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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Gulden, and thank you, Benedetta. So as you can see on the screen, this is the proposed timeline and responsibilities for the GAC communique drafting. So we are now at the meeting so we would like to highlight areas of possible advice during our discussions if there are any topics that warrant GAC advice. I heard there might be one for IGO protections and thank you, Brian, for the heads up. We look forward to the draft communique language. I hope colleagues are already started inserting language into the Google Doc, and I'm just wondering whether already any other topics that warrant a GAC advice that we need to know of. At least to date I know there are some discussions coming tomorrow but as of now, any heads up regarding potential GAC advice to the Board?

So I will go quickly through the rest of the timeline. By tomorrow, GAC members and GAC Working Groups hopefully continue to identify potential topics for GAC communique, anything that comes up from our discussions, and then by Wednesday I hope GAC topic leads will provide text summaries of their proceedings if there is something to be reported. And support staff, as they do

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normally, they draft text of non-advice sections of the communique, mainly reporting on inter-constituency activities and community engagement on internal matters, and everyone is invited of course to suggest topics and possible draft language for issues of importance to the GAC or GAC consensus advice or follow up on consensus advice sections of the communique. So I hope we can stick to the timeline to have a smooth drafting session, but the earlier you can flag the possible advice, the better of course. Just looking at the final bullet, this is regarding (audio interference) sorry, someone needs to mute.

GULTEN TEPE: Sorry, there is an interruption on the line. Thank you, tech team. Back to you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So the final bullet is regarding the review period, and as agreed, we will allow a 72-hour period after the finalization of the communique which would normally end by the Sunday, 20th of June, but then to respect the weekend we will be publishing the communique on the Monday. So I hope this is clear and agreed on by everyone. And before concluding, one last call for any potential topics that which need to know about at this point in time? If not, we will definitely continue our discussion tomorrow.

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Seeing no hands up and nothing related in the chat, it's time now for a 30 minute break. And next we have the GAC social and informal gathering for all GAC members and observers, I hope everyone would be able to join us. This is a good opportunity for everyone. As you heard today during the opening plenary, we have around 80 new GAC participants so it's good to get introduced. And I see Nigel's hand up, please go ahead.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Yes, good afternoon, Manal, colleagues, apologies to sort of take up a minute of the break. UK, GAC. Just to note, I think what you said is absolutely right, I think we have a number of placeholders for potential GAC advice. Had a very good DNS abuse session and a couple of elements that came out of that, as we flagged before, specific follow-ups concerning the recommendations of the CCT review. So yeah, nothing in addition to add. I think there's been some excellent discussion already, but of course we're only on day one [chuckling]. So I suppose by this time tomorrow, we'll have a better idea. Thank you very much.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Nigel, for the heads up. And indeed, we just try to start as early as possible to try to adapt with the challenges of the remote setup. So anything that could be flagged early on would facilitate our drafting sessions. And if even a placeholder

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with the title and maybe the key messages -- not necessarily a complete drafting -- would be good for other colleagues to think about and agree easily later on.

So with that, if there is nothing else on the communiqué, then I hope to see you all after the 30 minute break in the GAC social. And to those who will not be able to attend, please note the GAC leadership will be conducting a 30 minute brief of day one later today at 15:45 UTC for 30 minutes. And tomorrow we are having a late start in the morning at 10:30, The Hague time, 8:30 UTC.

So until then, I hope to see all of you during the GAC social and enjoy your breaks for now.

Thanks. The meeting is adjourned.

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