of the Board if the Chair is the affected Director), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall not accept the SO/AC Director Removal	Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant ("**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**"). The Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of obtaining such support, deliver the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, including: (A) supporting rationale (B) contact information (C) statement re: conference call (D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum ... (f) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant ("**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**") Delivering the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and Secretary		

Petition until the dialogue has occurred or there have been reasonable efforts to have the dialogue. (i) If, in accordance with Section 3.2(b), the Applicable Decisional Participant accepts an SO/AC Director Removal Petition during the SO/AC Director Removal Petition Period, the Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the Applicable Decisional Participant's acceptance of the SO/AC Director Removal Petition, provide written notice ("**SO/AC Director Removal Petition Notice**") of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The SO/AC Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D. Such SO/AC Director Removal Petition Notice shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Applicable Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the SO/AC Director Removal Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Applicable Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the SO/AC Director Removal Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the SO/AC Director Removal Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has determined to hold the SO/AC Director			

Removal Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting.

The SO/AC Director Removal Process shall thereafter continue for such SO/AC Director Removal Petition pursuant to Section 3.2(d) of this Annex D.

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(f) Following the expiration of the SO/AC Director Removal Comment Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the SO/AC Director Removal Comment Period (such period, the "**SO/AC Director Removal Decision Period**"), the Applicable Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether the Applicable Decisional Participant has support for the SO/AC Director Removal Petition within the Applicable Decisional Participant of a three-quarters majority as determined pursuant to the internal procedures of the Applicable Decisional Participant ("**SO/AC Director Removal Notice**"). The Applicable Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of obtaining such support, deliver the SO/AC Director Removal Notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and Secretary, and ICANN shall, at the direction of the Applicable Decisional Participant, concurrently post on the Website an explanation provided by the Applicable Decisional Participant as to why the Applicable Decisional Participant has chosen to remove the affected Director.

Upon the Secretary's receipt of the SO/AC

Director Removal Notice from the EC Administration, the Director subject to such SO/AC Director Removal Notice shall be effectively removed from office and shall no longer be a Director and such Director's vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 7.12 of the Bylaws.			
SECTION 3.3 BOARD RECALL PROCESS			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) Subject to the procedures and requirements developed by the applicable Decisional Participant, an individual may submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors (other than the President) at the same time and initiate the Board Recall Process ("**Board Recall Petition**"), provided that a Board Recall Petition cannot be submitted solely on the basis of a matter decided by a Community IRP if (i) such Community IRP was initiated in connection with the Board's implementation of GAC Consensus Advice and (ii) the EC did not prevail in such Community IRP. Each Board Recall Petition shall include a rationale setting forth the reasons why such individual seeks to recall the Board. The process set forth in this Section 3.3 of this Annex D is referred to herein as the "**Board Recall Process**." (b) A Decisional Participant that has received a Board Recall Petition shall either accept or reject such Board Recall Petition during the period beginning on the date the Decisional Participant received the Board Recall Petition ("**Board Recall Petition Date**") and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the date that is	NEW: Procedures and requirements for an individual to submit a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors. (a) individual submitting a petition to a Decisional Participant seeking to remove all Directors (other than the President) at the same time and initiate the Board Recall Process (b) accepting or rejecting such Board Recall Petition (i) providing written notice ("**Board Recall Petition Notice**") of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. (c) contacting the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Board Recall Petition. (i) If obtains the support of at least two other Decisional Participants, providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Board Recall Supported**	The GNSO Council will need a procedure for how to address a petition submitted to it. It may be that the current procedure for decision-making whereby a motion is considered and voted on – in this case to accept or reject the petition. There may need to be new procedures on inviting the Director to a dialog, contacting the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support, providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.	New procedure for how to address a petition. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support, and for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation.

the 21st day after the Board Recall Petition Date (the "**Board Recall Petition Period**").
(i) If, in accordance with Section 3.3(b) of this Annex D, a Decisional Participant accepts a Board Recall Petition during the Board Recall Petition Period (such Decisional Participant, the "**Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant**"), the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of its acceptance of the Board Recall Petition, provide written notice ("**Board Recall Petition Notice**") of such acceptance to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary. The Board Recall Petition Notice shall include the rationale upon which removal of the Board is sought. The Board Recall Process shall thereafter continue pursuant to Section 3.3(c) of this Annex D.
(ii) If the EC Administration has not received a Board Recall Petition Notice pursuant to Section 3.3(b)(i) of this Annex D during the Board Recall Petition Period, the Board Recall Process shall automatically be terminated with respect to the Board Recall Petition and the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period, deliver to the Secretary a notice certifying that the Board Recall Process has been terminated with respect to the Board Recall Petition ("**Board Recall Process Termination Notice**").
(c) Following the delivery of a Board Recall Petition Notice to the EC Administration by a Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 3.3(b)(i) of

Petition") within twenty-four hours of receiving the support of at least two Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants, including: including:
(A) supporting rationale
(B) contact information
(C) statement re: conference call
(D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum.
...
(v) delivering to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Board Recall Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Board Recall Community Forum.
(e) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Board Recall Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Board Recall Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter

this Annex D, the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Board Recall Petition. The Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) If the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least two other Decisional Participants (each, a "**Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participant**") during the period beginning upon the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 7th day after the expiration of the Board Recall Petition Period (the "**Board Recall Petition Support Period**"), the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Board Recall Supported Petition**") within twenty-four hours of receiving the support of at least two Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants. Each Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Board Recall Petition. Such Board Recall Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail;			

(B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Board Recall Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Board Recall Board Recall Community Forum (as defined in Section 3.3(d) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Board Recall Supported Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Board Recall Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Board Recall Supporting Decisional Participants have determined to hold the Board Recall Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting. The Board Recall Process shall thereafter continue for such Board Recall Supported Petition pursuant to Section 3.3(d) of this Annex D. … (v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Board Recall Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Board Recall Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN.			

(e) Following the expiration of the Board Recall Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Board Recall Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Board Recall Decision Period**"), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Board Recall Supported Petition, (ii) objects to such Board Recall Supported Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to such Board Recall Supported Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to expiration of the Board Recall Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Board Recall Decision Period).			
ARTICLE 4 PROCEDURE FOR EXERCISE OF EC'S RIGHTS TO INITIATE MEDIATION, A COMMUNITY IRP OR RECONSIDERATION REQUEST			
SECTION 4.1 MEDIATION INITIATION			
(a) If the Board refuses or fails to comply with a decision by the EC delivered to the Secretary pursuant to an EC Approval Notice, EC Rejection Notice, Nominating Committee Director Removal Notice, SO/AC Director Removal Notice or EC Board Recall Notice pursuant to and in compliance with	Requesting initiation of a Mediation with the Board in relation to that EC Decision as contemplated by Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration, the Decisional Participants and the Secretary	The GNSO Council may need a new procedure for how it decides whether to request initiation of a Mediation. For the notice it may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or	New procedure for how to request initiation of a Mediation.

Article 1, Article 2 or Article 3 of this Annex D, or rejects or otherwise does not take action that is consistent with a final IFR Recommendation, Special IFR Recommendation, SCWG Creation Recommendation or SCWG Recommendation, as applicable (each, an "**EC Decision**"), the EC Administration representative of any Decisional Participant who supported the exercise by the EC of its rights in the applicable EC Decision during the applicable decision period may request that the EC initiate mediation with the Board in relation to that EC Decision as contemplated by Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration, the Decisional Participants and the Secretary requesting the initiation of a Mediation ("**Mediation Initiation Notice**"). ICANN shall promptly post to the Website any Mediation Initiation Notice. (b) As soon as practicable after receiving a Mediation Initiation Notice, the EC Administration and the Secretary shall initiate Mediation, which shall proceed in accordance with Section 4.7 of the Bylaws.	requesting the initiation of a Mediation ("**Mediation Initiation Notice**").	notice via the Council may suffice.	
SECTION 4.2 COMMUNITY IRP			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) After completion of a Mediation under Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, the EC Administration representative of any Decisional Participant who supported the exercise by the EC of its rights in the applicable EC Decision during the applicable decision period may request that the EC initiate a Community IRP (a "**Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant**"), as contemplated by Section 4.3 of the Bylaws,	NEW: Initiating a Community IRP. (a) delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants requesting the initiation of a Community IRP ("**Community IRP Petition**"). The Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary (b) contacting the EC	The GNSO Council may need a new procedure for how it decides whether to initiate a Community IRP. For the notice it may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or notice via the Council may suffice. New procedure to contact the	New procedure for how it decides whether to initiate a Community IRP. New procedure for how to decide whether to initiate a Reconsideration Request. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support, and for providing written notice, rationale, contact information,

by delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the Decisional Participants requesting the initiation of a Community IRP ("**Community IRP Petition**"). The Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. The process set forth in this Section 4.2 of this Annex D as it relates to a particular Community IRP Petition is referred to herein as the "**Community IRP Initiation Process**." (b) Following the delivery of a Community IRP Petition to the EC Administration by a Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 4.2(a) of this Annex D (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the "**Community IRP Notification Date**"), the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community IRP Petition. The Community IRP Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) If the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional Participant (a "**Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant**") during the period beginning on the Community IRP Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the Community IRP Notification Date (the "**Community IRP**	Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community IRP Petition. The Community IRP Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community IRP Petition including: (A) supporting rationale (B) contact information (C) statement re: conference call (D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum. (E) PDP Fundamental Bylaw Statement if applicable (F) a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement if applicable (G) a statement citing the specific CCWG Policy Recommendation and related provision in the Community IRP Supported Petition ("**CCWG Policy Recommendation Statement**"), and, if so, the name of any Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that approved the CCWG Policy Recommendation("**CCWG Policy Recommendation Decisional Participant**"). ...	EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support. New procedures for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.	statements, and Byaws citation.

Petition Support Period"), the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Community IRP Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community IRP Petition. Such Community IRP Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Community IRP Supported Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Community IRP Community Forum (as defined in Section 4.2(c) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Community IRP Supported Petition; (D) a statement as to whether the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP	(v) delivering to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community IRP Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community IRP Community Forum AND delivering to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. ... (vii) resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant(s). (d) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community IRP Petition, (ii) objects to such Community IRP Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community IRP Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.		

Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Community IRP Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting; (E) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a Fundamental Bylaw Amendment, a PDP Fundamental Bylaw Statement if applicable and, if so, the name of the Fundamental Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant; (F) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a Standard Bylaw Amendment, a PDP Standard Bylaw Statement if applicable and, if so, the name of the Standard Bylaw Amendment PDP Decisional Participant; and (G) where the Community IRP Supported Petition relates to a policy recommendation of a cross community working group chartered by more than one Supporting Organization ("**CCWG Policy Recommendation**"), a statement citing the specific CCWG Policy Recommendation and related provision in the Community IRP Supported Petition ("**CCWG Policy Recommendation Statement**"), and, if so, the name of any Supporting Organization that is a Decisional Participant that approved the CCWG Policy Recommendation("**CCWG Policy Recommendation Decisional Participant**"). The Community IRP Initiation Process shall thereafter continue for such Community IRP Supported Petition pursuant to Section 4.2(c) of this Annex D. … (v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional			

Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community IRP Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community IRP Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. … (vii) If the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participants for the Community IRP Supported Petition agree before, during or after a Community IRP Community Forum that the issue raised in such Community IRP Supported Petition has been resolved, such Community IRP Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Community IRP Process with respect to such Community IRP Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Community IRP Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Community IRP Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Community IRP Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Community IRP Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community IRP Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community IRP Supporting Decisional Participant(s). …			

(d) Following the expiration of the Community IRP Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Community IRP Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Community IRP Decision Period**"), each Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community IRP Petition, (ii) objects to such Community IRP Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community IRP Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Community IRP Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Community IRP Decision Period).			
SECTION 4.3 COMMUNITY RECONSIDERATION REQUEST			
New Bylaw Section	*New Obligation/Right for the GNSO*	*Any New Procedure Required?*	*Additional Comments*
(a) Any Decisional Participant may request that the EC initiate a Reconsideration Request (a "**Community Reconsideration Decisional Participant**"), as contemplated by Section 4.2(b) of the Bylaws, by delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants, with a	Initiating a Reconsideration Request. (a) delivering a notice to the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants, with a copy to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website,	The GNSO Council may need a new procedure for how it decides whether to initiate a Reconsideration Request. For the notice it may be that the existing methods for the GNSO to send a communication or	New procedure for how to decide whether to initiate a Reconsideration Request. Also for inviting a Director to a dialog and determining other support, and for providing written notice, rationale, contact information,

copy to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website, requesting the review or reconsideration of an action or inaction of the ICANN Board or staff ("**Community Reconsideration Petition**"). A Community Reconsideration Petition must be delivered within 30 days after the occurrence of any of the conditions set forth in Section 4.2(g)(i)(A), (B) or (C) of the Bylaws. In that instance, the Community Reconsideration Petition must be delivered within 30 days from the initial posting of the rationale. The process set forth in this Section 4.3 of this Annex D as it relates to a particular Community Reconsideration Petition is referred to herein as the "**Community Reconsideration Initiation Process**." (b) Following the delivery of a Community Reconsideration Petition to the EC Administration by a Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant pursuant to Section 4.3(a) of this Annex D (which delivery date shall be referred to herein as the "**Community Reconsideration Notification Date**"), the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant shall contact the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community Reconsideration Petition. The Community Reconsideration Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) If the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant obtains the support of at least one other Decisional	requesting the review or reconsideration of an action or inaction of the ICANN Board or staff ("**Community Reconsideration Petition**"). (b) contacting the EC Administration and the other Decisional Participants to determine whether any other Decisional Participants support the Community Reconsideration Petition. The Community Reconsideration Decisional Participant shall forward such communication to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. (i) providing a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Community Reconsideration Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant. (A) supporting rationale (B) contact information (C) statement re: conference call (D) statement re: whether to hold a Community Forum. ... (v) delivering to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition prior to the convening of and	notice via the Council may suffice. New procedure to contact the EC Administration and other Decisional Participants to determine other support. New procedures for providing written notice, rationale, contact information, statements, and Byaws citation. Existing method of GNSO Council communication may apply in the case of informing the EC Administration in writing, and indicating support, objections, or abstentions.	statements, and Byaws citation.

Participant (a "**Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant**") during the period beginning on the Community Reconsideration Notification Date and ending at 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the Community Reconsideration Notification Date (the "**Community Reconsideration Petition Support Period**"), the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary ("**Community Reconsideration Supported Petition**") within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the support of at least one Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant. Each Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant shall provide a written notice to the EC Administration, the other Decisional Participants and the Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of providing support to the Community Reconsideration Petition. Such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition shall include: (A) a supporting rationale in reasonable detail; (B) contact information for at least one representative who has been designated by the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant who shall act as a liaison with respect to the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition; (C) a statement as to whether or not the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and/or the	during the Community Reconsideration Community Forum delivering to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. ... (vii) resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant(s). ... (d) informing the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community Reconsideration Petition, (ii) objects to such Community Reconsideration Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community Reconsideration Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website.		

Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant requests that ICANN organize a publicly-available conference call prior to the Community Reconsideration Community Forum (as defined in Section 4.3(c) of this Annex D) for the community to discuss the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition; and (D) a statement as to whether the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant have determined to hold the Community Reconsideration Community Forum during the next scheduled ICANN public meeting. The Community Reconsideration Initiation Process shall thereafter continue for such Rejection Action Supported Petition pursuant to Section 4.3(c) of this Annex D. … (v) ICANN and any Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee (including Decisional Participants) may deliver to the EC Administration in writing its views and questions on the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition prior to the convening of and during the Community Reconsideration Community Forum. Any written materials delivered to the EC Administration shall also be delivered to the Secretary for prompt posting on the Website in a manner deemed appropriate by ICANN. … (vii) If the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and each of the Community Reconsideration			

Supporting Decisional Participants for a Community Reconsideration Supported Petition agree before, during or after the Community Reconsideration Community Forum that the issue raised in such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition has been resolved, such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition shall be deemed withdrawn and the Community Reconsideration Process with respect to such Community Reconsideration Supported Petition will be terminated. If a Community Reconsideration Process is terminated, the EC Administration shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the resolution of the issue raised in the Community Reconsideration Supported Petition, deliver to the Secretary a Community Reconsideration Termination Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Community Reconsideration Community Forum is not a decisional body and the foregoing resolution process shall be handled pursuant to the internal procedures of the Community Reconsideration Petitioning Decisional Participant and the Community Reconsideration Supporting Decisional Participant(s). … (d) Following the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Community Forum Period, at any time or date prior to 11:59 p.m. (as calculated by local time at the location of ICANN's principal office) on the 21st day after the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Community Forum Period (such period, the "**Community Reconsideration Decision Period**"), each			

Decisional Participant shall inform the EC Administration in writing as to whether such Decisional Participant (i) supports such Community Reconsideration Petition, (ii) objects to such Community Reconsideration Petition or (iii) has determined to abstain from the matter (which shall not count as supporting or objecting to the Community Reconsideration Petition), and each Decisional Participant shall forward such notice to the Secretary for ICANN to promptly post on the Website. If a Decisional Participant does not inform the EC Administration of any of the foregoing prior to the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Decision Period, the Decisional Participant shall be deemed to have abstained from the matter (even if such Decisional Participant informs the EC Administration of its support or objection following the expiration of the Community Reconsideration Decision Period).			