**DRAFT EMAIL SOLICITING SG/C FEEDBACK ON GNSO PROCESSES FLOWCHARTS**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

The Policy & Implementation Working Group (PIWG) is currently developing recommendations for other processes, in addition to the existing Policy Development Process (PDP), by which the GNSO Council can provide input on behalf of the GNSO community on policy and related questions brought to its attention by the ICANN Board and other ICANN Supporting Organizations and/or Advisory Committees (SO/ACs). As these proposed mechanisms are likely to be of great interest to the GNSO community, the PIWG would very much like to seek your group’s feedback on the attached flow charts describing these potential additional processes.

Please note that the two additional processes depicted on the charts – a proposed Policy Guidance Process (PGP) and a proposed Policy Input Process (PIP) - are intended to supplement the existing mechanisms by which the GNSO Council performs its work and manages that of the GNSO community’s. What the PIWG has tried to do is create clearly delineated processes in addition to those that are currently available, that add to the flexibility and responsiveness of the GNSO and the Council. At the same time, the new proposed processes represent our attempt to balance the need for such nimbleness with the need for codified processes that will allow the GNSO and the Council to deal with requests other than on an ad-hoc basis. The possibility of a “lightweight” PDP is also addressed in the flow charts, to try to address situations where policies already adopted by the ICANN Board may need re-examination.

The PIWG will be grateful if your group could provide its feedback to us by Friday 12 September 2014. We will also be happy to address any questions that your members may have in the meantime.

Best regards,

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