

# Motions 21 October 2020

## Appointment of a GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee

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### Whereas:

1. As part of the discussions within ICANN between the GNSO and GAC, on how to facilitate early engagement of the GAC in GNSO policy development activities, a GNSO liaison to the GAC was piloted during FY15 and FY16.
2. Based on the review of the GAC-GNSO Consultation Group (see <http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-liaison-gac-pilot-29feb16-en.pdf>) and discussions between the GAC and GNSO during their joint session at the ICANN meeting in Marrakesh, the GNSO Council confirmed on 14 April 2016 role and process for a GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee as a permanent feature (see <https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/request-liaison-gac-30mar16-en.pdf>).
3. The term for GNSO liaison to the GAC ends at the Annual General Meeting and the current Liaison, Johan (Julf) Helsingius, will not be seeking to serve an additional term.
4. The GNSO Council initiated a call for candidates to fill the vacancy and delegated the responsibility of the review and selection process to the GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC).
5. One application was received and was evaluated by the SSC based on the criteria outlined in the call for candidates.
6. Full consensus was achieved by the SSC for recommending that the GNSO Council appoint Jeffrey Neuman to the role of GNSO Liaison to the GAC.

### Resolved:

1. The GNSO Council hereby appoints Jeffrey Neuman to the role of GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee until the end of the ICANN AGM 2021.
2. The GNSO Council will review the role and is expected to annually reconfirm the appointment, unless the review indicates otherwise and/or the Liaison has indicated that he/she is no longer available to continue in this role in which case a new selection process will take place and/or the review indicates.
3. The GNSO Council Leadership Team will co-ordinate with Jeffrey Neuman as well as the GAC Leadership Team and GAC Secretariat on next steps and the successful implementation of this role.
4. The GNSO Council thanks Julf Helsingius for his three years of service as the GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC.