Subject: Re: Statement from NCPH meeting

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David, et al,

I apologize for the length of time it's taken us to respond to your January 16 message. We took it quite seriously and wound up having multiple internal consultations.

The Board notes that the objective of the GNSO Review is to examine organizational effectiveness of the GNSO, including its structure components (GNSO Council, GNSO Working Groups, GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies).

As expressed in your note, the Board acknowledges there is dissatisfaction within the Non-Contracted Parties House (NCPH) on the current structure of the GNSO, and acknowledges that the NCPH does not believe the structural issue has been adequately addressed in the review currently underway.

The best way forward at this point is some direct discussion while we're in Buenos Aires. Let's set something up. If you wish, it can be part of the agenda when we meet during Constituency Day, but I suspect it will be more effective if we get a handful of people together for a focused problem-solving discussion. In either case, the Board stands willing to discuss this with the members of the NCPH and the GNSO Council in Buenos Aires.

Thanks,

Steve Crocker Chair, ICANN Board of Directors