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Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors
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RE: GAC Reply to 26 April Board NomCom Rebalancing Inquiry

Dear Tripti,

Thank you very much for your letter of 26 April 2023 giving the GAC an opportunity to contemplate matters related to the “rebalancing” of the membership composition of the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom). Unfortunately, the GAC was not able to address this issue during ICANN77. While GAC Members have not expressed consensus views regarding the specific issue of “rebalancing” the composition of the NomCom membership, the questions presented in your letter will likely occasion potential fresh discussions within the GAC before and during ICANN78 about the GAC’s past, present and future relationship with the NomCom.

For the last several years the GAC has not appointed or named an individual to serve as a delegate on each respective NomCom. Instead, the GAC has annually reached out to each respective NomCom with written guidance on what skills and qualities the committee thinks should be considered in the identification and consideration of potential nominees for certain leadership positions within the ICANN community.

Your inquiry regarding the NomCom rebalancing issue and recent recommendations to amend the ICANN Bylaws to convert all advisory committee delegates to full voting status (see <https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/bylaws-amendments-and-documents-to-implement-the-nomcom2-review-17-04-2023>), will certainly help the committee frame its future conversations.

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I will keep you informed as the committee moves forward in its discussions on these topics.

Best regards,



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