ICANN70 | Virtual Community Forum - GAC Wrap Up Session
Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 12:30 to 14:00 EST

GULTEN TEPE: Manal, we are at the scheduled start time. Shall we start the recording?

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes, please, Gulten.

GULTEN TEPE: Technical support team, could you please start the recording? Over to you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Gulten, and welcome back everyone. This is the wrap-up session. It is scheduled for 90 minutes. I hope we can dedicate at least an hour for issues that we would like to brainstorm with you during the wrap-up session, but to start with we need to finalize a couple of pending things in the communique.

So I can see the communique is already on the screen so let's scroll down to the text we need to attend do and at the end we

will do one read-out of the whole communique. So, can -- Fabian, can you mark the text we need to finalize?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Sure. In the advice portion of the text we have here a paragraph in the rationale that was moved from from the actual text of the advice so that wasn't confirmed. I also note that support team we've thought about possibly annexing the GAC minority statement to the communique so we've suggested if Benedetta -- if you scroll up a little bit -- here in the first paragraph under the title much the advice was provided that we have proposed here in the annex.

Just to say that we would, if agreeable, attach the minority statement to the communique, so the full text of the minority statement to the communique.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Fabian. Any comments on annexing the GAC minority statement?   I see support from Switzerland in the chat and Laureen annexing minority statement makes sense as it will make things for complete for the reader.

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So I think we are good with this. Let's scroll down. I will read the three last paragraphs quickly just to make sure we inserted the ODP text in the right place and that the text is consistent.

So the GAC is of the view that certain key recommendations and unaddressed topics in the final report of Phase 2 of the EPDP on gTLD registration data require further work and that the Board should assess how best to address that.

The GAC is also of the opinion that the operational design phase ODP can focus the Board on some of the practical implementation challenges especially those involving cost apportionment. The GAC looks forward to continued engagement with the Board and the community on these important issues. Any comments?

Seeing none, so let's move to the following pending text. And this is the follow-up on previous GAC advice. The CCT review and subsequent rounds of now gTLDs first, thanks to Jorge for [indiscernible] both bullets and further thanks to Canada, Taylor, and Louisa for providing us with some edits that makes more sense in terms of this section of the communique.

So the text now reads the GAC is seeking a coordinated approach on the implementation of the specified recommendations from

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the CCT review ahead of the potential launch of a new round of gTLDs.

Pursuant to GAC advice issued in Montreal ICANN66 related correspondence with the ICANN Board and subsequent discussions the latest on 23rd March during ICANN70, the GAC looks forward to be periodically updated on the ongoing consideration of the above mentioned advice, and in particular the recommendations marked as prerequisite or high priority, namely and the list of numbers.

For example, and I will say the rationale behind the further edits, I am proposing for example through a tracking tool that identifies the status of each recommendation in terms of who is taking it forward, how it will be implemented, and when it is expected to be completed, particularly in regards to recommendations attributed to the organization and the ICANN community in addition to the Board.

So again, as I said, the first part was fixed by Canada, and then I tried to follow my earlier advice, which -- to be less descriptive in this part of the communique, which is a follow-up on previous GAC advice. Again mindful of clarification questions that we may receive from the Board later what if we provide something even more creative than a tracking tool.

What if -- so we here very descriptive about the tool about how it looks so I tried to†-- I inserted for example here just to give the sense of what we need without dictating how it should be implemented. I hope it doesn't change the meaning, and I'm just pausing to see if there are any requests for the floor?

And also, to catch up with the chat. And thank you Canada, and Switzerland for confirming. Yes, please, Nigel, you're the author so please we need your approval as well.

UNITED KINGDOM: Nigel Hickson [inaudible] essence of what we were discussing yesterday. I mean it's possible that the ICANN Board will come up with something better than we were thinking of so I agree that there should be some flexibility. I mean, the essence is that we need to follow these recommendations and how they've been carried forward. Thank you very much.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Great. Thank you very much, Nigel. And indeed we want the essence without being too descriptive on the how, so I'm seeing no more hands. Shall I assume this text is confirmed?

And if so, did we have something else Fabian before we make a thorough read of the communique, Kavouss please go ahead.

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IRAN: Yes, on item 2 first line it says that it notes issues created by an overly narrow charter. I suggest to delete this criticism for this.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: IGO identifiers.

IRAN: Yes, IGO. We should stop criticizing others without any rationale and without any justification so please delete narrowly charter so that is the Charter that has been done on we are not responsible for the Charter and we should not criticize GNSO for any charters. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. I see Brian has a hand up, so please Brian go ahead.

BRIAN BECKHAM: Hi, Manal and Kavouss, and I certainly appreciate the notion of not taking a critical tone and, of course, you will be aware as a member of the work track and other GAC colleagues may recall meetings with the council.

I believe it was in Kobe we had where there were an understanding with respect to the kind of, let's say more openness to find a solution versus the Charter that we ultimately landed on which, as I reported in the update on Monday evening, has from the beginning presented some obstacles in it the work track to where there has been concerns raised about potentially even needing to go back to the council to ask for a re-work to the council. So I offer that just as background.

And I don't know if -- certainly don't want to hold things up here at the end of the week, but -- so if the desire is just to strike the text, that's fine or if there's maybe an interest in framing it somehow else then I can work with some colleagues while the read through goes on and propose something later but I'm in your hands on that.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Brian. And thank you for your flexibility. So maybe we can try to find to replace the words overly narrow. Maybe this would keep the essence of -- again of the meaning, without it being critical or negative to address Kavouss's point.

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BRIAN BECKHAM: Yeah, that's a good suggestion. You could say, for example, something like created by current restraints in the current charter with may be more objective.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. So created by restraints in the current charter. Is this good to go, Kavouss?

IRAN: I think we have to be conscious and mindful. The Charter is a duty of the GNSO. There has been many many charters, and never we criticize the Charter whether it says retrain strain. Whether narrow. Whether wide and so forth.

Think we should avoid get nothing the area that does not belong to us so I'm not in in favor of putting any adjectives restraint or so on and so forth but it doesn't make any sense whether you say narrowly, overly narrow, minded and so on and so forth.

They continue the work and doesn't make the only thing is that we makes ourself as a black, sheep and we should avoid that. It is not good, yeah, please delete that.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Your proposal is to say issues created by the current charter.

IRAN: Yeah, we even we don't need to say notes issues created. Curative rights and continue. We don't need to talk about the Charter we don't need restraint. We don't need these things so I'm looking into the bylaw. We are not responsible for the Charter and we should not get into this business.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So proposal, the proposal is that the text reads as such, while the GAC welcomes the new GNSO work track on curative rights, the GAC recalls prior advice.

IRAN: Yeah, something like that, yeah.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: An agreement on the moratorium quantum and so on.

IRAN: Yeah, thank you.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Brian, the floor is yours.

BRIAN BECKHAM: Yeah, thank you Manal. Thank you, Kavouss. That's perfectly fine. And again I don't want to hold things up. I -- the only reason that I offered that was you know, there's a little bit of a difficulty, and I know this has been the topic of conversations historically.

I can recall one discussion in Hyderabad I believe it was where there's little bit of a mismatch on the one hand the GAC provides advice to the Board and the council provides recommendations to the Board, and there's no direct vehicle really.

There was some I think early, early engage many was the term used where the GAC could provide you know input to the council or to the GNSO working group at different moments, but the long and short of it is -- was only wanting to express this opinion on the Charter for the event that we find ourselves packed in the same position at the end of this work track as we were in before it, and I understand that there's also this relates to -- in some respects to the advice that's being offered on the, on the WHOIS issue where the minority statement is being reframed in terms of advice.

That, I think presents the same dilemma with the advice going to the Board, and not to the council members and the Board has to kind of work through these. So, sorry to belabor the point but I just wanted to explain. Happy to leach the text in the more objective fashion but again just to provide the background and the intention.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brian. I see Kavouss and then Jorge.

IRAN: Yes, distinguished chair, I am like a member of the IGO track, we do our best to indirectly remove some deficiencies. For instance, we were given that don't touch recommendation 1, 2, 3 and 4 and just talk and recommendation 5. We come to the conclusion perhaps we should also go back to recommendation 3 and 4 or recommendation 1 and 2 and so on and so forth. We do something.

We tried our best and I think we are a good track. Let us maintain the good spirit of collaboration in the IGO work track and not leave the impression that we are putting some obstacle on the work by criticizing the GNSO. I know there is no per. There is no perfection.

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Let us take the text as it is now. And do whatever we can do at the level of the work track with the collaboration of other colleagues from United States, from WIPO, and from others and to see what we can do. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you Kavouss. Jorge?

JORGE CANCIO: Thank you. Manal, this is just to note my support for what Brian was explaining before. At least for the record I don't have strong feelings on the language so if Kavouss insists, I won't insist on that language, but if we go back -- and this is for the record -- if we go back to when -- and this new track was chartered it was based on conciliation dialogue process between GNSO and the GAC, which resulted from the original curative rights protection PDP not really being satisfactory for anyone, and in that process, which was facilitated by Bruce Tonkin we agreed to launch new discussion where we could revisit all the recommendations of the original PDP, or at least that was the understanding we all had had.

But the Charter -- which is in the hand of the GNSO of course -- was -- became narrower and narrower, and in the end we had a language in the Charter stating that the

recommendation 5 is the scope of the work as long as the new recommendations or the substitute recommendations are generally consistent with recommendations 1 to 4.

So this generally consistent piece from the Charter is the only remnant from that notion we had agreed at least in principle, in that facilitated dialogue that all recommendations could be re-visited with the spirit of finding a mutually agreeable solution for all parties involved, especially the IGOs which are those carrying the brunt of this problem. So I just wanted to share this context with all of you thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Jorge, and Brian for the context, and the rationale. Just before giving the floor to Kavouss if we are going to proceed with the striking or deleting the text that is strike 2, I think we need also to delete in the meantime because already while says the same thing. Kavouss, please go ahead.

IRAN: Yeah, thank you, Manal. Distinguished, Jorge, I saw you first in Durban in 2013. I think within 7 years I never insisted on anything. Please kindly be kind with me. That Kavouss insists. I don't insist. I want to have a peaceful relation with any other things, never with fight. You can get anything from anywhere. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: We're not fighting, Kavouss, so I see flexibility from Jorge and Brian, so and if you -- in lack of better word if you insist to have this deleted, so I think Jorge and Brian already showed flexibility, so -- if we and thank you Brian and Jorge for the flexibility if there is nothing else here.

Just let me ask support staff if we have any other pending issues before we make†--

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Yes, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: -- the communique†--

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Yes. Fabian speaking. So we are schooling up to issues of importance to the GAC. We have a few edits so we propose to review those and then we will have mostly the text of the PSWG report which includes discussions, which includes edits on the text regarding DoH, DNS over HTTPS that was discussed yesterday, and after those I believe we can proceed to the general read.

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There might and few administrative sections at well we might want to look at.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. So now we are reading DNS abuse, right?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: No, actually on DNS abuse there were none here. It's on section -- so let's scroll to section 4. So we have a few edits here first on the predictability.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Oh, yeah, thank you. So let me read the whole paragraph maybe. So let's unify the color code on this for predict ability. Some GAC members shared concerns relative to the implementation of the standing of predictability [indiscernible] review team spirit and the layer it may create regarding GAC consensus advice.

GAC members agreed that further clarification on the implementation of the SPIRT should be encouraged as well as on the role the GAC will play in it. Especially in light of the implementation guidance 2.3 suggesting direct dialogue between the SPIRT, ICANN org, and the ICANN Board on GAC consensus advice, in which the GAC expects to be indeed -- to be included as well.

Please, anyone not speaking if you can please mute I would very much appreciate it.

Back to the text. Furthermore, back members note the importance of the opportunity for equitable participation on equal footing, versus an equal rights of decision on the SPIRT by all interested ICANN communities. So, Kavouss, your hand is up?

IRAN: Yes, my hand is up. Yes.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Please.

IRAN: First of all, in the third line from the bottom I suggest we replace note the GAC members emphasizes that, emphasizes the importance of opportunity for equitable participation on equal footing.

Delete the rest because I want to also indicate that it is not only Jorge who is flexible. There are other people that are flexible so delete what Jorge doesn't like. Thank you.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Excellent.   Thank you, Kavouss, for your flexibility.   Much appreciated.   We will probably need a space but anyway -- editorial. Luisa, I see your hand is up. Go ahead.

LUISA PAEZ: Thank you, Manal. It's Luisa Paez for the record and thank you for the edits proposed on this text. I would suggest adding the word after further, some GAC members as we believe there is no collective agreement in terms of having an equal footing.

We haven't had yet the discussion, but understand that others believe this is important so I think this is a good compromise. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Luisa. So further, furthermore some GAC members emphasize the importance of -- and the sentence remains as is. And Kavouss, please go ahead.

IRAN: I'm sorry, at this late stage some people propose again division and polarizations.   We have difficulty with the equitable participation, equal right. We delete equal right with the hope

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that we come to some sort of agreement but all of a sudden somebody try to divide us, and that is a division.

May I suggest that kindly let us go with unity talking about -- if the SPIRT is to be done we have to have equal participation. That's all. But not say some people that. Means some other people they don't like equal participation or maybe they like no participation so SPIRT will be active [indiscernible] so this has no meaning put [indiscernible] it is really a pity that some sort of the thing at the last minute comes.

Please let us go back and see that we have GAC members emphasizing. If you don't want emphasize GAC [inaudible] but not putting some so I don't believe that we should undermine the participation of the GAC in SPIRT that we have a lot of things that -- to express so I don't think that we need to weaken that by that.

Canada wants instead of emphasizes notes putting notes but not put some. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Noted.

IRAN: Otherwise I put the same thing. I put some in elsewhere. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Your point is noted Kavouss. Just reading Canada in the chat. I don't believe GAC members can currently gauge the visibility of being able to participate on an equal footing. So --

IRAN: Excuse me, I'm sorry this is not -- we are not saying that the visibility -- we want to have the possibility to participate. If we don't participate that is another issue. Exactly like the work stream 2 that we have been given the authority to participate in the community decision but in terms of the GAC whether you participate or not participate.

Let us preserve our right and later on decide whether or not we participate or leave to the members this they have time or not. In the EPDP some people participated. Others did not but it was no restriction so I don't agree with that logic. I really don't agree with that logic. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So Canada --

IRAN: Then delete the whole sentence. Delete the whole sentence. Delete the whole things. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Canada, can you live without the word some? Is it okay to delete the word some? Luisa, please go ahead.

LUISA PAEZ: Thank you, Manal, and thank you, Kavouss, for your comments. We wanted to be on the record on this, but again yeah in the interests of being collaborative and flexible, we are able to omit the word some, but again, they want it to be on the record that there hasn't been full meaningful discussion on this within the GAC, and there could be some concerns in regards to the implementation but again happy to be flexible and this is -- we don't have much time and we all believe we want to finish the drafting. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Luisa. Thank you for your flexibility. Fabian, I see your hand is up.

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FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal I just wanted to note a comment from migrant he will. U.K. GAC in the chat suggested emphasize instead of emphasize in the sentence.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Any, any objections to changing emphasize to emphasized so further no GAC members emphasized the importance of the opportunity. I see no problem. Luisa, this is an old hand right? Okay. Anything else, Fabian, pending?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Yes. If we scroll down in the [inaudible] section you may recall a paragraph we moved from previous advice which we incorporated here, I believe we are already had a read that have text but not in this precise location.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So let's read it while we read the wheel sentence -- since the text is already -- and we are just seeing the sequence and, and any implications on other paragraphs when we move this text so let's do the thorough read if this is the last thing.

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FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, we have additional edits in section 5 and issues of importance to the GAC. Policy implementation subsection and there was some additional details provided on the notion of a realistic schedule for the edit that's visible on the screen.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So let me read it the GAC notes its previous advice within the Montreal communique with regard to phase one and the request for, "a detailed work plan identifying an updated realistic schedule to complete its work." And then the text continues as agreed before.

So any objection for in or any comments on this extract from previous advice? I think it support, so no objection. Thank you. I'm in your hands, Fabian.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Sorry, Manal, so I believe we can now scroll back -- do you want to take on the GAC Public Safety Working Group report which includes the discussion of DoH and then we go back all the way to the top? Or do you want to†--

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Proceed -- I'll follow your guidance.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Let's read it once now then and read it thoroughly. So this is with we received from the Public Safety Working Group the GAC Public Safety Working Group led 3 sessions to update the GAC on PSWG activities and DNS abuse including detailed review of the SSR2 recommendations.

The GAC received an informative presentation by a panel of experts on DNS over HTTPS, DoH that highlighted advantages in terms of DNS security and privacy. Some GAC members however noted possible public policy implications with the use of this technology. As a result, the GAC intend to continue to follow up on emerging technologies with an eye on the public interest.

And I think we more or less agreed this text in light of Russia's proposed edits. The PSWG's recent activities include continued advocacy on the need for the community to work together to prevent, deter and mitigate DNS abuse. This work focuses on roles that different stakeholder groups may play in this effort including consumer and business education, and proactive measures to prevent abuse.

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The PSWG highlighted the existing DNS abuse definitions that the community and ICANN org have produced already, including those contained in the registry and registrar contracts which should form a common foundation for future work. The PSWG also noted in its outreach to ICANN org and ICANN community, the focus on DNS abuse discussing possible steps forward which include assessing how contract provisions may improve responses to DNS abuse.

Kavouss, is this -- the paragraph I'm reading†--

IRAN: Yes, I'm [inaudible] we don't read the text leave the text for [inaudible] we can see the text on the screen, and then we don't need to read it again. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. And for the sake of time, and the same spirit of Kavouss maybe we make the last thorough reading of everything in order not to read the text twice, so let's scroll to the beginning and we will make a thorough reading of the whole communique, and hopefully final reading, and I believe almost all the language has already been agreed so it's just for the record and for the benefit of those who are not in the Zoom room.

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So this is GAC communique ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum. The GAC ICANN70 communique was drafted and agreed remotely during the ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum of the communique was circulated to the GAC immediately after the meeting to provide an opportunity for all GAC members and observers to consider it before publication, bearing in mind this the special circumstances of a virtual meeting. No objections were raised during the agreed time-frame before publication and this is highlighted in yellow until the time-frame passes and we remove the highlight.

Under introduction the governmental advisory committee GAC of the Internet corporation for a signed names and numbers ICANN, met via remote participation from 22 to 25 of March, 2021. Per ICANN Board resolution on 14 January, 2021 in response to the public health emergency of international concern posed by the global outbreak of COVID-19, ICANN70 was transitioned from an in person meeting in Cancun, Mexico to a remote participation only ICANN meeting.

We will insert the number of GAC members and the number of GAC observers attended the meeting because this number is not accurate until the very end of our meeting.

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The GAC meeting was conducted as part of the ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum. All GAC plenary and working group sessions were conducted as open meetings.

Now moving to section 2 under interconstituency activities and community engagement. First meeting with the Board, with the ICANN Board. The GAC met with the ICANN Board and discussed subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, DNS abuse mitigation including related SSR2 recommendations, and registration data/WHOIS.

ICANN Board responses to the GAC's questions and statements presented during the meetings are available in the transcript of the GAC ICANN Board meeting, appended to this document.

Some additional questions not discussed during the meeting, have been provided to the ICANN Board in writing.

Next is our meeting with the at large advisory committee ALAC. The GAC met with members of the ALAC and discussed. Expedited policy development process EPDP and registration data. Subsequent round of new gTLDs, accountability on transparency review team recommendations ATRT3.

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Next is meeting with generic names supporting organizations, GNSO. The GAC met with members of the GNSO and discussed EPDP Phase 2A, DNS abuse mitigation including related SSR2 recommendations, WorkStream related to accuracy of the registration data, approval of the SSAD recommendations that lack consensus.

Now under cross-community discussions GAC members participated in relevant cross-community sessions scheduled as part of ICANN70 including a session on registry voluntary commitments. Can we scroll down please? ICANN org, and ICANN org finance and planning update the GAC received a very informative update on finance and planning by the ICANN org and conveys its appreciation to the organization for this presentation.

Fabian, please, I see your hand is up.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: I just want to note as I read in the comments on this text that this was a request by the Netherlands, so we propose the text according to the suggestion that was made to us in that e-mail. Just wanted to make sure there was [inaudible].

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, and thanks to Netherlands for the proposal.

Now under internal matters GAC membership, the GAC welcomed St. Vincent and the Grenadines as a member. There are currently 179 GAC member states and directories and 38 observers organizations.   Under GAC leadership the GAC thanked its outgoing vice chair Ms. Luisa Paez, Canada for her valuable support and contribution to the GAC during 2, one year terms. The end of the ICANN70 meeting Marks the start of a new term for the incoming GAC chair and vice chair team.

So Manal Ismail Egypt. Chair. Jorge Cancio Switzerland. Vice chair. Jacques RODRIGEU Burkina Faso. Vice chair. Pua Hunter, Cook Islands, vice chair and Par Brumark Mark NIUE, vice chair.

GAC working groups we have first the GAC Public Safety Working Group, and we can scroll down. The GAC the GAC PSWG led 3 sessions to update the GAC on PSWG activities and DNS abuse including detailed review of the SSR2 recommendations much the GAC reviewed an any of testify presentation by a panel of experts on DNS over HTTPS DoH that highlighted advantages in terms of DNS security and privacy.

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The PSWG also noted in its outreach to ICANN org and ICANN community the focus on the DNS abuse discussing possible steps forward which include assessing how contract provisions may improve responses to DNS abuse.

The PSWG continued its active participation to support the GAC small group towards the development of EPDP Phase 2A recommendations on the treatment of data from legal entities

and sued nomination ISOed addressees in gTLD registration data services. The PSWG also signalled its intent to contribute to the scoping efforts on registration data accuracy. And to support the GAC in ensuring policy development efforts. Members of the PSWG continue to support the GAC in the implementation review team for Phase 1 of the EPDP.

During ICANN70 the PSWG held discussions with ICANN org including representatives of the office of the chief technology officer. The security stability resiliency team. The global domains and strategy, and contractual [inaudible]. The security and stability advisory committee STAC. The at large advisory committee ALAC. Registry and registrar stakeholder groups, and the intellectual property and business constituencies of the GNSO IPC and BC so this concludes the PSWG.

Now moving to the GAC human rights and international law working group much the Human Rights and International Law working group co-chairs updated the GAC on the working group assist many and implementation and implementation work regarding work stream 2 recommendations on diversity and the human rights core value.

Members of ICANN org work stream 2 cross-functional project team provided an update to the GAC on the organize's

implementation planning, highlighting the priorities throughout fiscal year 21 and beyond. Among the next steps relative to the recommendations implementation process the Human Rights and International Law working group will be consulting with UNESCO to explore its universality indicators for the Internet issued in 2019 which measures how elements of diversity, disability, language human rights, among others are represented in the Internet environment in a given country.

The Human Rights International Law Working Group will continue reporting periodically to the GAC and its leadership through the GAC tracking tool. The Human Rights and International Law co-chairs reiterated the call for GAC volunteers to participate in work stream 2 implementation efforts, whether by joining the Human Rights and International Law working group or contributing to the implementation of a different set of recommendations.

Now moving to the GAC operational matters. The GAC addressed and reviewed a number of matters designed to approve the effectiveness -- designed -- I'm sorry, to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of GAC operations including, introduction of a modified communique drafting process for ICANN70 which included additional opportunities prior to the meeting to identify

topics and submit proposed text as well as an expanded post meeting review period extending the review period to 72 hours.

Second, development of a new GAC action decision radar tool to help identify and track community obligations, work efforts, and issues of importance to the committee, and third retirement of two GAC working groups, first the GAC working group to examine the protection of geographic names in any future expansion of gTLDs and second the GAC working group to examine the GAC's participation in NomCom.

Now section 4 under issues of importance to the GAC. We have first DNS abuse. And the text reads. DNS abuse should be addressed in collaboration with the ICANN community and ICANN org prior to the launch of a second round of new gTLDs. The GAC supports the development of proposed contract provisions applicable to all gTLDs to improve response to DNS abuse.

The GAC also emphasized the importance of taking measures to ensure that registries, registrars, and privacy proxy providers comply with the provisions in the contracts with ICANN, including audits. The GAC welcomes the recently launched DNS abuse institute and encourages community efforts to co-operatively tackle DNS abuse in a holistic manner.

Moving to public interest commitments. The text reads. If a subsequent round of new gTLDs occurs additional mandatory and voluntary PICs should remain possible in order to address emerging public policy concerns ICANN's mandate clearly contemplates contract requirements such as voluntary and mandatory PICs. That promote the security, stability, reliability and resiliency of the DNS.

Now, under rights protection mechanisms the text reads the GAC reviewed Phase 1 final report on the rights, protection mechanisms, PDP and discussed preparation for providing early input to inform the initiation of the upcoming Phase 2RPM PDP set to review the UDRP. The GAC also acknowledged the economic consequences caused by on-line pie raise I and the necessity of taking measures to comply with the contracts with ICANN including disclosing of registration data.

4th topic subsequent procedures of new gTLDs. The text reads the GAC discussed subsequent rounds of new gTLDs following the GNSO council adoption of the SubPro PDP work group, working group final report. Vice chairs provided an overview to GAC members on priority topics to the GAC.

And the list of topics. Clarity and predictability of application process. Public interest commitments and global public interest.

Applicant support, and participation of underserved regions. Closed generic TLDs, GAC early warnings and GAC advice. Community-based applications and auctions and mechanisms of last resort.

On predictability, some GAC members shared concerns relative to the implementation of the standing predictability implementation review team, SPIRT, and the clarity it may create regarding GAC consensus advice. GAC members agreed that further clarification on the implementation of the SPIRT should be encouraged as well as on the role the GAC will play in it. Especially in light of implementation guidance 2.3 suggesting direct dialogue between the SPIRT, ICANN org and ICANN Board on GAC consensus advice in which the GAC expects to be included as well.

Furthermore, GAC members emphasized the importance of the opportunity for equitable participation on an equal footing on the SPIRT by all interested ICANN communities.

On public interest commitments GAC members observed that any future PICs need to be enforceable through clear contractual obligations, and consequences for the failure to meet those obligations should be specified in the relevant agreements with contracted parties.

Additional mandatory and voluntary PICs should remain possible in order to address emerging public policy concerns. GAC members noted that currently there are no policy recommendations on DNS abuse mitigation in the final report, which remains a high priority issue.

Relative to applicant support program GAC members observed the importance of fostering gTLD applications from a diverse array of applicants from all regions, and that every effort be made to increase the number of applications from underserved regions in this connection GAC members also reiterated the GAC's support to proposals to reduce or eliminate on going ICANN registry, to expand financial support.

Regarding closed general risk GAC members noted support for the proposed suspension of closed generic TLD applications until policy recommendations, and or a framework on the delegation of closed general risk which serve a public interest are developed by consensus. As per the at large minority statement.

GAC members drew the attention of the Board and the community to the GAC consensus comment on the SubPro draft final report which elaborates and adds substance to the PG and GAC advice on closed general risk generics. On GAC early warning

on GAC early warnings and GAC advice in regard to recommendation 30.6 some GAC members proposed to recall the compromise language presented by the GAC as it may not always be possible for an applicant to address a specific concern expressed in the GAC early warning.

Relative to community-based applications some GAC members expressed support for a GAC [inaudible] to at large positions in the ALAC minority statement especially relating to community priority evaluations. CPE. On auction -- on auctions/mechanisms of last resort some GAC supported the at large statement on disincentivizing auctions of last resort and the use of bona fide intent affirmation should supplement applications not only those which fall into contention sites. In addition in light of the final SubPro report the GAC shares the concerns expressed by some parts of the community about the need to adequately assess the costs and benefits of any new round of gTLDs and highlights the SSAC's observation in its comments on the GNSO new gTLD subsequent procedures draft final report, that "the fundamental tension between challenges for security stability and resiliency of the DNS on the one hand and the safeguards and other protected measures on the other are not -- has not been adequately addressed".

GAC members discussed potential next steps for the GAC to consider including, are review of advice envisaged by at large for ICANN60 provide a basis for the comment in the forthcoming public comment proceeding. Second a potential inter-sessional statement from the GAC to the ICANN Board jointly or separately with -- I think this should be separately or jointly with the ALAC. And third potential GAC consensus advice to the Board before the ICANN Board votes on the SubPro PDP working group final report. The edit I mentioned was on the second bullet between brackets. I think it should be separately or jointly within the ALAC. Just to switch separately and jointly.

Thank you. Now the 5th topic, which is domain name registration data if we can school down. Yes, thank you. EPDP Phase 2A, EPDP Phase 2A discussions important issues relevant to the functioning domain name system. For example, data suggests that only around 11.5% of domains may belong to natural persons who are subject to GDPR while contact data from 57.3% of all domains was redacted. These data suggestion that a much larger set of registration data was redacted as compared to what is required by relevant data protection laws. The GAC reiterates in line with the San Francisco communique that the data of legal and natural persons should be distinguished from one another and that public access to nonpersonal registration data of legal entities should be restored.

The GAC is of the view that to would help restore the utility of the RDS by rendering accessible a larger set of nonpersonal registration data. Considering the above the GAC strongly supports the continuation of EPDP Phase 2A with a view in particular to address the issue of distinguishing between natural and legal entities.

Under accuracy the GAC remains concerned about the absence of any recommendations on the vital topic of accuracy in the EPDP Phase 2 final report. The GAC reiterates in line with its minority statement to the Phase 2 EPDP registration data recommendations and the ICANN69 communique that "the accuracy of domain name registration data is fundamental to both the GDPR and the goal of maintaining a secure and rest he will orient DNS much the GDPR as well as other data pre text regimes and ICANN's registrar accreditation agreement require data accuracy and such accuracy is critical to ICANN's mandate of ensuring the security stability reliability and resiliency of the DNS.

Accuracy of registration data is also an essential tool to mitigate DNS abuse. The recent SSR2 report recommendation monitoring the enforcement of registry and registrar contractual obligations to improve data accuracy.

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The GAC notes the ICANN org briefing on accuracy issued on 26 February and looks [indiscernible]the GAC looks forward to continuing to the scoping work on accuracy which is essential to further consideration of the issue. The GAC emphasizes that in the interim pending the launch of the scoping exercise and possible subsequent policy work, ICANN contract compliance should ensure enforcement much the existing contract provisions relevant to the accuracy of domain name registration data.

Under policy implementation, the GAC notes its previous advice within the Montreal communique with regard on Phase 1 and the request for quotes. A detailed work plan identifying an updated realistic schedule to complete its work ". The GAC observes with concern that the Phase 1IRT continues without the current published schedule of milestones much the GAC lots notes the continued work amongst the different phases of the EPDP including the operation at design phase and as expressed during the meeting with the Board, request that an updated and current schedule is created and published for those elements that are under ICANN org's control".

Now moving to section 5 GAC consensus advice to the Board. The following items of advice from the GAC to the Board have been reached on the basis of consensus as defined in the ICANN bylaws.

First EPDP Phase 2 final report, Phase 2 EPDP is a step forward but the GAC has serious concerns relating to certain recommendations and gaps in the final report of Phase 2 of the EPDP on gTLD registration data. As set forth in the GAC community statement of 24 August, 2020 in annex, and we intend to attach the minority statement the GAC advises the Board to consider the GAC minority statement, and available options to address the public policy concerns expressed there in, and take necessary action as appropriate rationale.

In its GAC minority statement the GAC provide input on its public policy concerns regarding the ways that the recommendations contained in the final report of Phase 2 of the EPDP on gTLD registration data. One currently conclude with a fragmented rather than centralized disclosure system. 2, do not currently contain enforceable standards to review disclosure decisions. 3, do not sufficiently address consumer protection and consumer trust concerns. 4 do not currently contain reliable mechanisms for the system for standardized access and disclosure, SSAD to evolve in response to increased legal clarity. And 5 may impose financial conditions that, SSAD that calls for disproportionate costs for its users including those that detect and act on cyber security threats.

The GAC is of the view that certain key recommendations and unaddressed topics in the final topic of phase 2 of the EPDP on gTLD registration data require further work and that the Board should assess how best to address them.

The GAC is also of the opinion that the operational design phase, ODP can focus the Board on some of the practical implementation challenges especially those involving cost apportionment.

The GAC looks forward to continued engagement with the Board and the community on these important issues.

Then under section 6 follow up on previous GAC advice, the GAC -- the following items reflect matters related to previous consensus advice provided to the Board. One is CCT review and subsequent round of into new gTLDs. The GAC is seeking a co-ordinated approach on the implementation of the specified recommendations for the CCT review ahead of the potential launch of a new gTLD -- of a new round of gTLDs. If I ares to garbing advice issued in Montreal ICANN66 related correspondence with ICANN Board, and subsequent discussions the latest on 23rd March during ICANN70. The GAC looks forward to be periodically updated on the ongoing consideration of the above mentioned advice and in if particular the

recommendations marked as prerequisites or high priority namely one, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

For example through a tracking tool that identifies the status of each representation in terms of who is taking it forward, how it will be implemented, and when it is expected to be completed. Particularly in regard to recommendations attributed to the organization and the ICANN community in addition to the Board.

The GAC also recalls its advice to the Board in the Helsinki communique that an objective analysis of costs and benefits should be conducted beforehand drawing on experience with, and outcomes from the recent round. Such analysis has yet to take place. In this regard we note that the operational design phase may provide the opportunity for this analysis to assist the Board as it considers whether a second round of new gTLDs is in the interest of the community as a whole.

Second topic, IGO identifiers and while the GAC welcoming the into you GNSO work track and cure curative rights the GAC recalls prior GAC advice Johannesberg and Panama and agreement on moratorium for new registrations of IGO acronyms ahead of the final resolution of this issue.

And finally under 7. Next meeting. The GAC is scheduled to meet next during the ICANN 71 virtual policy forum on 14 to 17 June 2021.

So I hope this confirms our adoption to the communique. I'm seeing no hands, and I'm sorry if I missed anything in the chat. Did I?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, this is Fabian speaking. I don't think so. We have been watching and we have received a number of comments regarding typos or inconsistencies of references to ICANN org and new gTLDs so we've taken care of those and we will continue making sure that there is no typo left before publication.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Excellent. So thank you very much Fabian, and thanks to everyone who provided input.

And thanks for the flexibility, and -- of everyone co-operative spirit. We finalized ICANN 70 GAC communique, and with advice, so thank you very much everyone. In the remaining 18 minutes actually we planned for more than this, but maybe if we can bring up the slides, they are brainstorming slides intended to just help me through the session, which was planned for 90 minutes, but

now since weaver around 10, 12 minutes. This is more of the slides are not there yet right? Okay. So this was intends to seek your feedback on ICANN70, and meeting implementation.

Then GAC operational matters on working group retirements. This was merely for information again on the retirement of working groups. Review of new GAC information tools. The action decision radar we spoke of earlier, and updates on that website plans. Then the transition to the new GAC leadership and I also really wanted to recognize all GAC volunteers who are helping sometimes behind the scenes as well, and then discussion of any substantive topic, topics for next steps identified as ICANN70.

So let's go to the first agenda item, and again you have the slides there, and just continue brainstorming on let us know of anything you would like to provide feedback on, so first we have opening session, and if there is any feedback on the opening session, we already noted many a few points by Kavouss. And also assessment of the community bilateral meetings, the -- how we prepare for the meetings. And how effective is the format, we already had 2 in place this meeting. The one with the ALAC and the one with the GNSO.

We also tried a new word like approach. We prepared questions, and you were all at the session, so any comments on this as well? Also, preparation methodology for meeting with ICANN Board. We had -- I mean last-minute changes, and we were very tight in terms of time-frame, so just to reconsider how we prepared for the ICANN Board, on how we can better plan the process, and any enhancements so that we have everything ready early on, and again with a reasonable set of questions.

And assessment and feedback on the communique drafting adjustments at ICANN70 he so again the value of pre meeting periods, so -- and early issue identification Phase 2 weeks prior to the meeting that everyone inned tonics they would like or they feel there is a need to provide GAC advice to the Board on, and also potential value of expanded post meeting review period, which used to be the 48 hours, now 72 hours, so if there is any feedback, the value of informal daily briefings and finally if there is any feedback also on informal social gathering feedback. Any feedback on the informal social gathering, we had during day one of the meetings? I'm sorry to read the whole list so quickly, we planned to of it a thorough discussion of each, but given the tight time, I will pause here, and collectively if there is any feedback on any of the listed issues -- and we can definitely continue the discussion and even dedicate a call for what we intended to discuss during the wrap-up but if anything immediate -- and I see

European Commission. Olivier, please go ahead. Still cannot hear you.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION: Olivier Bringer. I have 2 points to the way the meetings have taken place during ICANN70. The first one is that I really want to commend your work Manal in chairing these meetings. And commend the work of the support team. We have had complex discussions on the preparation of the communique, and you have been at all times very patient, and you have had a lot of drive to finally get, what I think is a good communique. So I think it's very important to, to recognize that, and in our interactions with you during this meeting to be extremely grateful, and respectful of the work that you are doing. And that is my first point.

My second point is, and I'm -- so not everybody will like what I will say. But I have been a bit annoyed by the extreme activity in the chat during some of our meetings. I think we need to have a space where the GAC members can deliberate properly and the chat is one of the channel to do that. And I think we should find a way -- I don't have necessarily a solution to propose now -- but we should find a way to make sure that the comments that the GAC members posted in the chat are more visible that or that the chat is reserved to GAC members because it is very important in the discussion -- I need to see what we discuss a point in the

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communique or we discuss with during any meeting I need to see what my colleagues say, and I cannot have you know one post of GAC member between 25 posts of non-GAC members.

And sometimes I have seen in certain meetings which are remotely related to the topic of the discussion, so I think this is a topic we should really examine. How we can preserve the GAC deliberation through our oral interactions but also through the chat, while of course being fully transparent and allowing everyone to follow, and I see the 2 comments. The nice comments of [indiscernible] in the chat who appreciate to be able to follow, but still I this I we should find a space for ourselves to have good deliberations. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Olivier. All points noted, and again thanks to you for the flexibility and co-operative spirit. I mean if -- if members of the GAC are not co-operative, the chair -- or the leadership team or support staff cannot do anything alone. We cannot conclude the communique without your help at the beginning and co-operation, and co-operative spirit. And flexibility. So thanks goes to you for the communique definitely. And support staff are amazing all the time. I feel like I'm working with 2 Julia, 2 Gulten, are 2 Rob, 2 Fabian and 2 Benedetta. They are everywhere at the same time. So impressive.

Anna, please, U.K. go ahead.

UNITED KINGDOM: Can you see me?

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: We can hear you only the camera is on but I don't think you're standing in front.

UNITED KINGDOM: Apologies, I think I'm having an issue with the camera. But thank you very much, Manal. I would like to -- well first of all, as Olivier said thank the GAC leadership for their organization of this meeting. This is my second ICANN meeting and I've been really impressed with both the organization and the quality of the discussion in the meeting. And especially as someone fairly new to ICANN I found the daily briefings particularly valuable. And the preparation of the questions for the bilateral meetings I think have been a really useful way to optimize knows discussions, and sort of provide some really fruitful topics to discuss.

I agree with Olivier's comments about the opportunity to better use the chat. I think that the chat is a potential way to widen the participation across a greater variety of GAC members, and including those newer to the GAC, and GAC members from a wide

range of countries and I think the chat provided a useful way to sort of widen engagement, and by providing another channel for inputs as well as oral interventions.

So thank you very much to Manal and the rest of the GAC leadership for your excellent organization, and for the opportunity to provide feedback on the meeting experience so far.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Anna. Also reading Jorge in the chat we need to strike a balance between openness and having non-GAC members showing restraint in their use of our chat pod. So definitely thank you Jorge. And also to bring in the feedback, we received from Kavouss during the opening plenary, so suggestions regarding having a shorter or maybe a shorter presentation by the chair -- around 20 minutes. We should have more interactive discussions. Be considerate of the use of acronyms, and he also commented on the repeated logistics part we do at the beginning of each meeting but I think this is mandated, and also commented on the term of the GAC leadership, elaborating that no one leads the other so we may need to find a better term for the GAC leadership, so we welcome any creative options. Jorge, please go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO: Thank you Manal. And we've had now -- [inaudible] I thought that I would intervene, first of all I would like to thank you very much that in spite of so many important, and urgent issues you've been able to be whoer with us, and steering this very complex and difficult discussion as always, with your care and with success. First time we have an advice in this virtual setting, so it's an occasion to celebrate. I think that the preparations were worthwhile.

And regarding the evaluation of course I'm very interested in knowing how colleagues perceived the bilateral rehab with the GNSO, as you said before, I personally had the feeling regarding the GAC communique language especially the advice language, and the follow-up language, that it came a little bit too late so it made things a bit more difficult than they are already, so -- at least the [inaudible] perhaps from the leadership or from the chair, vice chair team I would urge colleagues to try to come up with such language as soon as possible. Not wait for the Wednesday.

And finally, I also wanted to highlight that the informal social gathering was a very joyful experience. Very interesting. Very relaxed and many more colleagues came forward to the microphone. So I think that is something we have to further

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explore, and reinforce for the next meeting. Thank you, Manal. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Jorge, and indeed. The informal gathering was thrilling. And Anna, I'm assuming this is an old hand? So I'm just reading the chat. So we have the CTU thanking facilitation of excellent discussions. The Caribbean Telecommunications Union is keen on seeing greater participation of our member states in this process.

We recognize the challenges with with respect to the capacity at that Fall all of the various issue internal technical Anne nontechnical but it is imperative our voices are heard and issues that will impact us. Thank you again for an engaging process.

And also, Vincent thanking the chair and vice-chairs and support team. Great preparation and great conducting of sessions. So, Rob if there is anything really pressing on the rest of the slides that you want to bring it to the attention of everyone I don't think we will be able to continue with the slides, but as I said, the slides are there, and the channel for feedback is open all the time, but first, Luisa, Canada, go ahead.

LUISA PAEZ: Thank you Manal. I hear a bit of -- is there a bit of echo. Maybe no, it's just on my side. One second please. I need to change the --

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. And meanwhile as Luisa changes devices.

GULTEN TEPE: Manal, you are muted.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yeah, for some reason I got muted. I was reading the remarks in the chat saying please accept my apologies all GAC members, I did not mean to abuse the chat pod. Just meant to express support for all the gray work of the GAC. No more comments from me on your chat pod. And dean we, we don't mind people commenting in the chat box. But sometimes they are spamming and GAC members are not able to follow the discussion, so please, please don't take it personally.

And U.S. also thanking the GAC leadership, and GAC support for all the hard work. Luisa are you good to go?

LUISA PAEZ: Thank you, Manal. Can you hear me well?

OTHER SPEAKER: Yes.

LUISA PAEZ: Wonderful. Thank you. This is Luisa Paez for the record as I'm not sure this is is our last GAC session. Of I wanted to take just a few minutes to say a few remarks as outgoing GAC vice-chair to convey my thanks and first a big thank you to our wonderful GAC chair, Manal. And to my wonderful GAC vice-chair colleagues.

It has been a real pleasure, and honor working with you. Second, my sincere thanks to our amazing support staff for their dedication and hard work no matter the late hours or challenging time zones. And a final thank you to all the GAC colleagues for your continued engagement, are despite competing priorities in continuing to strengthen the GAC as accountable transparent and collaborative committee within the ICANN community. And so again it's been a true honor to have served as the vice chair, so I just wanted to take this moment to convey my thanks.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Luisa. And I will grasp the opportunity as well to thank Luisa very much. She has ended her 2 terms, and was a great help throughout, and very hard working, dedicated supportive, and thank you for filling in for me whenever I'm not

available, and great, great, great colleague to work with. It was a real pleasure Luisa working with you and I'm sure everyone already knows the hard work you have put in subsequent procedures, along with Jorge.

You have been great support, and great leads to our discussions on a very broad and a very controversial topic, so we'll miss you on the GAC leadership, are but I'm sure we will still get your support, albeit in a different capacity but again counting on you.

And respectful of everyone's time, I think we are 3 minutes after the scheduled time, so it's again time for my thank you list. So thanks to everyone for their active participation in the productive discussions and the co-operative spirit. I really thank you all. And as I was telling Olivier, without your co-operation, no one will be able to, to come up with the communique.

And special thanks to my GAC leadership colleagues for their help, support, and guidance throughout the meetings, and throughout their terms, and really very supportive, and very helpful leadership colleagues. And, of course, due thanks to all the topic leads, I'm very sorry we couldn't get to the slides but we tried to dig the names of all topic leads working group chairs liaison, and everyone, but we -- I would have really wished to recognize everyone who is lending a hand to the leadership team. Again,

you have the slides, please go through the slides, and get to know everyone who is working, but not as public as the leadership team.

So due thanks to the topic leads. The working group chairs and the liaisons for the significant time and tire less efforts they all devoted to prepare for and to run this meeting. And as always a big thank you to our amazing GAC support team, Benedetta, Fabian, Gulten Julia and Rob in alphabetical order for working around the enclose being to facilitate a smooth and seamless meeting for everyone. And special thanks to IT and language services teams supporting us from remote during such exceptional times. I'm really impressed by the enhancements. We witnessed. We witnessed each meeting. I recall a year ago we were not able to have interpretation in all 6 languages and Portuguese, gradually we got a couple of languages, and then now we are back to the 6 U.N. languages and Portuguese, but also, with -- an amazing platform I'm really impressed with the built in interpretation platform that is so convenient, we don't need an extra device and it works smoothly and seamlessly. So thanks, and kudos to all involved.

And, of course, the system is nothing without the interpreters so very very special thanks to our wonderful and professional

interpreters, and scribes who are also supporting us from remote, and very instrumental to our discussions, of course.

So we will continue I hope engaging inter-sessionally until we meet again at ICANN 71 virtual policy forum, meanwhile there is still the public forum after a 30 minute break to those who would like to attend, and until we meet at ICANN 71, please stay safe, and enjoy a very well-deserved break to everyone. So thank you everybody. The meeting is adjourned.

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