JULIA CHARVOLEN	Hello, and welcome to the ICANN82 GAC meeting with the GNSO, on Sunday 9, March, at 15:00 local time. Please note that this session is being recorded, and is governed by the ICANN Expected Standard of Behavior and the ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy.
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NICOLAS CABALLERO	Thank you, Julia. Welcome, everyone. Please take your seats. We're about to start. We're starting as a matter of fact. Welcome to the GNSO Council. Welcome, Greg, and your fantastic team. I don't know by heart all the names, but I do know Sebastien, and Prudence, and Susan, and you of course, and Tomslin. I'm sorry, I don't know though. And we have the points of contact Manal, and

Sebastien, and my distinguished vice chair, Thiago from Colombia. Welcome, everyone. We have Rida online from Canada. So welcome Rida as well.

The agenda for today is very specific. We're going to be discussing four very specific topics, and the flow of the session today will be something like, for example, we'll be discussing WHOIS and under WHOIS accuracy billing contact and urgent requests. And we'll pause there in order to take questions or comments from the floor. Then we'll continue with DNS abuse and again we'll pause right after the presentation for Q&A, in order to make sure that we have enough time to discuss in depth whatever issue you might find there, hopefully not but you never know.

And the same thing for the other two topics, and then right at the end, we'll talk about improved communications between GAC, and the GNSO Council, and as you can see, we are already making progress in that regard. We have our points of contact sitting together at the head table which is a very good start, I would say. So welcome, everyone, again, and with that, let me give the floor to my good friend Greg DiBiase. Go ahead, Greg.

GREG DIBIASE   Thank you so much, Nico. This is Greg DiBiase, I'm Chair of the GNSO. Thanks to the GAC for meeting with us and providing this agenda. I feel like we've been meeting more often and focusing on more specific substantive topics which I think is a great sign.

So before diving in, there's one quick update I wanted to give that's not on the agenda. I wanted to highlight something that the Council will be voting on this Wednesday. It's the final report on the transfer policy review. The transfer policy governs how domain names transfer between one registrar to another. Absolutely critical for how the internet works, and it's great work that was done on time, and we'll be voting on it this Wednesday, and I encourage people to review it.

Okay, so the first kind of bucket of topics is WHOIS, also known as registration data, and we're going to give just a quick update here. So on accuracy, you all may recall we had a accuracy scoping team a little while back that ran into some problems getting sufficient data to assess and scope problems that could possibly be addressed by Council via policy or otherwise.

So what we did is we stopped and sent out a survey to the various communities, SOs/ACs of ICANN to get feedback, to get more information that will help us address this issue. So we have that feedback now. It's been received. We have not reviewed it yet. In our meeting on Wednesday, we will be talking about our plan to compile the feedback and then move forward on next steps in addressing this issue. So we don't have a specific reaction to GAC submission, but we appreciate the advice, and it will be considered in our next steps. Should I move through all these? Yep. Next slide. And then we'll stop. Great.

Okay. So I'm going to just touch on this really quickly because we're still figuring out our process here. There's a slight ambiguity

on the billing contact and the registration data policy, and it's something the GAC participated in and we've worked with them. We are also deciding on the best way to address this and resolve this ambiguity, and we'll have an update hopefully at the end of our Council meeting on Wednesday. Next slide.

And urgent requests. So this has been a lot of work from both of our parties, thinking about a way to get this work restarted. We really appreciate the GAC coming up with ideas to get progress here. We note the trilateral call and are encouraged by the progress there. We will also be meeting on Wednesday to talk about this issue specifically, specifically about restarting an IRT to discuss the timeline for urgent requests, and then having a think about what other policy or related policy work may be needed to keep this topic moving forward. So hopefully that wasn't too fast, but I'll pause there.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   No, no, no, absolutely, absolutely fine. So with that, let's dive in. Let me open the floor at this point for questions or comments regarding accuracy, billing contact, or urgent requests. The floor is open. I don't see any hand online. Any question or comment in the room? Oh, I see the European Commission. Please go ahead, Gemma.

GEMMA CAROLILLO   Thank you very much, Nico. Gemma Carolillo for the European Commission. Thank you, Chair, from the GNSO. This is very helpful

to get information on where do you stand, although I understand the bulk of these questions will be addressed at the next meeting you have on Wednesday.

I have a couple of comments related to different items. The first one is on accuracy. As you know, this topic has been very high on the GAC's agenda. We have contributed to the score keeping team and we have repeatedly asked for the work on accuracy to restart again. So first is a question, is this the pausing of the work on accuracy, which is expiring, being prolonged, or this is going to be decided at your upcoming meeting this week?

And then the second thing is a question, I understand you haven't had the opportunity to review all the input received from the different constituencies. And from what we could see, the input is very, very diverse. So we wonder how you're going to take action on this, considering such diverse input. Perhaps you don't have an answer now, but it's something to be considered for the future.

GREG DIBIASE

Thank you. Yes. So work is restarting and that we are going to be taking these survey results, going through them, seeing where there may be alignment, seeing where there's divergence, and then figuring out what the right next step is. So I don't have really more specific answer for that right now, other than this is back on our plate. We are really appreciative of the responses we got. And we'll be looking through them. And then to your point on there are diverse views, that's true, right? And that's something we're going

to have to work through and see where there is alignment or where more discussion is needed.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you. Yeah, go ahead.

GEMMA CAROLILLO   I'm not sure I got an answer on the question whether the work of the scoping team will be paused again, because I understood the pause was due to expire.

GREG DIBIASE   No, not at this time. And we're not sure that a new scoping team is the right path, because we want to look through the data first. That's potentially a restarting scoping team, but we have to look closer at the survey or the survey results and figure out what mechanism makes the most sense to advance this issue.

GEMMA CAROLILLO   Thank you. And Nico, if you allow me, I have a point on urgent request too, but perhaps if there are other colleagues who want to intervene first.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Go ahead.

GEMMA CAROLILLO

Okay, thanks. On urgent request, I have a comment because you mentioned the fact that the IRT will address the timeline and other potential new policy issues. I just wanted to recall that from the perspective of the GAC, this has been long debated. The IRT should be focused on the timeline issues only because other policy issues have been already discussed in the context of the IRT previously. And second, we have acknowledged the importance of other policy concerns regarding authentication into a separate track. So the GAC had expressed already on a few occasions the intention that the IRT would focus on this specific issue only. Thank you.

GREG DIBIASE

Yeah, noted. And that may very well be the case that that is what we're working on. But we'll have more information after our discussion on Wednesday.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you for that, Greg. Thank you, European Commission. Any other question or comment regarding accuracy, billing contact, or urgent request? I just want to make sure we have discussed sufficiently these three topics before we move on. Any other requests for the floor? I don't see any hand. So back to you, Greg.

GREG DIBIASE

Great. So I think our next topic, next slide, is regarding DNS abuse. Yeah, so we know the GAC has noted the informal study and the GNSO small team on abuse. Similar to accuracy, this was a group that had been paused, albeit for a different reason. This group had

originally identified potential gaps in the registration, registrar accreditation agreement between ICANN and registrars and paused because the registrars and registries executed an amendment to improve this agreement, and we wanted to give compliance time to gather metrics and feedback on how this did or did not change the DNS abuse landscape.

So now we have that feedback from compliance. We also have this report on INFERMAL, or this INFERMAL study. We're also looking through the original work of the DNS abuse small team, and we're looking to restart that work of the DNS abuse small team with these three inputs, if you will, the INFERMAL study, the compliance metrics, as well as other developments that have happened in the interim. So for example, the registries and registrars have set up DNS abuse groups that have been engaging the community. That is a source of input. So we're looking to draft an assignment, a new assignment for this small team, and get this small team up and running again to be working on this important issue.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you for that, Greg. Before I open the floor for comments or questions regarding DNS abuse, let me just clarify for the benefit of the 60 new GAC delegates in the room today that INFERMAL stands for inferential analysis of maliciously registered domains. It doesn't have anything to do with infierno, which in Spanish means hell, or inferno in Italian, or anything of the sort, just in case, just in case. And again, this is for the benefit of our distinguished new GAC delegates.

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So having said that, the floor is open for comments or questions regarding DNS abuse. Okay, I don't see any hand in the room or online. So let's move on. Greg, back to you. Sorry, sorry, there's a hand up. UK, go ahead.

NIGEL HICKSON   Yeah, I do apologize, Mr. Chairman.   I wasn't sure we were completed DNS abuse, but thank you. Nigel Hickson, UK. Thank you very much, Greg and colleagues. I just wanted to ask one question, and apologize if it's been covered and I missed it. And that is many, some time ago now when, after all the work that was done in instigating the new contract arrangements, etc. for registrars and registries, we had a general discussion at one point on next steps.

And of course, there was always this, there were other issues that we hadn't put a line under. But there was also the possibility always that the GNSO would start to think about mini PDPs on things like on phishing or malware or whatever that could fill out some of the potential problems that GAC had identified some years ago in this area. And I wondered whether the discussion on initiating those small PDPs is taking place or what the status is. Thank you, sir.

GREG DIBIASE   Thanks, Nigel. Great question. That is a conversation that will take place within the DNS abuse small team, right? So we're going to take a close look at these topics, developments in this space. And

then the team is going to be looking at the efficacy of a potential PDP or potentially another way to resolve abuse. But that's certainly one of the options that this small team will consider.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, UK. Thank you, Greg. I have Switzerland next.

JORGE CANCIO   Thank you, Nico. Jorge Cancio from Switzerland for the record. On the question of DNS abuse, I just wanted to share with you some insights we received from our federal police and in relation to the contractual amendments.

So the first and positive feedback is that there is recognition that the changes in the contractual relation between ICANN and the contracted parties on DNS abuse is showing some positive evolution in how complaints or reports are being handled. At the same time, what we also heard from our federal police is that some of the registrars seem to be very reluctant to collaborate, even if legitimate complaints or requests are being made by law enforcement agencies that are clearly identified as such.

And in this sense, perhaps just as a suggestion and also something we may need to work on, is that the requests or complaints by law enforcement agencies should be taken as seriously as possible. And that we should look into ways to create incentives so that there is no free riding from some players in the market. So I just wanted to share that with you as a feedback. Thank you.

GREG DIBIASE   Thanks, and noted.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Switzerland. Any other comment or question regarding DNS abuse? And again, DNS abuse understood as phishing, farming, botnets, malware, and spam in the ICANN context. Of course, there are many more instances. I don't see any hand up in the room or online. So back to you, Greg.

GREG DIBIASE   All right. Next slide, please. So we have an update on the next round of the New gTLD program. And I think Susan will be giving an update here.

SUSAN PAYNE   Yeah, thanks very much, Greg. And thanks very much for this question from the GAC. And I think what we wanted to just express is that we really appreciate on Council and I think in the GNSO generally, the engagement of the GAC throughout the development of the policy for the next round and continuing on now into the implementation phase. And so thank you for taking the time to put comments in on the third round of the public comment input.

I think probably many GAC members will be aware there is a further set of sections of the Applicant Guidebook that are out for public comment now. And that comment period closes on the 2nd of

April. And then there will be another opportunity to put in comments when the whole of the Applicant Guidebook is due to go out for comment in May, I believe. Obviously, regarding Council's specific role in this process now, Council has resolved all of the pending and non-adopted recommendations that came from the policy work. And so this is not a topic that's being actively addressed at the Council level in the GNSO.

Obviously, once a policy development process reaches the implementation stage, then the primary responsibility for taking the work forward rests with ICANN org. And it's supported by the work of the Implementation Review Team, which is basically members of the community. And indeed, a number of Councilors and GNSO members are part of that Implementation Review Team. And I know some of the GAC colleagues are also actively participating in that. And it's very much appreciated.

Obviously, Council, as the developer of the policy or the manager of the policy process, does have still a strong interest in the outcome. So we receive periodic reviews, sorry, updates on progress. And that's primarily done to allow Council to be available to resolve issues if they come up during the implementation. And that's something that the Council liaisons to the IRT are responsible for doing. And so I am one of the Council liaisons. And actually, because this is such a large piece of work and an important piece of work for the organization as a whole, we actually have two Council liaisons. So my colleague is Anne Aikman Scalese, who I'm sure a number of you will know. And she's

available online at the moment. And then we'll be here in person a bit later in the week.

But yes, so really, we in Council are obviously keeping a really watching brief over this. And we're there for if problems surface. But primarily, it's the implementation phases is being handled by org with the input from the community. But again, really appreciate the GAC's continued engagement. It's been extremely helpful.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you so much, Susan. Again, the floor is open for questions regarding topic number four. You know, the IRT, the Implementation Review Team. Questions, comments, thoughts? Any reaction in the room or online? I don't see any hand up. I don't see any hand online. Back to you, Greg.

GREG DIBIASE   Great. Next slide, please. Our next update concerns the Latin Script Diacritics Policy Development Program, a topic which we've been discussing a fair amount over the last couple of years or so. And we have Prudence to give an update.

PRUDENCE MALINKI   Thanks, Greg. Hi, everyone. My name is Prudence. I'm the Council Liaison for the group formerly known as the LSD PDP, now known as just merely LD. And I just want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your engagement in this group, but also thank you to the

GAC because we know that a number of your members are engaged in this PDP group. So we wanted to just thank you for taking the time to help with the development of this really important policy. So thank you for that.

It's very early days. The group literally had their first meeting yesterday. So we'll keep you updated with regards to all developments and changes. One thing I will say is for those of you who aren't engaged in the group, but you do want to participate in a different way, there's going to be opportunities for public comment and opportunities for you to air your opinions. There's going to be an early input request that's going to come through in March or at the end of this month, the end of March. So if you do have any opinions, or thoughts, or feelings, do feel free to share them there. And yes, again, thank you so much. If you do have any questions, don't be shy. Feel free to ask. Thanks.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Prudence. I do have a question. When will that first meeting happen? Is this on the margins of ICANN82, which is where we are at this point? When exactly will that happen?

PRUDENCE MALINKI   That is a great question. I thought I addressed this. So we had our first ever meeting yesterday. So all of the members who are physically on site met yesterday for the first time. We're going to have weekly meetings moving forward on a weekly cadence, I believe, every Wednesday. And they're going to be for 90 minutes.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you very much again, Prudence. So there we go. The floor
                            is open again. Questions, comments for Prudence or for Greg or for
                            the GNSO in general regarding this topic, regarding Latin diacritics.
                            And I don't see any hand. So again, back to you, Greg.

GREG DIBIASE   All right. Next slide, please. Improved communications between
                            GAC and GNSO. And I believe we have Sebastien speaking on this
                            topic.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS   Thank you. So my name is Sebastien Ducos, and I was introduced
                            in Istanbul as the new GNSO liaison to the GAC. Working with Manal
                            here and Rita online, we've basically taken over from Jorge Cancio
                            and Jeff Newman, who I believe is also in the room, who have been
                            doing a fantastic job of liaising for the last four years. With a bit of
                            handover, I started my job a bit early with Jorge and Jeff to learn
                            the ropes. And then Jorge stayed with us a bit longer to pass on
                            also the baton on the GAC side.

                            I wanted to talk about-- so first decision taken was to keep all the
                            processes and the iterations that Jorge and Jeff had put together.
                            It was working very well, and we will continue doing that. We are
                            going to add a new feature to our liaison. This is based on personal
                            experience that I had a few years back with The Board at the time

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of the pandemic. Because we all suddenly started using Zoom more efficiently and be able to call to each other, etc.

We found ourselves with The Board having topic leads on the Council and their equivalent or their peers on The Board and Board caucuses, able to talk and see points in a more informal way between sessions with always the intent to formalize things when decisions were taken and going back to letter writing, etc. But instead of waiting three, four, five, sometimes six months for a letter to arrive, to be responded, etc., to actually open these lines of communications.

And so I wanted to introduce the concept here between the council, the GNSO at large actually, and the GAC. And to this extent, we started in earnest with two different groups. One on human rights. That was a request from the NCSG on our side to find their connections in this room. And I've had the pleasure a few minutes ago to meet in person, someone we hadn't met from Bosnia-Herzegovina. I believe that Giacomo Mazzone is online. And so to put them in contact with our peers at NCSG.

And the second group is one on Internet governance. I see WSIS+20 here on the screen, but actually Internet governance more at large. And so we've had the pleasure also of liaising on your side with Christine Arida from Egypt and Ana Neves from Portugal. And we will meet informally a bit later this week. I think it's on Thursday. I ended up discovering when.

And so other groups—sorry, I wanted to introduce also Desiree Milošević who's leading us on that side. And so we will from time

to time, I will come to you when requested. And I invite you also the other way around. If you are leader of a topic within the GAC and you want to meet your peers on our side, please reach out to Manal and to myself and we'll make those contacts, and we'll make sure that these conversations happen. Did you want to add something?

MANAL ISMAIL   Thank you, Sebastien. In fact, you were faster. I was just going to ask colleagues here if they would like to be put in contact with their counterparts from the GNSO to reach out to myself, Rita, or of course, Sebastien and we will facilitate this. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Sebastien. Thank you, Manal. Questions or comments regarding not only the topic lead discussions, but mainly human rights and Internet governance, for example, WSIS and WSIS+20. That's actually a Pandora box kind of thing. But we have plenty of time. We still have 30 minutes. I mean, you can ask any question about any of the five topics. As a matter of fact, we can go back. No problem whatsoever. So, again, the floor is open. Yeah, yeah. Greg, go ahead, please.

GREG DIBIASE   So, I think Sebastien said this, but just to be clear, if you identify additional topics, we can connect with our team, right? So if there's

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someone on registration data, for example, that list can be and I think the intent is to expand it.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Perfect. Thank you so much, Greg. So this is where we are. I have India.

SUSHIL PAL

Sorry, maybe I joined the session a bit late, but maybe just an update from GNSO as to how soon can we expect some result on WHOIS data accuracy, the scoping part. I mean, I understand that some questionnaire was sent to the ICANN and then some to the community. I mean, how soon can we arrive at the data accuracy field, which are to be frozen?

GREG DIBIASE

So we don't have a set timetable because we're not sure what the survey results are going to tell us. So the first step is to go through those survey results, level set and think about what problems can be addressed. And so I can't give a timetable right now other than work on this topic is restarting.

SUSHIL PAL

I'm not asked. Sorry, can I? No, I'm not asking for a commitment. I'm just asking, what is the plan? Do we have a timeline for the plan? I think it may not rectify that way. That may depend upon the responses you get to the survey. But do we have a plan to raise these requirements? Because these things are intricately linked to

the DNS abuse as such. We cannot be handling these two issues in isolation. Right? And if you could share that, I think it would help us. Otherwise, it's been via the government seems like we have been waiting since eternity.

GREG DIBIASE

Right. So we're discussing this basically for the first time since we got the results on Wednesday. So we don't have a plan at this time, but that is something we're working on and we'll be sure to update the GAC as it evolves. So apologies, no set plan at the moment.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, India. Thank you, Greg, for the answer. Sure, sure. Yeah, yeah. I don't see any other hand in the room or online. So let's get to AOB, please. Next slide. Sorry, Switzerland. Sorry, didn't see that hand. Switzerland, please go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO

Thank you, Nico. Jorge Cancio Switzerland, for the record. I just wanted to make a comment on this sixth point on improved communications between the GAC and the GNSO. And I just wanted to comment you for this initiative. This is precisely what is good when we have new blood, new ideas in a position. So I just wanted to thank you. And I am hopeful that we can continue deepening the collaboration between the two committees. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO	Thank you for that, Switzerland. I have Egypt next.
MANAL ISMAIL	Thank you, Nico. And just echoing Jorge in thanking Sebastien. He was behind this idea and also to invite colleagues on both constituencies. If they have any further ideas to enhance the cooperation between the GAC and the GNSO, please reach out to us. Thank you.
NICOLAS CABALLERO	Thank you, Egypt. Well noted. The floor is still open. I see a hand over there. Please go ahead.
KHALED ALTARHUNI	Hello, everyone. Khaled from Libya, GAC representative. In terms of information content on the Internet. So are you addressing the information integrity with any regulations or policies? Thank you.
GREG DIBIASE	So any work that we do is within ICANN's bylaws. And so content is outside of the bylaws, but we can work on addressing DNS abuse. And that is work we're picking up with the small team. So we don't have any deliverables yet out of the small team because we're just restarting it. But that's something we'll be turning our attention to. Does that answer your question?

KHALED ALTARHUNI   Yes. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you for that, Libya. We have a comment from the European Commission in the chat room. It says, as part of improved communications for the future, it would be helpful if we could better align agenda items to ensure that we can actually discuss those topics. For example, it was explained that on a few of the initial items, the Council will only discuss later this week, end quote. Thank you, European Commission. Greg?

GREG DIBIASE   Yeah, I mean, I agree. I guess it just so happens we're restarting two pretty big categories of work later this week. But yeah, definitely noted and agree with the comment.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS   Yeah. Also, please be cognizant that these themes come a month ago, a month and a half ago as we were preparing for this. The agenda of coordinating everybody's agenda, we're meeting now here very early in the week. The GNSO having their own agenda in organizing, it's not always possible to front end everything on a Saturday and Sunday in order to be able Sunday afternoon to have answers. But it's inherent to the way we're doing.

GEMMA CAROLILLO

Thank you very much. Gemma Carolillo, European Commission. I think you are triggering an answer. I put the comment in the chat because this doesn't want to be a polemics. But as you will understand, we had a lot of people from governments all over the world on a Sunday. And we also had to front load a lot of things to provide talking points on those aspects as we had provided input on the accuracy questionnaire.

We have provided input on the urgent requests. We seek to come prepared to meetings. Sometimes we fail and we plead guilty. But I think it's important for everyone's time and agendas, including the ones of the GNSO, that when we have agenda items pre-prepared, that we can actually discuss those. Otherwise, it becomes a bit less productive, considering then the next meeting is probably taking place in ICANN83. So thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, European Commission. The floor is still open. Hands in the room or online. I see. I see. Yeah. Farzaneh, please go ahead. You can take any of the microphones over there.

FARZANEH BADIEI

Hello, everybody. I'm Farzaneh Badiei, and I'm a GNSO Council member representing non-commercial stakeholder group. We were discussing the Internet governance processes and how ICANN and the multi-stakeholder approach that ICANN has contributes to Internet governance and to having a global Internet. And we also

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discussed how it is so important to protect the multi-stakeholder approach for all the stakeholders.

And we also discussed how the GNSO council, through its recommendations and by documenting various policy successes that we have done together, we contribute to Internet governance. So what we wanted to just put forward was to ask the governments in the GAC to protect and defend the multi-stakeholder model and the approach that we have here. And we want to work collaboratively to address different stakeholders' concerns. So if you have any questions.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Farzaneh, do you have a specific question? Thank you for your comment. Of course. Do you have a specific question for the GAC or?

FARZANEH BADIEI   No.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   All right. All right. So thank you so much. Well noted. The floor is still open before we move on to AOB, and I see Egypt. Go ahead, please.

CHRISTINE ARIDA   Yes. Thank you, Nico. Christina Arida, GAC Egypt. So just in response to Farzaneh, I think this is one of the topics that would be

subject to our discussion later this week. How can we devise modalities to collaborate between both constituencies in terms of what can be done in that area? So I think we can reflect more on that. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you so much, Egypt. And now we'll get to AOB. Greg? That was the AOB? Okay. Fantastic. So, Gulten, can we please go back to page to slide number three? So this is a full agenda. I just want to make sure that everybody had the chance to ask any question about any of the items you see on the screen WHOIS, DNS abuse, next round, Latin diacritics, and so on and so forth. Again, just to make sure that we didn't leave. Oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

THIAGO DAL TOE   I think we have a question online from Qatar.   Question to Sebastien, please. What is the nature and extent of the GAC PDP impact influence on the GNSO?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS   So I'm not quite sure I understand the question. I guess multiple level. First, we have now for a number of years strongly encouraged the GAC to come and participate in our work during PDPs to make sure that all concerns of this groups were raised as early and as clearly as possible during our work, and making sure that we don't come with policy recommendations that are then clashing with the concerns and interest of the GAC too and generating advice or any sort of reply, late reply. So we want, we encourage, and we

continue encouraging your participation. I appreciate your participation in our work to make sure that everything is raised very early.

Then obviously in this community, everybody understands the power and the tool that is the GAC advice. So the GNSO is always very keen on having these conversations and having these understanding early and all the time to make sure that we don't surprise each other, that we don't come up with things that don't work for each other. And I hope that answers the question.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you so much, Sebastien. Thank you, Qatar, for the question. Now we need to go back to AOB, actually, because as far as I understand, there's still a topic there that we didn't have time to, or we didn't discuss yet. And we do have time. And that topic is SOIs, if I recall. Yeah, yeah, it is there. Yeah. So it says participant code of conduct on SOIs, that is statements of interest in general ethics policy. So, as an AOB, again, the floor is open for questions or comments in the room or online. And I see Switzerland, please go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO   Thank you, Nico. Jorge Cancio for the record, maybe to break the ice on this topic. And I was just wondering whether the GNSO Council, or the councilors themselves at an individual level have evolved in their thinking about this issue. And tomorrow we are having a cross-community discussion on the matter. And I was

wondering whether you have had discussions on it. You may have seen that the GAC filed a comment to the public comment procedure.

And I guess, as I was more or less voluntold to be sitting tomorrow in the cross-community session, that will be the guiding line, at least, I will be taking. And I was wondering whether you have any reactions, any thoughts about the enforcement of the code of conduct, about the role of volunteer positions, such as chairs of PDP working groups and the like. And whether you think that's an appropriate role or whether it needs more balancing or more support from ICANN staff or the ombuds, etc. Thank you.

GREG DIBIASE

Thanks, Jorge. So the GNSO does not have a unified position on this topic. There are some divergent groups within our constituency. But putting that aside, we are always interested and welcome what the GAC's perspective is. And I think that's something that all councilors take back. I guess, unfortunately, there's not a consensus that GNSO as a group has come to. But we look forward to the discussion tomorrow. And we hope that we can make progress on this topic.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Switzerland, for the question. Thank you, Greg. I have Australia next.

INGRAM NIBLOCK

Hi, Ingram Niblock from Australia. Look, this wasn't on the agenda and it's a little bit dated. But I was just wondering if you had any updates on the review of rights protection mechanisms and the phase two of that. And I guess the outcome of phase one as well. I just, yeah, I was curious.

GREG DIBIASE

Yeah, so I think maybe I'll let Susan speak to the outcome, if you don't mind. But RPM's phase two is another thing on our agenda that we are turning our focus to in the next couple meetings. Possibly looking again at the policy status report. And what are the next steps? But we haven't started that in earnest yet. Susan, any comments on the outcomes of phase one?

SUSAN PAYNE

Yeah, thank you. So I'm lucky enough to be the liaison to the RPM's implementation review team as well. And we have been working. I would say that work was a little slow going for a period of time where we had some, just some personnel issues. And then more recently, once we got the work back underway in the last six months or so, there was a period of time where we were struggling with a particular issue around the extent to which the URS complaint could be amended once knowledge of who the domain name registrant was, once that information had been revealed. And we as a group in the IRT were struggling with exactly how that should be interpreted.

And so there was a period of time where we were trying to sort out our differences. And it did look as though I was going to have to bring it back to Council to get some guidance. But I'm extremely happy to say that collectively we worked through it. And we did actually come to a conclusion within the IRT and didn't need to bring it back.

So that issue now, and I think I'm right in saying the implementation in relation to the recommendations on the URS, I think is largely now completed. There are still some other aspects. There's some work, I think, around guidance on various rights protections that I think we do still have to work on. I'm speaking a little off the top of my head now. And I think we're scheduled to finish all of that sort of phase one work by around October.

And obviously some of the phase one recommendations are actually being dealt with in the work on the next round. So in the subsequent procedures IRT, because to the extent that there were some changes, such as certain TLD operators who were running closed TLDs like dot brands, will no longer in the next round have to operate trademark claims because it was recognized that it was pointless. So that sort of those recommendations, which go specifically to the rights protections for the next round, specifically like those on trademark claims and on Sunrise are dealt with there. And so are in line to be completed in time for the next window opening.

INGRAM NIBLOCK   Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Australia. Thank you, Susan, for the answer. We're still in AOB, which basically means that we can ask anything from life on Mars to the Mariana Trench to DNSSEC implementation. So the floor is still open. We still have 10 minutes. Japan, Japan. Go ahead, please.

TOMONORI MIYAMOTO   Thank you. I'm Tomonori Miyamoto for the record. And maybe you've already explained it, but I think that you've talked about a small team for considering about the DNS abuse. And could you tell me the schedule for how they're getting some sort of conclusion or something?

GREG DIBIASE   Thanks. So we're just convening or plan to convene it with an assignment form starting next meeting or the meeting after. So we don't have a set plan yet, but we plan to provide updates as that team progresses. But as we haven't even completed the assignment form yet, I can't give a more concrete plan at this time.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Japan, for the question. I have the UK next.

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NIGEL HICKSON

Yes. Thank you much, Mr. Chairman. Nigel Hickson, UK. Just very briefly in following up with the question and answer or the question from Jorge and the answer from Greg on the statements of interest and code of conduct. We're looking well, urgently. That's not the right English. We're looking forward immensely to the to the feedback on The Board. The Board asked us for comments in this area, and we gave them. We're hoping that The Board will be able to move forward with some actual changes in this area or with some sort of direction in terms of the statements of interest. So we're all clear where we are in the lead up to the next round and in our different working groups.

I mean, it goes without saying that there are differences. There are always differences in community groups. But I assumed and perhaps you wanted to say something on this that if The Board said, okay, yeah, we've had the feedback and we're going to go ahead and implement the proposal on statements of interest that they have to be given and there's some sort of sanctions regime if they're not or whatever, that the GNSO wouldn't stand in the way of that. Thank you.

GREG DIBIASE

Thanks for the question. Yeah, I mean, I guess this is probably my personal opinion, but what I think would happen if there was guidance that was finalized from ICANN and The Board, the Council would take that back. And we have a standing committee on continuous improvement that could be a possible venue for implementing changes like that. There may be other ways to

implement as well. But my assumption is once there's a settled policy and direction from the Board, the Council would endeavor to implement it. But again, that hasn't been discussed, but I think that's the route that would happen.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   Thank you, Greg. Thoughts, comments, questions. I don't see any hand in the room. I don't see any hand online. I do have a question, though, regarding the GNSO Council. Is the full GNSO Council in the room today?

GREG DIBIASE   I believe there's one or two that couldn't make it. But yes.

NICOLAS CABALLERO   That was precisely my point. I don' get to see my good friend Noboa in the room. He's probably-- Okay, there we go. Uruguay. Good, good. I was just checking just in case, you know. So any final words, Susan, Prudence, Sebastien, Greg Tomslin, anything you would like to add before we wrap up?

PRUDENCE MALINKI   I just want to reiterate that we actually really do welcome your time and consideration when we're doing these policy groups. And we really enjoy this engagement that we have where we get to share this with you. And we're hoping that we can get you to engage more. So when you do have public comments, do participate, do

engage. It does make a difference and it does matter. And we do listen. So thanks.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much. So we need to wrap up. No need to artificially extend, as I always say the duration of the meeting. Thank you very much. Enjoy the local coffee. And we'll reconvene here. We'll reconvene here at 16:30. Thank you again, GNSO. Thank you, Greg. Always a pleasure to have you here. Enjoy your coffee.

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