NomCom Rebalancing – Draft Council Response

Before providing your input, please review the background information that was included in the Board letter (see https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/correspondence/sinha-to-ducos-26apr23-en.pdf) which has also been replicated below the table.

As SG/Cs have also been asked to respond to these questions, please make sure that the proposed response is from a Council perspective. Following your suggestions and input on those suggestions, a call will be scheduled to finalise the proposed response. Note that the Board has requested to receive the input by 30 June at the latest so **please provide your suggestions by 9 June at the latest**.

Council volunteers:

1. What does it mean to have a balanced NomCom at a point in time? For example, what criteria would you apply to measure or assess whether the NomCom is balanced? And further, how can one test whether or not the NomCom is balanced?	
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2. Do you support the view that the current composition of the NomCom needs to be rebalanced? Please explain why or why not.	
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3. How frequently does the balance need to be measured or assessed?	
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4. How do you suggest that the NomCom's composition be rebalanced?	
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5. Who should conduct this work, and how should it be conducted?	
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6. How would your community group prioritize consideration of this issue within your planning efforts?

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Background information

- ICANN Public Comment: NomCom2 Review Implementation proposed ICANN Bylaws Amendments, (see "Article 8 Nominating Committee" pertaining to NomCom membership, page 3)
- NomCom2 Review Implementation Plan, Recommendation 10, (see steps 1-8, page 24)
- NomComRIWG presentation on NomCom Rebalancing (April 2020)
- NomComRIWG scenarios for discussion on NomCom Rebalancing (April 2020)

The NomCom Review Implementation Working Group (NomComRIWG) concluded that NomCom2 Review recommendation 10, stating "Representation on the NomCom should be re-balanced immediately and then be reviewed every five years," was not feasible for NomComRIWG implementation, and withdrew its initial proposal accordingly.

The NomComRIWG first considered the development of principles to guide rebalancing, performing a gap analysis over how those principles were met, presenting resulting scenarios to address the identified gaps to the community as a whole. During implementation, the NomComRIWG updated their plan to focus their efforts on centralizing the rebalancing efforts only on the seats selected through the various components of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO). After that proposal was not accepted by participants in the GNSO, the NomComRIWG re-evaluated their efforts and identified that the NomComRIWG might not be the most appropriate group to move forward consideration of this issue, which re-evaluation led to the Board's March 2023 resolution.

Currently:

- five delegates are selected by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC),
- seven by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO),
- one by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO),
- one by the Address Supporting Organization (ASO), and
- one by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).

The proposed ICANN Bylaws Amendments will move the non-voting delegates currently selected by the Government Advisory Committee (GAC), one by the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC), and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) each to voting delegate status.