**Description of the Current GNSO Council Practice in Relation to Motions**

Current Steps:

1. A current GNSO Council member submits a motion to the GNSO Council via the Council mailing list ***by the 10-day motion and document deadline*** and may expressly request that the motion be seconded.
2. If the motion is submitted by the motion deadline for the next Council meeting, the motion is placed on the Council’s meeting agenda and published on the motions page of the Council wiki space, identifying the proposer and seconder (if available)[[1]](#footnote-1).
3. A different GNSO Council member seconds the submitted motion, either in response to the proposer’s request or to a call for a seconder by the GNSO Chair or Secretariat. There is no limit to the number of seconders.
4. The motion can be discussed up to the Council meeting, but discussion and voting on the motion at the Council meeting cannot proceed without a second.
5. If a GNSO Council member (other than the proposer) seconds the motion the GNSO Council Chair calls for its discussion or a vote.
6. The GNSO Council holds the vote.

Current Steps Relating to Amendments:

1. A GNSO Council member submits a proposed amendment to the submitted motion prior to the vote being called.
2. If the proposed amendment is deemed friendly by the motion proposer and seconder (where there is not yet a seconder, only the proposer needs to accept the proposal as friendly) it is incorporated into the motion to be voted on.
3. If the amendment is not accepted as friendly by either the proposer or seconder, the Council first votes on whether to accept the proposed amendment (threshold: simple majority).
4. If the Council vote is affirmative, the GNSO Council votes on the motion in accordance with the GNSO Operating Procedures.
5. If the Council vote falls below the simple majority threshold, the proposed amendment is not incorporated into the original motion, and the Council proceeds to vote on the original motion.

GNSO Councilor

Submits Motion

By the 10-day Deadline

Motion Not Considered

Submitted

By Deadline?

Yes

Amend

Motion

No

Yes

No

No

Yes

Vote on

Amendment

Amendment Passes?

Amend

Motion

No

Amendment

Rejected

Amendment Friendly?

Amendment Proposed?

Vote on

Motion

Motion Seconded

Motion Passes?

Motion Not Approved

Motion

Approved

Yes

Yes

Withdrawn

Or

Deferred?

Yes

Yes

No

No

1. Note that because the Council’s practice permits a motion to be seconded up to the point just before a vote is called, the motion as proposed can be published and placed on the meeting agenda without it first being seconded. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)