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MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Julia, and welcome back, everyone. So one more hour to finish. If we can have the communique on the screen. We have already completed the final reading of the communique up till issues of importance to the GAC. So we will continue with the final reading of this section and then I hope we are done with the communique. So under issues of importance to the GAC, we have first, subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, and the text reads, "The GAC discussed recent developments pertaining to subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, including the ongoing operational design phase ODP, the upcoming launch of the GNSO guidance process, GGP on applicant support, as well as the upcoming GAC

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and GNSO Council dialogue on closed generics, including a status update from ICANN Org on the latter.

The GAC confirmed its commitment to engage with the GNSO Council as well as ALAC in seeking a mutually agreeable solution on closed generic applications in the next round of new gTLDs. In keeping with the GAC, [00:02:16 - inaudible] advice on the matter whereby "exclusive registry access should serve a public interest goal." GAC positions on closed generics will be guided by said advice as well as prior GAC consensus inputs in the subsequent procedures for new gTLD's policy development process.

Regular exchanges between the six GAC designated representatives to the facilitated dialogue and the GAC, are envisaged to take place intersectionally. In preparation for the next round of new gTLDs, GAC members strongly encouraged ICANN Org to share an analysis of changes between the rules applicable to the 2012 round and the forthcoming rules derived from the 2021 policy recommendations as set forth in the final report of the SubPro PDP.

Such analysis would help GAC members and the wider community prepare for the upcoming ground of new gTLDs in an effective manner. Stressing the need to promote diversity and a balanced geographical engagement among stakeholders, the GAC reaffirmed its continued interest in the improvement of applicant support for the next round of new gTLDs, noting the importance of active GAC participation in the upcoming GGP.

In this regard, the GAC calls on the GNSO Council to allow broader participation from interested GAC participants as well as other members of the community beyond the single member per advisory committee presently envisaged by the call for volunteers communicated to the GAC." Digital inclusion and internet connectivity, and this section reads, "In the follow up of capacity building, sessions held on 17 and 18 September, 2022. The GAC took note of presented data and figures that indicate a high level of concentration of the global DNS industry in specific geographic regions.

GAC members recognized the fact that the previous round of gTLDs had geographical concentration, most notably as a reflection of digital divide and encouraged the ICANN Board and the community as a whole to explore new and additional actions. These should aim to contribute to bridge digital inequalities within and among countries to ensure that all opportunities regarding the application for gTLDs are equally shared among old regions and to promote a more balanced distribution of gTLDs applications, registries and registrars among regions. The GAC further noted remarks made by the ICANN Board chair and the ICANN president about existing gaps in global internet access and connectivity.

The GAC acknowledges that addressing these gaps and bridging digital divides should stand as a priority for the broader internet community. Building on the experience gained with the unprecedented provision of financial support for internet access in Ukraine, the GAC urges the ICANN Board to develop a more comprehensive framework for the provision of financial, technical, and capacity building support to promote internet access and connectivity in developing and underserved regions as well as in countries in particular situations of vulnerability or distress."

Three, ICANN Strategic Planning, and this section reads, "The GAC expressed interest to the ICANN Board in getting closely involved in the early design of the next strategic planning cycle for the period 2026, 2030 as a more effective means of influencing the process in line with its main priorities." Under WHOIS Disclosure System, the GAC notes the publication of ICANN Org's design paper for the WHOIS disclosure system, the system, a single point of entry for fielding domain name registration data requests, and distributing those requests to registrars and greatly appreciates ICANN staff's efforts on this work.

The system is a useful first step towards building a more comprehensive solution as envisioned by EPDP phase two. It should facilitate the collection of useful data in a quicker and more cost effective manner and ideally shed light on usage rates, timelines for response, and percentages of requests granted or denied. Such data would assist the ICANN Board and its considerations of the EPDP phase two, and allow work to continue towards effective and timely implementation of the PDP recommendations. The GAC highlights the importance of engaging in education and outreach with potential requesters so that these requesters learn of the system's availability.

In line with the temporary specification for gTLD registration data, which requires both gTLD registries and registrars to provide reasonable access to personal data in registration data, the GAC invites ICANN to consider the participation in the system of registry operators as well as exploring incentives for both registries and registrars to participate given that participation in the current draft is voluntary. As currently designed, any communications beyond the request itself take place outside the system. Information about approvals or denials of requests, timing of the

response, and reasons for denial, would be logged at the election of the registrar.

The GAC finds it very important to log this data in a proper manner as this will help to ensure the system generating robust and useful data to inform future work. The GAC also finds that even if a request relates to a registrar that chooses not to participate in the framework, logging such information would also provide useful data. The framework should therefore include such functionality. Finally, the GAC stresses the importance of including a mechanism to allow for confidential law enforcement requests. The GAC recommends ICANN Org engages with the GAC PSWG to further discuss the issue of how confidentiality of law enforcement requests will be insured and how the metadata of all requests of law enforcement agencies are handled.

Five, DNS abuse mitigation. The text reads, "The GAC appreciates the efforts carried out to advance proposals to mitigate DNS abuse, and while looking into the many avenues available to combat this threat, the GAC highlights ICANN's technical role in finding solutions and look forward to the GNSO Council's small team final report on the subject in order to discuss subsequent steps. Mitigating DNS abuse continues to be an issue of concern for the GAC, and the GAC emphasizes the importance of building on the current work, which includes effectively preventing, reporting, and responding to DNS abuse.

The topic is specially important given the ongoing activities related to next round of new gTLDs. The GAC has previously stated that "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," and

expressed its support for, "the development of proposed contract provisions applicable to all gTLDs to improve responses to DNS abuse." For example, those identified in in SSR2 and the CCT review.

The GAC has also recognized a potential role for targeted policy development processes to yield contract improvements at ICANN74. The GAC recognizes voluntary initiatives from the community to address DNS abuse and looks forward to seeing the output of these and how they can be effectively used to reduce DNS abuse. In particular, the GAC welcomed the many activities taking place across the ICANN community to address DNS abuse, including the draft DNS abuse small team report to the GNSO Council, a forthcoming discussion paper from the contracted parties house on malicious versus compromised domains, a review of recent abuse reporting, and highlight of voluntary initiatives on measurement and reporting.

One GAC member provided a presentation that focused on the problems of repeated registrant abuse in moving from domain name to domain name, and noted that a lack of clarity within registrar contracts makes it more difficult to ensure there is an effective response to such abuse. There was also a discussion about potential work across the community that could focus on developing improved contract provisions for ICANN's consideration, and on the scope of DNS abuse, that may be addressed within ICANN's remit.

Discussion on a potential PDP could proceed in parallel with the advancement of these efforts. Six, Internationalized Domain Names and Universal Acceptance. The text under this section reads, "The GAC welcomes and encourages the further adoption of Universal Acceptance

for the better use of internationalized domain names, email addresses internationalization, and new generic top-level domains for accelerating the progress of online diversity.

In recognition of the importance of Universal Acceptance, prior to ICANN75, the GAC circulated the request for the roles of point of contact with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group and chair or co-chair of the GAC Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names Working Group, encouraging additional GAC members to join Universal Acceptance activities. The GAC also welcomes the initiation by the Universal Acceptance Steering Group of an annual Universal Acceptance Day.

The first one, taking place at 16th February, 2023, and encourages individual GAC members and others to take part in this day." Seven, Accuracy of Registration Data. This section reads, "The GAC having actively contributed to the work of the registration data accuracy scoping team, reiterates the importance of addressing efficiently and in a timely manner, the issue of accuracy and reliability of domain name registration data.

The GAC takes good note of the recommendations of the interim report on assignments one and two, and encourages the scoping team to continue its work while ICANN await feedback from the relevant data protection authorities regarding its legal basis for processing data for the purposes of measuring accuracy. Regarding recommendation one, the GAC stresses the importance of encouraging the widest possible participation of registrars to the registrar survey and welcomes the exploration of approaches to incentivize participation in it, as well as

consideration of the scoping team or the GNSO Council of the use of a third-party to aid in its design.

The GAC notes that recommendations two on registrar audit and the part of recommendation three relating to proceeding with a data protection impact assessment may lack the necessary clarity and detail regarding their envisioned implementation. This was confirmed also by the exchange with the GNSO during ICANN75. Further, the GAC highlights the importance of concluding swiftly the data protection agreement between ICANN and contracted parties as part of recommendation three. Finally, the GAC urges the scoping team to accompany these recommendations with an explanatory note, elaborating further on how these recommendations are envisaged to be implemented."

Finally, the last section of the communique on next meeting, "The GAC is scheduled to meet next during the ICANN76 Community Forum in Cancun, Mexico, scheduled for 11 to 16 March, 2023." So this concludes our final reading of the communique. Again, it'll be proofread by the chair and support staff for any formatting or any typos and will be circulated later today, I guess. So as soon as we finish the proofreading, it'll be circulated on the GAC mailing list, and then allowing 72 hours again for review. My GAC colleagues, particularly those who are not in the room because of the difficult time zones.

Again, not to open language that has already been approved, but just again, fixing any mistakes or typos or things that we may have overlooked in formatting. The communique will then be posted online normally by the Monday. So this is-- anything I have overlooked, Fabien, of course, in relation to the communique. Okay, seeing that we have no additions,

then I thank you very much for your flexibility on communicate drafting and yes, let's celebrate having the version out. This concludes the communicate drafting, and we are now starting the wrap-up session.

Thanks to Rob, we have a slide deck for this session. Again, it's just food for thought and brainstorming on things that happened during the meeting and forward looking discussion on what may work better. So, please feel free to seek the floor and engage and add to the points on the slides or suggest other topics if you'd like. So if we can go to the following slide. This is the quick agenda we thought of, so first identification of ICANN75 follow-up matters, then assessing ICANN75, how things went, and then key post-ICANN75 meeting dates and adjourning.

So, if we go to the following slide. So this is quickly on various post ICANN75 GAC matters. First, we have the subsequent rounds of new gTLDs, and under this we have the operational design phase, which is continuing the closed generics facilitated dialogue that will take place between the GNSO, the GAC, and the ALAC. Also, the potential future GAC advise and the paper we sought from ICANN Org, which we have just received this meeting regarding how GAC advice was handled during the first round so that we can be informed before the upcoming ground.

Also, the GNSO guidance process on applicant support which is a guidance on how to implement the applicant support program so that it bear its fruits and benefit from lessons learned during the first round. We have also WHOIS and Data Protection, and here we have the WHOIS Disclosure System and short-term stakeholders engagement. I'm sorry, there is a hand up. Please go ahead.

ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you, Manal. The last bullet in the subsequent rounds of new gTLDs and then there's a reference later in the documents to a couple of matters in which the GAC leadership has asked the GAC for volunteers. I'll be following up with the leadership team to confirm some of those volunteers who have come forward, two of whom are actually in the room still today, so I'm hopeful that you'll all be able to conclude that next month so that work can proceed. We actually have a deadline coming up on the GGP on applicant support, so may need to move forward fairly quickly on that and we'll be doing that via email. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Rob, for this update, and thanks to colleagues who volunteered, and yeah, definitely we need to conclude on time. So on WHOIS and Data Protection, we have WHOIS Disclosure System, short-term stakeholders engagement, the GAC comments which are discussed in more details on the next slides, and the registration data accuracy, the next steps taken by the GNSO Council.

We have also DNS abuse mitigation, and here we have the GNSO Council consideration of expected small team report, the GAC Public Safety Working Groups engagement with stakeholder groups to identify common ground for contract improvements, and the SSAC proposal for a community roadmap to be tracked. So the SSAC are suggesting that there be a clear roadmap for DNS abuse so that we can ensure progress. Last on this slide is the IGO Protections List Change Process update.

As you may all know, the GAC has compiled or reserved a list of IGO acronyms to be reserved, and we need a process for adding or withdrawing or releasing from the list. The process will be circulated to the GAC soon, and we hope to get it approved so that it guides the community on how the list should be processed. Let's go through the second slide, and then I'll pause to see if there are any comments. This is on public comment opportunities.

So there is a public comment on pilot holistic review draft terms of reference. As an output of the ICANN accountability and transparency review, there was a recommendation to have a holistic review of SOs and ACs rather than separate reviews by each. The terms of reference for such a holistic review has been put for public comments, and I think it warrants some attention from the GAC because this may influence how we work on this.

We haven't been doing specific review to the GAC along the lines the community used to do. We normally did our review through the board GAC interaction group or board and GAC joined group. So I think this is a change in how the GAC worked, so maybe of interest also proposed amendments to the base gTLD registry agreement and registrar accreditation agreement to add an RDAP contract obligation. So again, this is an amendment to the current agreement of the registries and registrars.

Registration data consensus policy for gTLDs. Let me check, because I tried to look them up before the session. So, registration data consensus policy for gTLDs, the ICANN organization worked with community based implementation review team to produce the proposed registration data

consensus policy for gTLDs. This public comment proceeding intends to gather input on the implementation plan for the expedited policy development process on the temporary specification for gTLD registration data phase one and phase two priorities and phase one.

It's on the temporary specification for registration and the relevant phases. So again, I'm sure this will be, of course, of interest to the GAC as well, and we will be guided by our topic leads, but again, it warrants GAC attention. Also, the initial report on the second Customer Standing Committee effectiveness review, so this is a review of how the Customer Standing Committee is doing. Last but not least, of course, is the final report from the EPDP on specific curative rights protections for IGOs.

This one hasn't opened yet, but it is an upcoming public comment opportunity that we also need to keep an eye on because it tackles a topic that is of interest to the GAC. Then we have identifying and pursuing IDNs and Universal Acceptance matters. As we discussed, we are trying to encourage GAC colleagues to prioritize this topic during the coming period. We are calling for a chair or co-chair for this working group, and we were asked to assign a liaison to the Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

We already had one volunteer so far, and we will be confirming this soon. We have just concluded on the communique, encouraging everyone to participate to the Universal Acceptance Day. If my memory serves me, it's on the 16th of February. Then the GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group which is working on reviewing the GAC operating principles. So the GAC Operating Principles date to 2011, and we have reviewed them twice very specifically to increase the GAC vice chairs

from three to five, this is one time, and the second time to allow for electronic voting, so voting online.

Again, they are quite outdated, so we need to review them to reflect how we are working today. I see Ian nodding, and thank you for taking care of this huge responsibility, Ian. potential high level governmental meeting discussions, so it's high time to have a governmental high level meeting. We have been doing this every other year. We had one in Toronto, Canada, we had one in London, UK, we had one in Marrakesh, Morocco, and we had one in Barcelona, which was the last one in Barcelona in Spain, it was 2018.

We were due to have one in 2020, but then given the pandemic, this has not taken place until now, so it's high time to have one, and it takes time to prepare for one, so at least one year. That's why we need to start discussing and preparing. This normally is a high level meeting, so ministerial level, and that's why we need blessing from the host country, which will offer to host the high level governmental meeting. They issue invitation letters to relevant ministers or high level government officials, and we need a solid agenda for the meeting as well.

This serves as a good opportunity for GAC colleagues to bring the work of the GAC and ICANN to the attention of their high level government officials so that they can spare the resources and the time and the authority to speak and participate during the meetings. We have next, the GAC capacity building planning for ICANN76 and Intersectionally, of course. We had an excellent one, this meeting over the weekend, as we have mentioned more than once, and I reiterate my thanks again.

Given the positive feedback we have received and given the number of GAC new members we have, I think it's good to continue on the success we have achieved this time and to build on the topics that we have already discussed, and it's good that we already have a survey that would help us seek feedback and build on the progress. So quite a busy agenda. Anything else? Any comments on any of these topics or any additional topics? Rob, please, go ahead.

ROBERT HOGGARTH:

Thank you, Manal. Rob Hoggarth from GAC support staff. Just wanted to remind all of the GAC members that we have a GAC action decision radar document on the GAC website, the latest snap shot from the 2nd of September has already been published. We'll, of course, be updating the document after this meeting incorporating a number of these newer developments. I'm not sharing in the chat anything but the public version of the snapshot.

After the meeting, we'll share with you via the GAC email, the reminder that we share once in a while of the live version of the document that you all can consult at any time and probably should bookmark. It's an excellent tool for seeing what's coming down the road for the committee. As Manal noted, it's a heavy agenda. I'd just like to clarify that on the public comment opportunities on the slide, those dates are the deadlines for the comments to be submitted.

So it'll be quite a busy October pulling a number of those things together. Manal, you and the vice chairs will be dealing with a number of those things, I think, via email since your first post-meeting meeting won't be

till about the third week of October. So be prepared for emails coming out to you and subsequently to the rest of you as members for document review, reaction, and the rest. Thank you very much.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Rob. The action decision radar of the GAC is an excellent tool that the GAC leadership is continuously relying on. Thanks for support staff for really keeping it up to date, real time, so I hope GAC colleagues would also refer to it and I hope you will find it as useful and beneficial as the GAC leadership did. Seeing no requests for the floor, maybe we can go to the following slide, which is more of stock taking of ICANN75.

So if there is any feedback on the opening session, on the preparation for our bilaterals with the board, with the ALAC, with the ccNSO, with the GNSO, any feedback on the communique drafting? We already heard one view from our Brazilian colleagues. Any feedback on the in-person experiences and remote attendee experiences? So I was saying that we really feel the presence of those who are remote, so we are all in one meeting, and I think it's very well taken care of, and I had positive feedback from those present here, but we haven't known how does it really work to those who are remote.

Are they having the same convenience or do they have any comments? I'm going to go through the final bullet and then any-- Okay, so this is any additional thoughts. I have Alice, please. Netherlands, go ahead.

ALICE HEAVER:

Thank you, Manal. This Alice Heaver for the record, from the Netherlands. So I've heard very interesting topics mentioned in the public for the great hole, so to say, on internet fragmentation, for example, on emerging identifiers. It's something that we have never discussed in the GAC or at least to the extent of my knowledge, haven't discussed before in the GAC. I'm not saying that I really want to propose it at the moment, I'd like to digest a bit more on it, and maybe some other topics that we've also been hearing that haven't been discussed really before in this setting, at least not in the past two years since I've been following the GAC.

So I'd also like to call upon my colleagues, to think about different topics than we've been discussing in the last, well, almost two years now on WHOIS and registration data and all those kind of things. I think it's important that we don't lose touch of all the other issues that are emerging around us. I need some time to digest what I've heard, but I think it's good to think a little bit further. On a very, very practical matter I would hope that the conference room in Cancun, if I'd be there physically, is slightly less chilly. I think that's also good for climate change because the AC won't have to be so cold. Thanks.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Alice. Thank you for breaking the ice, and I see a queue forming, and I think it's a good discussion that would also lead us to the following slide. I heard a couple of comments in the breaks that may be the GAC would also need to have some strategic thinking rather than getting into the details in certain discussions. So again, good to be forward looking and we normally hold an agenda setting call, so it would

be good we take note and let's discuss it again when we get to set the agenda. Nigel, sorry to keep you waiting. Please, go ahead.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Sorry. Thank you very much, Manal, and not at all, you didn't keep me waiting. Just to say a couple of things. First of all, completely agree with Alice, that perhaps we ought to think about discussing the identifier topic particularly in advance of the next gTLD round. I think it's relevant especially, and in the same way we could reflect on some of the messages that came out of the internet fragmentation session, the plenary session earlier this week. So, fully aligned with that.

Also, I think as mentioned in the geopolitical session this morning, in time and not necessarily at the next meeting, but at some point, we ought to discuss the implications of the [00:44:51 - inaudible] review for the work we do in the GAC and ICANN, because this is clearly important as well. Thirdly, just if I may, to fully support what was said earlier about the need for a high-level meeting, I know having been involved in the London one, that it takes a lot of planning, but I think it will be exceptionally useful to have them during the course of next year if that was possible. Thank you very much.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much Nigel, and thanks to UK also for sharing their experience. So past hosts have already shared their experiences, and we have a paper that compiles the experience of the four previous hosts. Also noting Paraguay's support to the Netherlands' suggestions, so well noted. Rob, please go ahead.

ROBERT HOGGARTH: I'm very curious about whether Paraguay's intercession is agreeing about the cold temperature or about the substance of the Netherlands' remarks.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The cold actually.

ROBERT HOGGARTH: Just a couple of things. We are welcoming feedback on topics that you would like to learn more about in the CBW survey that has been circulated. I think you've gotten now one email and one email reminder, so that would be an immediate vehicle for sharing these things. In response to Alice, and perhaps to get further clarification, it's one thing to be educated by it, but then it's another to actually have the conversations, so would be happy from a staff perspective to follow up on the previous slide, we talked about intercessional activities, and so perhaps on any of the topics that you mentioned or that Nigel mentioned, we could even identify in the next six months a webinar or two from ICANN Org staff or other experts in those areas to have that exchange of information. Then that might inform future deliberations or discussions among committee members.

So, support staff will commit to doing that, and in the meantime, if the rest of you who have not yet filled out your CBW survey, if you could do that, that will also help inform what goes on the topic lists that we can explore for you all. Oh, one of the things that staff does throughout the

course of the meeting, obviously, while we're taking notes, we also have a portion of the document where we keep a running tabulation of lessons learned. While we may not have the time to fully get your input during this session, please afterwards, as you reflect on your flight's home or whatever, if there are things that bugged you, things where you saw there could be improvements, please let us know via email.

We're already up to a page of lessons learned just on our own. It seems to be very consistent as the meeting evolves and we learn more at each experience. So we very much welcome continued input in that regard. The next meeting, although it's six months away, will come up very quickly. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Rob. Indeed, as Rob mentioned, this is an ongoing process, we don't have to conclude anything at this meeting, this is just a brainstorming so that we can continuously enhance our work. Brazil, please, I see your hand up.

LUCIANO MAZZA:

Thank you very much, Manal. I would like to thank not only you, but also Rob, the entire team, and all the colleagues. This has been my first in-person GAC meeting, and I'm extremely privileged to join the group. This is a very productive setting, and I'm looking forward to contributing, building on much of the progress that we achieved here. With the view to Cancun and just perhaps building on what the Netherlands and also the UK have raised in terms of some of the feelings that we had from this meeting, I believe that capacity building session was extremely useful

especially for someone who is very new to the process like I am to understand the wider internet governance ecosystem, the DNS industry landscape.

One of the issues that struck the most is indeed how much of the digital divide that we try to counter and we try to tackle globally is also reflected here. This is an understanding priority for the internet community elsewhere, and I believe this could also be an issue that we could contribute in our setting to the extent that the GAC and ICANN has its responsibilities, obviously, also respecting what other forum are working on and supporting other forum to the extent that is relevant, and then also considering that we are going to have a very important meeting within the ITU, which is the adequate forum for development issues.

Being on that as well, before we go to Cancun, we are going to have not a very important United Nations meeting, which is going to be the IGF. One of the main issues that we are going to be considering in Ethiopia is not internet argumentation, but rather how to avoid it. We do think that this is a mission collectively, having one internet, one single internet is a mission of ICANN, and we have to reflect that on the way that we undertake our work here. So perhaps just to align the work and the way that we consider this with the mission to avoid internet fragmentation.

The third point that I would like to raise is being very new here as well, I have sensed that a lot of our discussions is actually preempting or prejudging geopolitical issues that fall outside of this scope, and this can be very divisive, and we would like to avoid that because I think that one of the greatest contributions of the multi stakeholder approach is actually to bring people together, to bring different actors together.

This feeling of collective work is something that I will take back with me to Brazil, and I look forward to continuing contributing and continuing feeling that, with the view to Cancun, this collective desire instead of a divisive nature. If there is any division that we need to tackle, it's actually the digital divides. So with that, I would once again thank you very much for the very warm welcome, and we look forward to contributing further with the view to Cancun. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Brazil, for your valuable remarks. All well noted. Thank you for sharing your experience as a first comer. Happy we were able to help with the capacity building and all other points are well noted. We will be looking into the upcoming agenda and we can decide on our own agenda, and definitely I cannot agree more on the unity and collegiality that should guide our work within the GAC. So, very much appreciate your valuable remarks. Thank you very much, Brazil. So I'm just check-- yes, okay, I'm sorry, Hossein, please. Iran, go ahead.

HOSSEIN MIRZAPOUR:

Okay. Good afternoon, maybe good night, good morning some part of the world. Again, thank you Manal, and our great crew for the great job again you have done to make this happen. I don't know if this is an issue, already has taken into consideration because I have been in Universal Acceptance preparation day meeting in some afterword discussions, so please interrupt me if it's not new to you.

I have been taking to ideas how to bring more weight on GAC inside ICANN community. How can we make it more important for everybody

and how can we share our interests and concerns more effectively? The comment Alice just mentioned at the beginning, it fueled my idea as well. I think there are many concerns on policy level, which we GAC members and governments, they can share. I don't know if here it's the floor for that. I'm new as well. This is my second in-person meeting, but I have been in IGF as well.

I know somebody compare ICANN meeting with IGF, but as you know very well, IGF ends with no communique or clear output here. We have some voices, we can have some impact inside ICANN community. I think there are more and more increasing topics on policy level, which we can share together, like internet fragmentation already mentioned, satellite internet, blah, blah, a lot of disruptive technologies, decentralizing technologies, they can be concerns not only one part of the world, but also almost all countries. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Iran. Very valuable comments. Thank you all for the interest and the brainstorming. I hope we continue this excellent exchange, intersectionally as well as we prepare for the agenda of the upcoming meeting so that we can take all comments into consideration. You will be receiving an email from support staff asking about topics that you would like to see on the agenda of the upcoming meeting. So please keep the excellent feedback coming.

I think we covered almost, so as I mentioned, the publication of the communique, we already discussed the minutes of meeting noting that this comes like two to three weeks after the meeting and it maybe more,

but yes, so this is not the immediate thing, it takes more time because it covers more details. Topics for ICANN76, that's what we have been discussing, and I'm urging everyone to continue the discussion intersectionally as agenda setting call will be coming soon, and this is where we can nail down the topics that we have agreed, and finally, the Cancun dates.

So, in the remaining minute or so, I would like to go through my usual thank you list. I would like to thank very much our host and sponsors of ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur, and our Malaysian GAC colleagues for their generous hosting. Also, thank you to each and every one of you for the active participation and productive discussions and cooperative spirit. Special thanks to my GAC leadership colleagues for their help, support, and guidance to prepare for this meeting.

Also, a very warm congratulations to all incoming leadership members from Paraguay, Burundi, Sweden, Republic of Korea, UK, and Lebanon. I look forward to continue working with you all until ICANN76, and to a smooth transition for all incoming leadership members. And thanks, of course, to all topic leads and working group chairs and liaisons for the significant time and tireless efforts they all devote to prepare for and run the meeting.

As always, a big thank you to our amazing GAC support team. This time we had Rob, Julia, and Gulden here with us in Kuala Lumpur, and we had Fabien and Benedetta supporting us from remote. Again, sorry for the difficult time zones. Literally we had support around the clock to facilitate a smooth and seamless meeting for everyone. Special thanks to the IT and language services teams.

You continue to impress us with fulfilling all our requirements where everything works smoothly and seamlessly irrespective of whether the meeting is in person, fully virtual, or hybrid. Thanks to our wonderful and professional interpreters and scribes who continue to be fundamental to our discussions. Finally, I hope we continue to engage internationally, and until we meet again in Cancun for ICANN76, please stay safe and enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you, everyone. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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