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NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Julia. Welcome back, everyone. I hope you enjoyed your lunch, and good afternoon and good evening for those online. Clearly, very clearly, this is not the sexiest or the most popular session of the week. That's for sure. And by the way, I had to cancel my golf plans for the afternoon, given the fact that it was snowing a little while ago.

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Hopefully, depending on how it goes, this might or might not be our final drafting session. This session is going to be running for 75 minutes, so that should be more than enough to restart, so to say, reviewing that part, I mean, the part we left off yesterday. And after that, if time allows, we'll talk about some housekeeping details and do some wrap up.

Hopefully, everything within the same timeframe, which is this post-lunch session. So, with that, let me get back to Fabien in order to walk us through the sections. I mean, it's very clear it's the same section we left yesterday regarding IG. I understand there were some conversations going on between the session yesterday evening and today, and apparently, we have some sort of consensus text, as far as I know, but I stand to be corrected here. Fabien, over to you.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

All right, so where we left off yesterday is in internal matters, GAC Working Group, GAC Internet Governance Group. And so, we've reflected here input we've received, so I'll just maybe remove the highlight. So, it's a proposal from all the interested parties who reached a consensus on the text. So, the text is actually the first paragraph and the last paragraph replacing, in bracket, the middle paragraph, which would be replaced. So, I've left them here legible, but they are meant to be striked out. So, the actual proposed text for review now is the first paragraph and the last paragraph together. Does that make sense?

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Perfect. So, I'll read that, then I'll stop in order to see if we have agreement, and then we might or might not proceed. So, this is Section 3, correct me, Fabien, if I'm wrong, 3.something, right? GAC Internet Governance Group, GAC IG Group, the GAC appreciates the Internet Governance IG Group's contribution and activities, excuse me, and its first webinar held on February 17th titled, quote, Shaping the Digital Future, WSIS+20 Review, and the Future of Internet Governance, end quote.

The webinar focused on discussing the plans and expectations of key UN organizations and departments regarding the WSIS+20 review process. The GAC took note of the ongoing work of ICANN.org on the WSIS+20 process and Internet Governance. Additionally, it was considered that a webinar dedicated to the Sao Paulo Multi-Stakeholder Guidelines, NM Plus 10, may well be of interest ahead of ICANN83. And I'll stop there in order to see if we have agreement. Any comments, edits? Portugal, please go ahead.

ANA NEVES

Good afternoon. I would suggest perhaps, additionally, it was considered that the webinar dedicated to Sao Paulo Multi-Stakeholder Guidelines to be added to the first paragraph, because otherwise it seems like that the additional webinar, it's coming, well, will be organized by ICANN Org.

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- NICOLAS CABALLERO So, you mean at the beginning of that paragraph?
- ANA NEVES No, no, at the end, as it is now. So, two different parts.
- NICOLAS CABALLERO Portugal, could you please explain where exactly do you want the paragraph to be?
- ANA NEVES Where is the paragraph, additionally?
- NICOLAS CABALLERO At the end, at the end. Is this sentence? Right at the bottom.
- ANA NEVES Additionally. So, in the first paragraph, the GAC appreciates, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And then WSIS+20 review process, end of the first paragraph. Additionally, it was considered.
- NICOLAS CABALLERO Okay, like that?
- ANA NEVES Yes.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay, and then?

ANA NEVES

So, the last paragraph only says the GAC also took note of the ongoing work of ICANN Org on the WSIS+20 process and Internet Governance. Only to make sense, so we are talking about webinars, and then the GAC also took note, and that's it.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Portugal. So, I'll have Lebanon help me read that part as it is now. Please go ahead, Zeina.

ZEINA BOU HARB

The GAC appreciates the Internet Governance IG Group's contribution and activities and its first webinar held on February 17th, titled Shaping the Digital Future, WSIS+20 Review and the Future of Internet Governance. The webinar focused on discussing the plans and expectations of key UN organizations and departments regarding the WSIS+20 review process. Additionally, it was considered that a webinar dedicated to the Sao Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines NetMundial+10 may well be of interest ahead of ICANN83. The GAC also took note of the ongoing work of ICANN Org on the WSIS+20 process and Internet Governance.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Lebanon. So, before I open the floor for comments, questions, or edits, just an editorial question. Should we specify what NM+10 means, like NetMundial, and include it there, or

should we leave it as it is now? What do you think? We should include NetMundial. Okay, so let's-- Like that? No, O. M-U-N-D-I-A-L. Is that correct for the Portuguese speakers? Portugal, please go ahead.

ANA NEVES

I think it's two words, NetMundial, yes.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay. So, there it is. Comments, questions, edits?

THIAGO DAL-TOE

Thiago for the record. They're not here, but looking at the website, it's actually Net, N-E-T in caps, and Mundial as all lowercase, plus 10.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

So, all together, NetMundial, all together. Oh, okay. Okay, so there it is. Do we have agreement? Anybody against? Can we leave with this text as it is now? Portugal?

ANA NEVES

Short M, NetMundial.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay, thank you again, Portugal. Well, once again, are we okay with the text? I don't see any hand online or in the room, which means that we apparently have agreement on this. Is that the case? Please give me thumbs up or something so that we can move on. And I see

nodding in the room and thumbs up. Thank you very much. So, that was the last part we needed to check. So, with that, I will kindly handle the floor to our distinguished UK representative for a final, excuse me? Can you talk about the minor editorial edits we made in order to streamline the text? But this is just a detail. Go ahead, please, Fabien.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Thank you. So, indeed, as part of the preparation for the session, we reviewed as GAC support team with the GAC chair, the text, and there's a few areas where we'd like to suggest some minor editorial edits. So, the first one is in capacity development. So, internal matter, capacity development. The last paragraph, there's a reference to the USRWG, the acronym. It feels like if we just said working group, that would just read better. It would be just, again, more fluid. So, unless there are any objection, we propose to replace USRWG by working group. The full name of the working group is provided above. So, that's the first one. Then moving to-- yes.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

So, just for the sake of clarity, we checked it all together with the vice chairs and the changes, just in case.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

And so, in issues of importance, next round of New gTLDs, applicant support program, we were wondering whether that first sentence could be just simplified by removing the reference to ICANN80,

because right now there's a lot of commas. The GAC would, though, as discussed during ICANN82, wish to see. And so, we're thinking if writing the GAC wishes to see equitable participation in the application process, and thus the GAC request wouldn't just be easier. There is this though that could be replaced by a however at the beginning of the sentence, possibly. So, that's a suggestion that we made in the comment here.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

And my humble suggestion would be the GAC wishes to see equitable participation. But I don't have any kind of strong feelings in that regard just for the sake of simplicity. But whatever we decide together will be more than fine with me. So, we agree. And I see nodding and thumbs up. So, let's go ahead with that, Fabien. The GAC wishes to see equitable participation in the application process and blah, blah, blah. We don't need to read the whole thing again.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Back to you.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Then in subsection C here, global outreach and promotion of ICANN in your language, the GAC chair, vice chair from Lebanon had suggested that we simplify the sentence by moving ICANN in your language in parentheses here so that we avoid having that at the

very end of the sentence, which confuses the sentence. So, that's a simplification here again.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Are we okay with that? And I see nodding. Any opposition? Anybody? No? Okay. Let's move on.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Thank you. And so, then the next paragraph is ICANN community participatory code of conduct. Here, we're just a small suggestion proposing issued a letter instead of addressed because in that same sentence, the GAC has addressed the matter. So, just here. Avoid repetition. Right, avoiding repetition.

And then in the rest of the text, so the second paragraph here, the GAC reiterates or so the GAC recalls its input and reiterates that it welcomes the proposed draft. We try to avoid using it to refer to the GAC. And so, it sounds like a way of doing that here would be to say the GAC recalls and reiterates its support for the proposed draft as opposed to reiterates that it welcomes. So, that's again, just to avoid the reference here to the GAC through it.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

So, in that sense, let me ask England, Australia, U. S. if from a native speaker, so to say, point of view that would be correct or you prefer to go back? And again, this is for Canada as well. Would it be okay? And I see thumbs up. Thumbs up. Okay. There we go. Please go ahead, Fabien.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Thank you. And still in this section, we thought while we were reading it that referring to the code of conduct as opposed to just the code seems clearer. There's not really much hesitation, but it just feels a bit more natural. And since we have code of conduct at least seven or eight times, we tried to, we found ways to at least remove it twice.

And that's in the second paragraph on the screen here where we suggested the GAC, ICANN Org should support consistent implementation of the code of conduct by developing brief and simple guidance on its application instead of on the application of the code. And then at the end of the sentence, as well as by foreseeing adequate data collection points and periodic reviews and removing tools on the-- so initially, the sentence was foreseeing adequate data collection points and periodic review tools on the practical application of the code. And so, it sounds like we thought that maybe just referring to collection point and periodic reviews would convey the meaning without repeating application, which is in that sentence actually, and the code as well.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you for that, Fabien. And again, this is for the sake of simplicity we can leave it there, but it wouldn't sound that natural from my point of view, but would you agree with deleting that last part of the sentence again for the sake of clarity? And I see some noting, anybody against? UK?

NIGEL HICKSON

Well, I'm not against, Mr. Chairman, and I defer to the drafters, but I just wonder whether it slightly changes the meaning as well as by foreseeing adequate data collection points and periodic review tools on the practical application of the code. And so, if you're deleting the last bit, you're, you're deleting part of the reference to tools on the-- but yeah. So, I think it does change the meaning, but it's up to the drafters.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

If we say periodic review tools, would that do it? Comments, edits, anybody? Switzerland, please go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO

Thank you, Nico, Jorge Cancio, Switzerland for the record. I think that we are entering a little bit into the substance, so I would avoid that and leave the corrections or whatever to mere grammatical aspects and leave it as it was. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Switzerland. So, let me just read that part of the, of the, of the whole paragraph then. ICANN Org should support consistent implementation of the code of conduct by developing brief and simple guidance on its, yeah, yeah, okay, on its application, by providing specific training and educational materials to community leaders and participants tasked with applying and respecting the code of conduct, as well as by foreseeing adequate data collection

points and periodic review tools on the practical application of the code of conduct. Repetitive, I would say, but it's up to you. I would change that last on its application or on its practical application or something like that, but repeating code of conduct five times in the same paragraph doesn't make that much sense to me. Again, I'm in your hands.

ZEINA BOU HARB

Maybe we can just remove the last code of conduct, we say the practical application of this code.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Wouldn't it be better if we say data collection points and periodic review tools on its practical application? Just saying. Nigel?

NIGEL HICKSON

Mr. Chairman, I mean, I defer to Jorge. I think that's okay, but yeah, I defer.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Switzerland?

JORGE CANCIO

Thank you, Nico. On its practical application is okay for me, but I would really suggest that we keep it to the minimum, what we do now in general.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay, can we then negotiate this as the last substantial change, at least for this paragraph? Would everybody be okay with this at this point? Yeah, it's practical application. So, it would read, tasked with applying and respecting the code of conduct, as well as by foreseeing adequate data collection points and periodic review tools on its practical application. Full stop. Would that be okay for everyone? Anybody against? Okay, I don't see any hands, so the motion passes. Back to you, Fabien.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

And so, then for the last two small changes we made in DNS reviews, we've spelled out APIs, so that's just for clarity, although we'd assume most readers would be familiar with the term. And then on WSIS+20, we just refer more generally to GAC plenary session as opposed to internal GAC session, so we just suggest switching internal GAC session to GAC plenary session. It's just a very minor edit, and that's it.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Any hard feelings in this regard? Plenary instead of internal? Do we have a problem there? I don't see any hand, and I see some nodding. Okay, let's move on, Fabien.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX

And that's it in terms of our editorial review.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Perfect. So, we're there. At this point, I will have the pleasure of once again handling the floor to the UK for the final review, as we call it. We have a definition for that. I don't know where-- This is an internal GAC meeting, so we can say ITU style, because that's actually where it's coming from, so no problem in saying ITU style. Go ahead, please, Nigel.

NIGEL HICKSON

Sorry, yes, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and we can, I suppose, start from the top. We did some of this last night, so I think we can go through a lot of it fairly quickly. So, we have the introduction paragraph, where we have the numbers put in in brackets.

We then go on to inter-constituency activities and community engagements, the meeting with the Board, the meeting with the At-Large advisory committee, ALAC, meeting with the security and stability advisory committee, and as I go through this, please, if there's anything that strikes you as completely wrong, then let us know. It's better now than later. Meeting with the Generic Support Organization, New Zealand, I mean, sorry, Netherlands.

MARCO HOGEWONING

Sorry, Fabien, could you scroll up to the board section? I can live with it, but from an editorial perspective, Internet Coordination Policy is what ICP stands for, so it's either Internet Coordination Policy number 2 or ICP-2. Might be solved by putting it into brackets, but this small editorial, sorry, Mr. Chairman.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Netherlands. So, again, for the sake of clarity, we have already checked every single one of these sections. We're just we just want to make sure that everything's all right and give it just a general review, but at this point, I don't think we actually need to get to the details unless, of course, unless you identify anything outstanding there. Back to you, Nigel.

NIGEL HICKSON

Sorry. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay, going on, meeting with the At-Large Advisory Committee, meeting with the Generic Name Supporting Organization, GNSO, meeting with the Contracted Parties House, CPH, of the GNSO, meeting with the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group, NCSG, of the GNSO, meeting with the Country Code Name Supporting organization, ccNSO, cross-community discussions. We then go on to section 3, which is internal matters.

So here, we welcome Monaco and the African Parliamentary Network. We noted there are 184 GAC members and 40 observers, observer organizations. Paragraph 2 recalls the departure of the two vice-chairs and the joining of our new vice-chairs. And, of course, Nicholas Nico is our chair. We then go on to the GAC Working Groups. And the first one is the public safety working group. So, I'm not sure why that's highlighted, but that's just something that will be taken care of.

We discussed this text yesterday. So, if we go further down, the second one that we had discussions on, of course, and we've just

read out the text and agreed it on this is the GAC Internet Governance Group, GAC IG group. We then go on to GAC Operational Matters. And this was the description of the way we discussed the operating principles. So, this is the text that sets that out. And we then go on to capacity development, which, of course, were the sessions we had last weekend. And this describes what the sessions were.

You recall we discussed, had quite a detailed discussion on the registrant's journey. Going further down, we get into GAC strategic planning, noting the discussion we had on that earlier in the week as well. So, that concludes the sort of operational part. And then we get on part four, issues of importance to the GAC. Domain name registration data. And the first one was urgent request for disclosure of registration data, which, of course, we discussed during the week. The second one, Registration Data Request Service, RDRS, which, of course, we also discussed and came up in the discussion this morning in the forum. We can continue down.

Accuracy of Registration Data, which we, of course, we discussed in some detail. Then D was other public policy concerns regarding the registration data. And this is just an outline, if you like, of other concerns that we discussed this text earlier in the week. Going forward, number two is Next Round of New gTLDs. And the paragraph that follows is, if you like, a chapeau on what we did. And then two specific issues, or sorry, three specific issues.

Applicant Support Program, which, of course, we've discussed in a lot of detail. Then application fee and refunds. This was the

paragraph on this, which was discussed and agreed. And then a short paragraph on global outreach and promotion of ICANN in your language, which we just touched on. Number three of the issues of importance, ICANN community participation code of conduct concerning statements of interest. And here is the text on this, which was agreed and read through yesterday. And then number four is DNS Abuse, reflecting our discussions on DNS abuse and our meetings with the various constituency parties here, community parties here.

References to the INFERMAL report, of course, which was discussed quite extensively in our meeting. We then go on to WSIS+20, which we've referenced before. I think that's fairly self-explanatory. And then section five of the whole communiqué is references that the GAC is scheduled to meet next during the policy forum in Prague on the 9th to the 12th. So, I think that concludes the run through and I hand it back to our esteemed chair.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, UK. So, as regarding those minor editorial changes we reviewed before, please rest assured that not a single word apart from those minor editorial changes were made. And in any case, you will have the 72-hour period for whatever outstanding issue you might find there. Hopefully not, but you know what the rules of engagement are for those extreme cases.

So this is a good time to stop and see if there's any comment or a final question regarding any of the sections so that we can move on to the wrap-up section of our session today. Any final words

regarding the communiqué? Anything we didn't cover? Anything you find interesting to refer to? I see no hands online. I see no hands in the room. Before I get to the wrap-up session with Mr. Rob Hogarth and before I give the floor to Lebanon, I have Spain who had requested the floor like, I don't know, 15, 10 or 15 minutes ago. Spain, Ana, would you like to go ahead at this point or you prefer to wait until the end?

ANA NEVES

Thank you, Nico. I have no problem for waiting, so I think it's better that you wrap up and then I can intervene later. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Spain. Lebanon?

ZEINA BOU HARB

Yes, just we have a comment in the chat saying that maybe we should also put the World Summit on Information Society one time in the text instead of WSIS, just to be consistent with the remaining.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay, you mean the first time we refer to it, right?

ZEINA BOU HARB

It was provided by Omar Fadel from Qatar.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Okay, well noted. That's a minor editorial addition. I don't see any problem with doing that. So, the first time we refer to WSIS, please include the full meaning of the acronym. So, with that, let me give the floor to any of my esteemed vice chairs at this point, if there's anything you would like to add. Egypt, Lebanon, UK, Australia, Netherlands, this is a good time to do it. Before we wrap up, because for the wrap-up section, I will give the floor to Mr. Rob Hogarth vice president and the person in charge of the Fabulous Five, but at this point, I would love to hear from the vice chairs. Christine, please go ahead.

CHRISTINE ARIDA

Just to thank you and to thank the support team for the conclusion of the communiqué. Thank you.

ZEINA BOU HARB

Yes, at the end of my term as vice chair, I would like to say to thank all the colleagues for their collaboration and thank you, Nico, and also thank the staff for their valuable contribution and support. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Lebanon. Thank you, Zainab, for your time and your commitment and your very good sense of humor, by the way. UK, go ahead, please.

NIGEL HICKSON

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, very briefly Zeina Harb. You know, it's obviously been a pleasure and an honor to be a GAC vice chair. I look back on it with immense enjoyment and I hope we've achieved something in the last two years. It's been a real collaborative effort. It's been a pleasure to work with Nico and my fellow vice chairs. I think the substance we've covered has been immensely important.

Many people say to the corridors that it's so good that the GAC seems to be in tune, aware, understanding of the processes that are going on. We might not always agree with them 100%, we might not agree with details, but I think we have shown that by being involved in all these community working groups and PDPs and everything else, that we're a full contributor to the whole ICANN process. And of course, immense thanks to the GAC staff, who often Nico refers to them as the famous five, and without their efforts and endeavors, then our meetings would be much less effective. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Nigel. So, to Lebanon, Zeina and to the UK, Nigel, on behalf of the full GAC, I tell you that it's been a privilege to work with you. So, thank you so much. I would like to take this opportunity as well to give the floor to the newly elected vice chairs, Netherlands and Australia. Netherlands, please go ahead.

MARCO HOGEWONING

Thank you, and let me join you in thanking Zeina and Nigel, and let's not forget Wan Leng, I hope he's still with us online, for their

wonderful services for the last few years, leaving some big shoes to fill for us newly elected vice chairs. Like you, thank you, Nico, for all your guidance and hard work again, and very much looking forward to working with you, and of course, the Fab Five in the back. And while I have the floor also, I would like to again express my support, my thanks to all the other ICANN support staff, in particular, the translators. Thank you for keeping up with us. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much. Netherlands. Australia?

IAN SHELDON

Thank you. Ian Sheldon, GAC Australia. I mean, in ITU style, I would like to thank the outgoing vice chairs for their fantastic service and leadership. Very much looking forward to working with this new cohort of leaders under your guidance, Nico. Thanks again to the GAC support, unwavering and above and beyond effort this weekend, as well as intersessionally as well. I think there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes in the lead up to each of these meetings, and I think all the work is often not seen. And thank you to the rest of the GAC. I'm very much looking forward to serving you all in my capacity. Thanks.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, and a warm welcome to Australia and the Netherlands to the GAC leadership team. I have a request for the floor from Argentina. Please go ahead, Argentina.

MARINA FLEGO EIRAS

Thank you, Chair. Marina Flego Eiras from Argentina for the record. Thank you very much for your job, for all the attention, time, and efforts put in this meeting and in all the processes to both the GAC leadership and the GAC support team. And let's not forget about Jorge, our new leader.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

I was going to say that. Thank you so much, Argentina. My apologies, Switzerland. The floor is yours. Please go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO

Thank you, Nico. Jorge Cancio, Switzerland, for the record. Somebody said to me at the beginning of this meeting I seem to come with furniture, so maybe that leads to get me forgotten from time to time. But yeah, I look forward very much to continue serving and helping in this community, and I want to thank everybody, the outgoing vice-chairs, of course, our fabulous five, the incoming leadership, the leadership that stays in their roles, of course, Nico, Christine, and also Thiago, of course, for the whole service, Wang Lang, who is not here with us. But also, I wanted to thank the whole membership under your guidance, Nico, and with the very professional help of Fabien.

We've been able to do once again this very special ritual of putting a 14-pages document out of nothing, more or less, in a couple of sessions, which is quite impressive. So, thank you all very much for the collegiality, for the flexibility also in some few emotional

moments, where also the communiqué drafting wasn't that easy. So, I just wanted to thank everybody for being so collegial. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Switzerland. Jorge, my apologies again, because you to me, you have always been part of the family. You've been there forever. So, again, welcome everyone. A special thanks to the U.S. government and to the U.S. delegation for organizing this meeting. But before we get, because we also need to thank our heroes, the interpreters for being patient with us. A big round of applause for them. And of course, I don't need to mention the fabulous five, Gulten Tepe Oksuzoglu. Am I pronouncing your last name well?

GULTEN TEPE OKSUSOGLU

Perfectly.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so very much, Julia Charvolen, Fabien, Benedetta Rossi, Fabien Betremieux, and Benedetta Rossi, and of course, Rob Hogarth, who, by the way, will be giving some additional housekeeping details and some wrap-up remarks. Rob, over to you.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

Thank you very much, Nico, and it's my pleasure to do it from the floor amongst the representatives and delegates. It helps to get the full 180 perspective. So, thanks for that. I think it's something just

real quickly to point out before I get to the rest of the agenda here amidst the goodwill that folks are expressing is just what we observe from a staff perspective in terms of how you all work together.

And I think it's, I don't know, you all know better than us as to what degree of collegiality you have in other venues and in other places where you work. But it's something that always impresses us in terms of your willingness to work together and negotiate with some compromise, sometimes without compromise, but always in a very productive way. And it's a pleasure to work with you all and support you all, so thanks very much for that.

Nico's asked me to do the typical wrap-up in terms of identifying a number of main areas. Gulten, if we can go to the session overview, thanks. I just talked very briefly about some follow-up work that we've identified, but I hope you will all contribute to. I'll flag for you some key post-ICANN82 dates, give you an opportunity to share, and please be candid about lessons learned from this meeting, and then I'll turn it back over to you, Nico, to adjourn.

So, in terms of follow-up work on slide four, Gulten, we identified just a number of true highlights. One is the policy forum planning for ICANN83. So, for those of you who are counting, it's 86 days from today that ICANN83 will start, a very tight time frame. As a result of that, any input you have literally here in the room about topics for the next meeting would be most appreciated. For those of you familiar with the annual cycle of ICANN meetings, there is a community forum, which is the meeting we're at here in Seattle.

There's the annual general meeting, but then mid-year there's the policy forum. The policy forum is only four meeting days, which means you essentially only have 16 sessions. When you then start looking at five of them being communiqué drafting and a couple of them being more community-wide activities, you immediately see space, not so much space, but time will be a premium. So, please keep that in mind as you look to prioritize your agenda items for that meeting.

Next major area, of course, is the consultation period, 60 days for the proposed changes to the operating principles that you all discussed earlier in the week. So, please give that some thought and consideration. Staff will follow up with you all in terms of basically providing some details about what the transition might look like. Ian will probably be working with you and Gao feng in terms of some ideas about what the transitions look like, assuming, and that's not a given, that those changes are formalized at the Prague meeting.

The next item is just continued work. I don't know if, Manal, you may have an update or if there's any other perspective on what happened with the GNSO Council yesterday, but I think the expectation that Becky Burr from the Board shared with you earlier in the week was that there would be progress and an expectation that the IRT, the implementation review team discussions with respect to urgent requests would be kicking off relatively quickly. So, that's definitely an area of focus that a number of you will have.

In addition to the overview, Fabien also provided a timeline for your strategic planning discussions. Based on your feedback, we have tentatively put in a session for discussion of strategic planning in Prague. Basically, what you'll be doing and in particular the leadership team will be doing next month is talking about that framework, coming up with ideas, recommendations, suggestions for how that might be updated. And then, yes, please go back. Confused me a little bit.

So, the last bullet is really for you to interject. What have we missed? What other areas do you anticipate? Or is there anything else you want to flag for the committee that you'll want to make sure that we identify for folks between now and ICANN83? And Nico, you see better the whole floor than I do. So, if you see anyone, great. I also, unfortunately, bad example, I have not logged into the Zoom room sitting here, so I can't see anyone online.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Nothing so far, Rob. So, back to you.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

Great. We can go to the next slide. And please if something occurs to you on your travels back home, please share it with the group by e-mail. So, some key dates. The first one is the publication of the communique. And I note you all really didn't fully embrace and recognize that it was done. You usually have a traditional applause. Very good accomplishment, and I think for this meeting you did complete it in record time.

Mr. Chair, that would put a little bit of extra pressure on you from staff. Normally this is finished around 6 o'clock or so on the evening. You then ask for a full night's sleep before reviewing. Might I suggest that there are many hours between now and dinner, and maybe you can take that.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

You would be interrupting my golf in the snow.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

The key here is that whenever that e-mail ultimately comes out from Fabien, the 72-hour review period kicks off. And so, I put 17 /18 of March, depending upon when that's generated. But after that period is over, all of the e-mails get sent and the publications get made on the GAC website as well as on the ICANN Org announcements page. So, please watch for that or encourage your colleagues to watch for that if you're recovering from the meeting.

Typically, we take about four to five weeks to get all the minutes approved, reviewed, and pulled together. So, look for those in the April 2025 time frame. As I indicated earlier, ASAP on call for topics. So, again, if you can do it here or shortly thereafter. What's unfortunately not possible is making those decisions two weeks before the meeting. That never proves to be quite successful.

In terms of the agenda-setting calls and working toward that planning, Goulton has already confirmed with NECO that April 3rd looks like the ideal date for the first agenda-setting call. I have in parentheses potential number two, because depending upon what

you accomplish there, we may need to have a call the following week.

The key there is that the electronic meeting software and all the planning that the meetings team has to do literally has to be completed by I think it's the 17th of April. That's when the schedule locks in. And again, they're on a tight time frame given the time between the meetings. And the next meeting, ICANN83, takes place 9 to 12 June in Prague, Czech Republic, later this year.

That's my summary of the meeting dates. And all that's left is lessons learned on the next page here. I identified four general categories. One, getting your feedback on the bilateral sessions. That's something that we constantly look at. I think some of you approached me earlier in the week with some sensibilities about how well some of that went this time versus last several meetings.

The key element there for those bilaterals that we've observed is preparation is key. It's more effective meeting if there's that preparation between the leaders of the various groups and your input, not only on questions and topics, but on message points and other factors that go into those gatherings. So, please, please, if you have any comments on that, that would be great. I'll go through all four bullets and then you can flag what you want.

Very interested in the capacity development planning. Number made the quick observation this week that it was great what we did at ICANN81 where we had the opening plenary first, got a crowd in the room, then did the capacity development. In view of your focus

this year on preparations for the next round, that's something for us to consider.

For capacity development at ICANN83, it'll be somewhat truncated again because we have a relatively short number of sessions available. But your feedback on how the sessions went this time around, particularly the breakouts, would be most appreciated. We do thank all of you for your participating in the attendance check-in pilot effort. Short answer is it's a tremendous amount of data examination. You all have to fill out an email ballot.

So, we'd love to get your feedback on that. Bottom line is what we've identified just through this pilot is this process provides some extra useful information about remote participation. What we found is that there are more people participating remotely than we thought. Part of that may be because we really encouraged people to register this time. I know that if you're not coming to the meeting face to face, there's that tendency just to lean on the invitations that Gulden sends out on the calendar. But what we hope we will be able to continue to emphasize is having all GAC representatives and delegates to register for the meeting.

That then enables us to send out the ballots. Whether we continue to do that longer term is open to debate, but we did find it to be a useful way to immediately be able to capture the numbers for the communiqué. And that makes just the follow-up with all of you much more reliable.

And then finally, just in terms of any feedback you have about not just the GAC meeting and how you conduct your committee affairs,

but wider feedback about the ICANN meeting planning. Anything that you can help us provide or share with the meetings team is also much appreciated. And Nico, we would be remiss in recognizing not only the GAC support team and the interpreters, but all the very fine work that our colleagues on the meetings team, the technical staff do in terms of microphones, lighting, setting up the room and everything. We really appreciate those efforts as well.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

I was going to mention them. As a matter of fact, a big round of applause to our technicians, the sound engineers and the electricians and everybody else. A big thank you to you all.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

So, I leave the floor open to any suggestions or ideas. We will diligently capture them. The leadership team has a post-ICANN82 meeting on the 27th, I want to say, of March. And so, we'll be working with them on lessons learned. We capture them from what we observe as staff. But any comments you have now or would like to share, we would be more than happy to take them. Thanks very much, Nico. I'm done.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Rob. As a matter of fact, this is Pandora's box. We will be opening at this point. Before we do that, let me give the floor to Spain, Ana Maldonado from Spain, who had something to share with us on the one hand. On the other hand, when we're done, please don't leave the room. Let's get together here for a final

picture. Everybody, all GAC members, everybody for a final picture. Spain, over to you.

ANA MALDONADO

Thank you, Nico. Thank you so much. Well, first of all, thank you for the meeting. I think it has been very interesting. Despite the circumstances that I have to follow it online, but I have been following very closely. I have been here and I strongly acknowledge everyone for making it possible. But I have asked you for the floor because if everything goes as I expect, I believe that next week I will change my position. So, I will, unfortunately, will have to leave the GAC as a Spanish GAC representative.

So I wanted to take the chance, given that we are all together here, to acknowledge strongly to every one of you the time that we have spent. I have been here for four years. The two first ones had to be online by the time that Manal was the GAC chair and the other two years was more in person. And by the time that Nico took over as GAC chair.

So I would like to acknowledge everyone. I think it has been an honor and a privilege to represent Spain. I think it's one of the best points that you have as a civil servant to go to an international meeting and represent your country. And I also would like, of course, to acknowledge your world welcome and your excellent treatment that I have always had. So, I strongly acknowledge I would have preferred to tell you this in person there in Seattle. But given that this time has not been possible, I just wanted to acknowledge very much for everything and to all the people

involved in ICANN and in internet governance overall. So, with that, I thank you so much.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Spain. Ana, you will be missed. You will be missed for sure. So, we wish you all the best in your in all your future endeavors. And we really hope and I'm speaking on behalf of the GAC, that our roads will cross again and that we'll see each other in the future again. So, all the best for you. Thank you so much. So, before we take the picture at this point, I have the UK. Esther, the floor is yours.

ESTHER JAROMITSKI

Yes, thank you, Nico. I just wanted to say lessons learned. There's so many as a first time ICANN meeting, but it's been really incredibly helpful. I think probably many of you feel like this, that you explained the acronyms and that you kind of walked us through how to draft the communiqué. So, that was really great and much appreciated and great to meet you all. And I look forward to working in the next one together. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, UK. The floor is still open. Now we open Pandora's box, as a matter of fact the last bullet point there, any other feedback regarding GAC or ICANN meeting planning or implementation matters from GAC attendees and so on and so forth.

We still have a good 15-minute framework for that. So, the floor is open. Anybody? In the meantime, let me say something to Spain in Spanish. Anna, I hope you have the chance to go to the GDD camp in Strasbourg next week. This will be one of the last times we'll be able to meet face to face. But as I have already said earlier on behalf of the GAC, we send you a big hug. I hope we don't lose you. I hope you will keep in touch with this great group of GAC people. Best of luck for you, for whatever you may be doing in the future.

ANA MALDONADO

Thank you, Nico. I will keep on speaking in Spanish. I will keep on working on digital issues. I will be working in the same ministry but with a different department. And regarding the meeting in Strasbourg, it will be impossible for me to attend it because next week I will be moving positions. So, it's a pity. I would love to be there. But well, I hope I will be able to meet many of you later on in the future. I believe we will meet at many different times. And I believe we will be working together in the future again together. So, thank you for everything. It has been really a big pleasure.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Go ahead.

CHRISTINE ARIDA

Tomorrow I will send the formal email to the whole GAC because in case any GAC member has not attended by chance to this session, I will send a classical email and I will also send the email to the GAC staff to make the transfer. And I also forgot to mention that the next

GAC representative will be Jose Luceo, that is also a GAC member already. And he has become today precisely our new head of unit in this unit that deals in the ministry within the RAD governance matters.

So, I think he will do very well. So, I'm confident and I go calm in that sense that the Spanish representation will continue. So, in that sense I go very calm. And I think, I mean, I wish you all the best for the future. I think with the leadership team that the GAC has and the new vice chairs recently elected, I think everything will go straight ahead. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much again. Viva España! Ole! Thank you so much, Anna.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

It's been suggested, Nico, that Anna stay on screen for the photo if you want to do that.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Good point. Yeah, we're going to take a picture, Anna. So, please stay online, Anna, so that you can be part of the picture, of the group picture. Thank you, Anna. I'm talking about Pandora's box the feedback ICANN meetings, GAC meetings, planning, implementation matters, GAC attendees any feedback you might have regarding-- I'll give you an example.

I really loved the session with the ccNSO, even though it was kind of like a mixture of Capacity Building on the one hand, but a very engaging way of actually getting familiar with the details and nuances of the way different ccTLDs run their business. Very interesting. I really think, but again, this is my humble opinion, I really think we should keep that format for future sessions. Congratulations to the planning team. But again, my opinion is irrelevant. I would like to hear from you. Go ahead, Trinidad and Tobago.

KAREL DOUGLAS

Hello, Nico and Karel Douglas, Trinidad and Tobago. For the record, I just wanted to again compliment everybody for their participation. One of the things that you mentioned very early was the fact that we have 60 new members or representatives, and I thought that was very interesting because it would be interesting to know of those 60 announced from the last meeting, and there may have been even more from the previous meeting, new members who may or may not have, how to say, participated or fully understood all the things that are taking place, which underscores the need for, I guess, Capacity Building.

So, I'd be happy to hear from those 60 persons how did they fare? Was the meeting useful? Is there something that we need to do to make sure that they too are part and parcel of this meeting? So, just going forward to explore some of those issues. Thank you, Nico.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Trinidad and Tobago. Indeed, before we do that, I want I would like to suggest a big round of applause to our princess in the room, Isla, this our new niece. We have a niece in the room, Isla over there, a Next-Gen candidate for sure. Thank you.

So going back to your point, Trinidad and Tobago, I totally agree. As a matter of fact, I don't know, in the room, for example, the new GAC delegates in the room, would you please raise your hands? Only five in the room. So, I assume that they have already left, they're on their way back home or they're online. But yeah, I would love to learn about that as well. Rob?

ROBERT HOGGARTH

Julia wanted me to remind you all that there was a survey sent out regarding the Capacity Development sessions, and I think the expected deadline was tomorrow. So, any feedback on that would be most appreciated. Thanks.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Rob. Thank you, Trinidad and Tobago. Any other comment before we adjourn? And before we take the picture, of course, the family picture, I have the Dominican Republic. Go ahead, please.

AMPARO ARANGO

Thank you, Nico, and I want to thank you and all the leaders and all the colleagues. It has been a very, very interesting meeting. I'm going to switch in Spanish. I'm Amparo for the records. I think it's

been quite an interesting week. We started our first day with a Capacity Building session, and that opened up our engagement. It was quite enriching.

I think it was quite a soft landing into all these issues which are quite complex but important at the same time. I thought that adding games or a more participative methodology was very interesting, working with registrars, meeting with ccTLDs, the different models. I think all this is quite helpful. It helps us take away ideas, lessons to our countries. It's important to see that these learnings, these initiatives can be strengthened, implemented, and followed up in our countries, everything related to DNS Abuse, the New gTLD program. And we have to keep strengthening this multi-stakeholder model, which is so important. We have to promote it in our countries at the national level.

This is the way in which we can keep advocating for this model globally. We have to implement it in our own countries. I'm leaving this meeting with many lessons learned. It's very rewarding to come back to GAC and see all the changes that are happening. And congratulations to the whole team. Congratulations to you, Nicolas. You have been working actively. I have been following you online. But I'd also like to congratulate all vice chairs. I also told Jorge he's not part of a furniture. He's a very important asset.

I'd also like to thank interpreters. I'd like to thank everyone. It's been an excellent week. And this is still very important to keep defending this internet, which has contributed so much to all of us. And we have to keep it based on the pillars on which it was created.

I think this is very important for all of us. We're facing lots of challenges, but we cannot afford fragmentation. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

I wasn't very successful in terms of implementing rugby in the GAC. But let's try for Prague. We might be successful. I have an ally right to my right. But let's see how it goes. The floor is still open.

KAREL DOUGLAS

Nico?

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Go ahead, please, Trinidad and Tobago.

KAREL DOUGLAS

Trinidad and Tobago. I just love this suggestion, to be honest with you, about participation. And one of the things that I always love is how we could gel. And any opportunity, even if it's the socials, and this is moving for itself, the socials, and or you said, I think, before the music night, we had once a fantastic opportunity of getting together where the members of the GAC were actually playing tunes on different instruments. So, I'm hoping that maybe we could recreate those experiences and it augurs well for togetherness and fellowship. So, hopefully that could be looked at.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you. I think you're referring to the 25th anniversary mini concert we had. Was that back in San Juan? With the Who Is. That

was the name of the band. The Who Is. So, we'll see what we can do for Prague. We're having internal conversations and we might have a surprise for Prague. Let's see how it goes. Thank you, Trinidad and Tobago.

Any other comment or question? We still have five minutes. I don't see any. So, let's adjourn then. Don't go. Stay here for the family picture. Thank you so very much. The session is adjourned. The people online, please stay as well. Sorry, UK?

NIGEL HICKSON

Sorry, Mr. Chairman. Sorry for being so boring. There is another session going on. Well, it started, but the SubPro session, I'm not sure the room, 700. As you know, the SubPro sessions every month cover various topics, and this one is on the engagement. So, there's a discussion on the Applicant Support Program and the engagements and that, which, of course, they would welcome GAC members at.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you again, Nigel. So, the session is adjourned. Please come over to the head table. Rob?

ROBERT HOGGARTH

Just a point of order. There is one more official session on the agenda. Are you instructing staff to please cancel that?

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Please go play golf in the snow. Please go get a drink. I mean, you're adjourned, basically. The last commitment of the day will be the picture. And for that, I also invite the interpreters. Please come to the head table. Let's get a picture all together here. And the technicians, please approach the head table.

JULIA CHARVOLEN

Is it possible to have the people online on the screen?

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