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**Governmental Advisory Committee of ICANN (GAC-ICANN)**

# **The ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee 1999 – 2004**

**GAC Chairman's report for the  
information of the  
United Nations' Working Group on  
Internet Governance (WGIG)**

Geneva, 15 February 2005

# Key reforms

## ICANN Bylaws (1998)

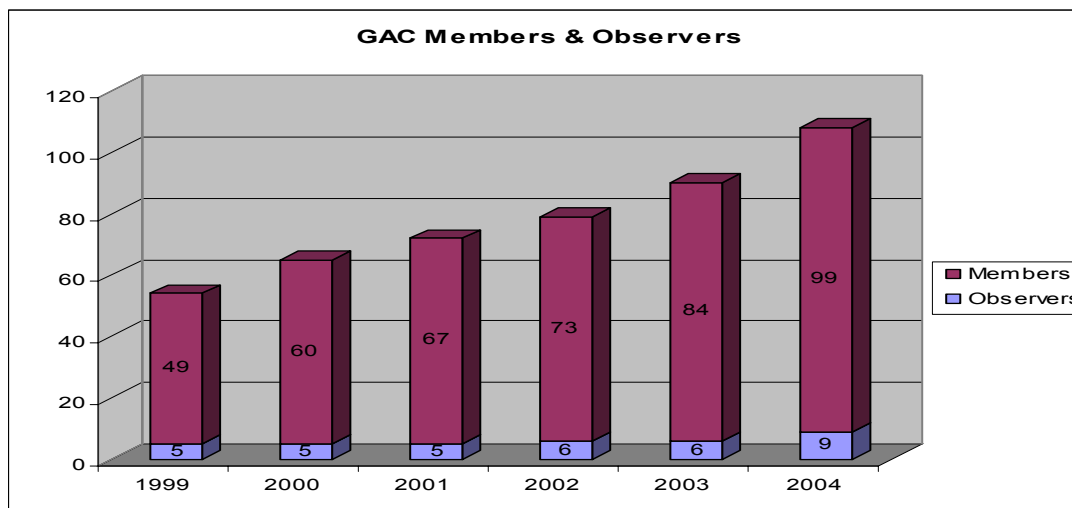
- *“The Governmental Advisory Committee should consider and provide advice on the activities of the Corporation as they relate to concerns of governments, particularly matters where there may be an interaction between the Corporation’s policies and various laws, and international agreements”*

## ICANN Bylaws (2002)

- *“The **advice of the Governmental Advisory Committee** on public policy matters **shall be duly taken into account**, both in the formulation and adoption of policies. In the event that the ICANN Board determines to take an action that is not consistent with the Governmental Advisory Committee advice, it shall so inform the Committee and **state the reasons why it decided not to follow that advice**. The Governmental Advisory Committee and the ICANN Board will then try, in good faith and in a timely and efficient manner, to find a mutually acceptable solution.”*
- It is noteworthy that there has never been a need to activate this provision.

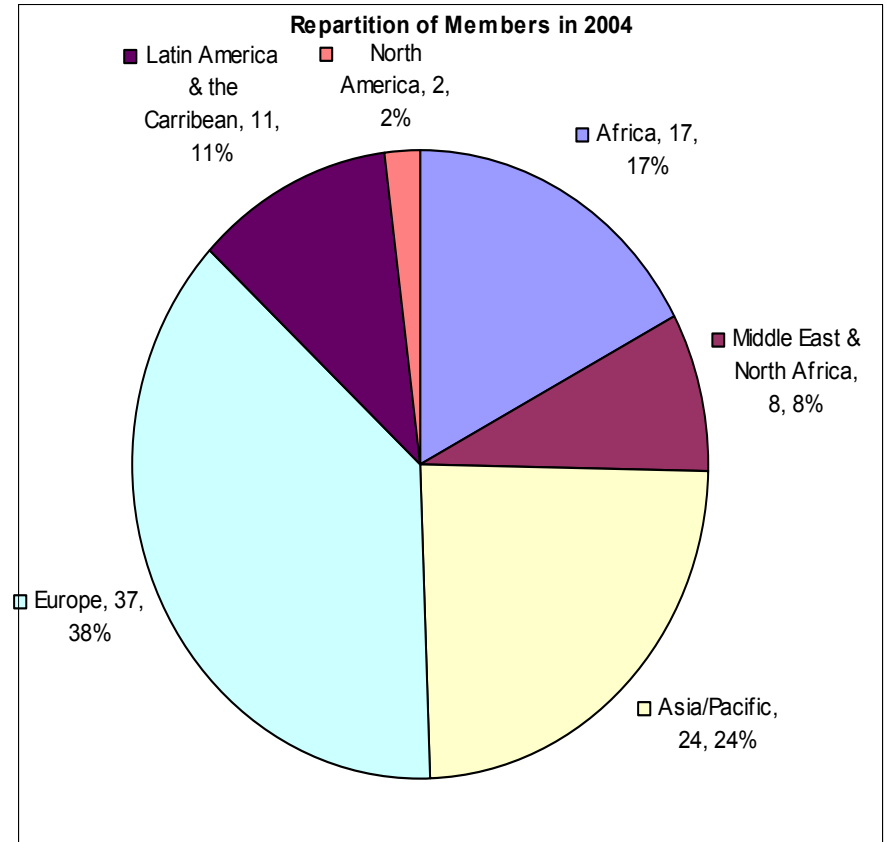
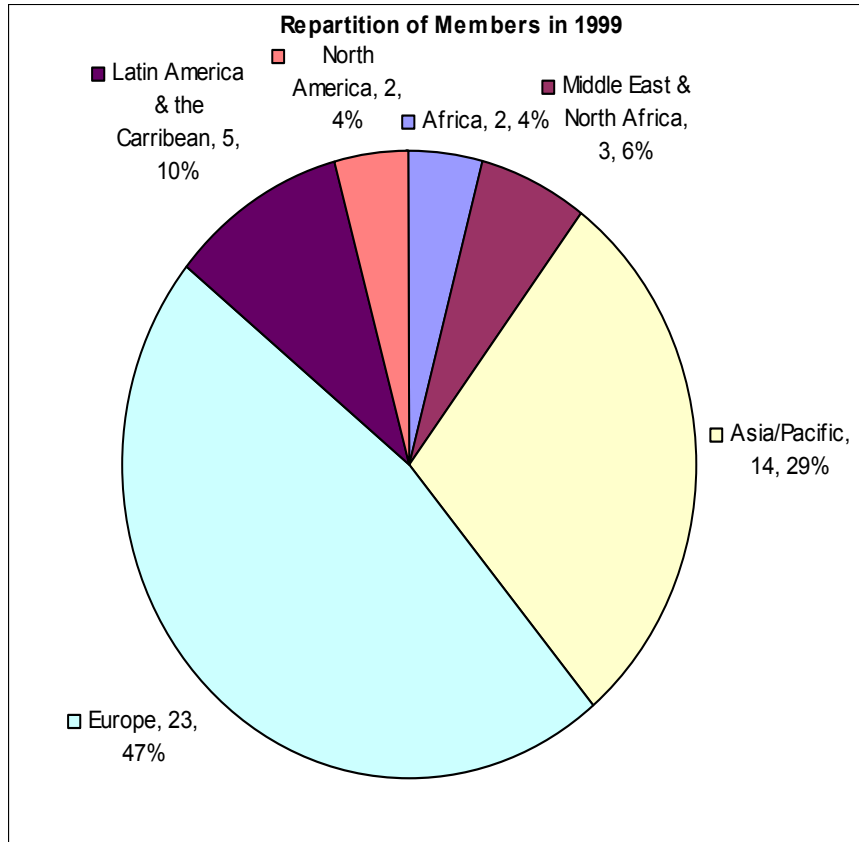
# GAC representation 1999-2004

Year	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Africa	2	3	3	7	13	17
Middle East & North Africa	3	4	4	5	6	8
Asia/Pacific	14	18	19	19	21	24
Europe	23	26	30	30	31	37
Latin America & the Carribean	5	7	9	10	11	11
North America	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Observers</b>	5	5	5	6	6	9
<b>Members</b>	49	60	67	73	84	99



**In February 2005,  
Georgia became  
100<sup>th</sup> member of the  
GAC**

# GAC geographic distribution 1999-2004



**GAC is represented by various parts of Governments dealing with public policy issues on Internet & DNS**

# GAC Structure

- Recognition of multistakeholder environment
- Consultative nature with open & transparent processes

## **Liaisons**

ICANN Board, Supporting Organisations (3), other Committees (4), Nominating Committee

## **Working Groups**

gTLDs (GNSO), IDN, ccTLDs\*, Security/Root Servers, IPv6, Future structure & Finance

\*revision of ccTLD Principles

# GAC Working methods

- 3 face-to-face meetings per year – Next meeting: Argentina, April 2005
- ± Monthly conference calls
- Mailing lists and e-mail reflectors
- Website:
  - Public pages
  - Members area
  - DISCUS
- Chair+Vice-Chairs+Secretariat consult by telephone ±weekly

# Thank you

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