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NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Gulten. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to those joining us online. Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished GAC representatives, welcome to ICANN87 Opening

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Plenary here in the beautiful, beautiful island of Bali, Indonesia. It's a profound honor and a deeply emotional privilege to stand before you today in a place so deeply rooted in spirituality, harmony, and resilience.

As we gather in Bali, we are embraced by the Indonesian national motto of Bhinneka Tunggal Ika. Is that correct?

MUHAMMAD NEIL EL HIMAM Correct.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Unity in diversity, a concept that perfectly mirrors our own multi-stakeholder model. We can draw immense inspiration from Indonesia's rich history, from the maritime prowess of the Majapahit Empire that connected distant shores for global trade to the ancient collaborative Subak. Subak systems of Bali where basically communities have worked together for over a thousand years to share water and resources equitably.

These historical examples of navigation, shared ecosystem management and collective governance reflect the very essence of our mission, which is bridging diverse cultures and interests to manage and protect a secure, unified, and globally connected internet.

This week our agenda is robust and reflects the critical evolving priorities of our global community. Over the coming days, the GAC will engage in vital capacity development and discussions

regarding the new gTLDs next round, which is basically the big thing nowadays. We will also tackle complex discussions on WHOIS and registration data issues, carefully balancing technical transparency with privacy.

Our schedule includes essential sessions on DNS Abuse Mitigation to safeguard the Internet's core infrastructure alongside OCTO, as well as advancing a truly inclusive network through the GAC UA-IDN Working Group. Furthermore, we will dedicate significant effort to drafting the GAC Communique, as everybody knows, and holding foundational exchanges with the GNSO Council, the CSG, Commercial Stakeholder Group, the CPH, Contracted Parties House and I'm trying to remember the acronyms, the ccNSO and the ICANN board.

So, as we embark on this vital work, I must pause to share a very personal reflection at this point. This meeting in Bali marks my final meeting as your GAC chair, concluding a deeply rewarding four-year journey. The Stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius once observed, and I quote, time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current.

We are all carried forward by this river, and while roles and titles inevitably change, the struggles of policy development and the profound collegiality we have built have been one of the absolute greatest privileges of my professional life. We have debated, we have compromised, and most importantly, we have grown together.

For this, I want to express my deepest, most sincere gratitude. Thank you to the incredible GAC representatives, to you, for your tireless dedication, your wisdom, and your trust. Thank you to the phenomenal GAC staff, the Fabulous Five, without whom none of our work, coordination, or sanity would be possible. I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the interpreters and technicians who seamlessly bridge our voices and languages, and to the ICANN board and community leaders for their constant and collaborative spirit.

As another great Stoic, Epictetus, reminds us, and I quote, “It is not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.” So, my reaction to stepping down is one of immense joy and optimism for the future because I leave this seat in exceptional hands.

Please join me in giving a remarkably warm welcome to our incoming GAC Chair, Mr. Ian Sheldon from Australia. I know that under his leadership, the GAC will continue to thrive, innovate, and fiercely advocate for the global public interest. Please rest assured while my term as chair is concluding, I am not saying a final goodbye at this point. I plan to stay somehow connected to the ICANN environment, and I will try not to leave this wonderful community entirely, hoping to contribute in new ways down the road. Let's embrace the spirit of Bali and make ICANN87 a truly memorable and productive meeting. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Welcome to Indonesia. Thank you.

At this point I will give the floor to Mr. Neil El Himam, Deputy of Creativity and Technology from the Ministry of Creative Economy and the Creative Economy Agency of the Republic of Indonesia. Neil.

MUHAMMAD NEIL EL HIMAM Thank you, Nicolas. Distinguished guests, Nicolas Caballero, GAC Chair, Mr. Lars Hoffmann, Vice President of Policy Development and Governmental Advisory Committee Relations at ICANN, Mr. Teguh Arifiyadi, Director of Electronic Certification and Transaction Supervision from the Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs, Mr. Dandy Yudha, Director of Creative Technology from the Ministry of Creative Economy, distinguished GAC members and observers, ladies and gentlemen, good morning and welcome to Bali, Indonesia. This is for both that are already coming here or first time coming here to Bali, so very good morning to you all.

First, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Nicolas Caballero for his leadership of the Governmental Advisory Committee and for his continued support and contribution to the GAC community. As the committee prepares for its next chapter, we are grateful for his dedication in strengthening dialogue and cooperation among government and stakeholders. It is also an honor to join you on behalf of the Minister of Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Teguh Arifiyadi, at the opening of the GAC session during ICANN87.

Under Indonesia's law number 24 of 2019 on the creative economy, we define our creative economy as manifestation of added value from intellectual property created by human, based on treating cultural heritage, knowledge, and/or technology. So, our creative economy encompasses digital games, application, animation, film design, digital content, fashion, and so on.

The internet enables Indonesian creators to reach global markets, develop intellectual property as well as create new economic opportunities. This is why close cooperation between the Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs and the Ministry of Creative Economy is essential. Reliable digital infrastructures enable creativity to flourish while creative innovation transform the infrastructure into economic and cultural value.

We believe in an open, stable, secure, and interoperable internet is fundamental to inclusive and competitive digital economy. Internet governance is not only about technology, it also shapes innovations, cultural diversity, and opportunity for creators and businesses worldwide. Indonesia therefore supports efforts to strengthen linguistic diversity and digital inclusion. Through our .id registry, PANDI, Indonesia has advanced the digital representation of local scripts, including Balinese scripts, and is preparing initiatives involving other Indonesian scripts as well.

Indonesia is also participating in ICANN's 2026 round of the New Generic Top-Level Domain program. Five applications from Indonesia were presented on Reveal Day, including .bali. This

marks an important step in expanding Indonesia's participation in the global domain name ecosystem. As emerging technology, including artificial intelligence and Web3 continue to evolve, international cooperation remains essential to maintaining trust, security, and responsible innovation while preserving the Internet's global interoperability. ICANN and the GAC provide an important platform for governments and stakeholders to exchange perspectives and contribute to the secure, stable, and inclusive development of the global Internet.

Now, this is the fun part. I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly invite all GAC members and also observers to the GAC Dinner on the 20th of October 2026 from 6:30 p.m. onward at Taman Bhagawan, Nusa Dua, Bali. Located just a short distance from the Westin Resort Nusa Dua, Taman Bhagawan offers beautiful beachfront setting with scenic ocean views and relaxing tropical atmosphere, an ideal place to unwind and enjoy the warm hospitality of Indonesia.

Guests will also have the opportunity to savor a selection of delicious Indonesian and international cuisine, while continuing our conversation in a more informal and welcoming setting. So, this is the place. And for your convenience, a complimentary shuttle bus will be provided departing from the lobby of the Westin Resort Nusa Dua starting at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th. We sincerely look forward to welcome you all for enjoyable evening of good food, beautiful views, and meaningful conversation.

In closing, I thank ICANN and the GAC leadership and everyone involved in organizing this important meeting in Bali. May ICANN87 strengthen our collective efforts towards an open, secure, inclusive, and interoperable internet that respects cultural diversity, enables innovation, and supports sustainable economic growth. Thank you. I wish you productive discussion and successful ICANN87 meeting.

And one last remark, I guess, I know that this is going to be a whole week of work hard, so let me urge you, if you want to party hard, then you can go to the Canggu area in Bali. But if you prefer to relax to the max, then you can go to Ubud in north of this place. Thank you so much, and welcome to Bali once again.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you so much to His Excellency, Neil El Himam. Neil, I heard the drinks are going to be on you, though, for the party. Thank you so very much. So, moving on, next slide, please, Gulten. So, this is the agenda for today.

We're going to be reviewing some agenda highlights, then we'll talk about some meeting logistics by ICANN GAC support. Then we'll have our traditional tour de table, first, for the delegates who are right here in person, and then the remote participants. Then we'll talk about some notable GAC transitions and some activity highlights. And then we'll start reviewing the Communiqué Development Process as we usually do. Next slide, please, Gulten.

So, there you have it. This is the block schedule. I don't really think we need to go in detail. I'll just check day by day. We have the Opening Plenary today. Then we'll have a coffee break. Then we'll have two capacity development sessions, as everybody knows. Then we'll have a discussion on the New gTLD Next Round. And finally, we'll be talking about UA and IDN and that's basically the plan for today.

Sunday, we'll have a discussion on New gTLDs, the second part of the discussion on the next round of New gTLDs with some fresh information in hand. Coffee break, and then right after that, we'll be discussing WHOIS and registration data. Then we'll have the lunch break, and right after the lunch break, the GAC operations session running for 75 minutes. Coffee break, and then the GAC meeting with the GNSO Council. Another coffee break, and the GAC meeting with the CSG, that is the Commercial Stakeholder Group. By the way, coffee in Indonesia is very good, I'm telling you. Despite whatever Italians say and I'm looking at my Italian friend here, thank you so much, coffee is awesome in Indonesia.

And then, as you can see, on Monday, we'll have the welcome ceremony and the Tarek Kamel Award. And then the community sessions, lunch break, another community session. You see that at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, there's an empty slot, which we will use internally to discuss some issues regarding the communiqué development details. And then another coffee break, lots of coffee indeed, which I like very much. And then Q&A with ICANN org

executives, the team, the ICANN org executive team. That's for Monday.

Tuesday, as you can see there, we have the GAC discussions on the next round again, coffee break, and then the discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation, a 90-minute session. Right after that, the lunch break, and then we'll start right away with the GAC Communiqué Development. Another coffee break, and then we'll have the meeting with the ICANN board, and the second Communiqué drafting session for Tuesday, October 20th.

Wednesday, October 21st, the GAC meeting with the CPH, that is the Contracted Parties House, a 60-minute session. Coffee break, and right after that, the meeting with the ccNSO. You remember we will have the breakout sessions with different stations and different GAC delegates in charge of different stations and so on and so forth. Lunch break and then all the rest, as you can see, is Communiqué drafting sessions. Three sessions for the rest of Wednesday and two sessions on Thursday, potentially one, depending on how efficient we are this week. Right?

Then we have the public forum on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Then the last, potentially the last Communiqué drafting session right after lunch. And then after the coffee break, we'll have the Geopolitical Forum and the ICANN board meeting. And there will be another closing cocktail. I say another because there's a whole bunch of different parties as the minister said before. What was the name of the place you suggested, Neil, for parties?

MUHAMMAD NEIL EL HIMAM Canggu.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Canggu.

MUHAMMAD NEIL EL HIMAM If you go to Canggu, there are a lot of parties over there.

NICOLAS CABALLERO So, a part of Canggu, there are plenty of cocktail meetings and parties during this ICANN week. So, that's it for the block schedule. As everybody knows, we had three sessions to develop this block schedule, so this shouldn't be a surprise for anybody. Next slide, please, Gulten.

So, this is, as everybody knows, ICANN87 is an AGM, an Annual General Meeting, speaking about the format. And the priority topics and sessions, I don't actually understand what that means, but in any case, our priorities for these sessions are the GAC readiness for next round of New gTLDs, DNS Abuse and gTLD registration data.

DNS Abuse, as everybody knows, is something that we've been dealing with for, in my opinion, a long time. The sooner we find a solution for that, the better for everybody, very especially our populations, but anyways, we'll get to the details there. And then some gTLD registration data. We'll also talk about the GAC annual

plan, the progress we have made so far, and some operations, very especially the operating principles evolution. And for that, we have an expert here who happens to be also the next GAC chair, and he'll be the shepherd for those sessions.

And also, a discussion about the potential participation, the GAC potential participation in the ICANN NomCom, that is the nominating committee, or not. Again, as I always say, it's for us to decide, that is for you to decide. And then the GAC implementation of CIP, the Continuous Improvement Program. As I said before, the bilateral meeting with the ICANN board. And then finally a Communiqué review and drafting for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Let me pause here in order to see if there are any questions or comments at this point. I see no hands. Okay, perfect. Next slide, please, Gulten.

For the review of meeting logistics, Gulten, I will kindly handle the floor to you. Please go ahead.

GULTEN TEPE Thank you, Nico. This is Gulten Tepe Oksuzoglu for the record. As usual, I'll provide a brief overview of the meeting logistics and details regarding some technical capabilities.

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remotely, all attendees should raise hand via Zoom room, that would help our chair, Nico, to manage the queue. Regarding the calendar invitations, if you recall, I shared invites for each GAC session a couple of days ago. So, you may want to check those invites as you would find links to GAC website and ICANN meetings page for each respective session.

And under the introduction part on the ICANN87 Agenda page on GAC website, you may find very valuable resources and I would be happy to share the link in the chat. And a couple of notes for in-person attendees. Seats at the tables with microphones are only for GAC community members. Other part of the ICANN community are also welcome to join our sessions, but we would much appreciate if they could take the seats on the back or of the left side of the room and leaving the seats on the tables to GAC members. Seats will be reserved in the front rows for some sessions, including the joint meetings with ICANN Board, GNSO, CPH, and ccNSO. And with that, I will leave the floor back to you, Nico. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you very much, Gulten. Any comment or question? Okay, thank you so much. Next slide, please. So, at this point, we're going to go ahead with our traditional tour de table. We will start with the people on site, and then we'll continue with the attendees online. I will start on my left with my distinguished colleague from Colombia, and by the way, new vice-chair, Mr. Thiago Dal Toe, a big

round of applause to Colombia for the vice-chair position, by the way. So, we'll start with you, Thiago. Please, go ahead.

THIAGO DAL TOE: Thank you so much, Nico. I'll be intervening in Spanish, please. Good morning, everyone, and thank you very much. I'm really very happy to be here. First time in Bali. Has been quite a long trip, but I think that we will have a very fruitful meeting this week.

My name is Thiago Dal Toe. I'm an advisor to the Communications and Information Technology Ministry in Colombia, and I'm very happy to be able to support the GAC leadership as an incoming vice-chair after my previous period. So, I'm here at your disposal and you may request anything from me. Thank you very much.

GABRIEL ANDREWS: Good morning, everyone. This is Gabriel Andrews of the United States and co-chair of the GAC's Public Safety Working Group.

OWEN FLETCHER: Hello, I'm Owen Fletcher. I'm the GAC alternate representative for the United States at the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

SUSAN CHALMERS	Good morning. Selamat pagi. Susan Chalmers from the Office of Policy and International Affairs at NTIA, representing the U.S. government. Thank you.
ASHWIN SASONGKO SASTROSUBROTO	Good morning. I am Ashwin Sasongko Sastrosubroto from GAC Indonesia and from the Indonesian National ICT Council, and welcome all of you again to Bali, Indonesia.
TEGUH ARIFIYADI	Good morning, I'm Teguh Arifiyadi, Director of Certification and Electronic Protection from Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs, Indonesia and welcome to Bali. I'm here as a chairman and as a co-host here. Please enjoy Bali. Thank you.
DANDY YUDHA	Good morning, everyone. My name is Dandy. I'm the Director for Technology Creativity under the Ministry of Creative Economy Agency. And this is my first ICANN meeting and hopefully we have a productive meeting. Thank you.
FINN PETERSEN	Good morning, all. My name is Finn Petersen and I'm representative of the Danish government.

MARTINA BARBERO	Good morning. My name is Martina Barbero. I'm the GAC alternate for the European Commission and warm thanks to the Indonesian host for the very, very nice welcome.
ANA NEVES	Good morning. I'm going to speak in Portuguese, sorry. I'm Ana Neves. I represent the Portuguese government. I would like to thank Indonesia for hosting this meeting of GAC in ICANN. Thank you.
NICOLAS CABALLERO	Thank you, Portugal. I would like to say that the next meeting will be in Lisbon, Portugal.
ANA NEVES	That's right, so see you -- No, I will not see you in [CROSSTALK].
NICOLAS CABALLERO	[Foreign language - 00:28:14].
ANA NEVES	Okay.
NICOLAS CABALLERO	Okay, so we'll continue over there with Netherlands, please.

MAAIKE VEENSTRA: Good morning, everyone. My name is Maaike Veenstra, and I'm the GAC alternate for the Netherlands. I want to thank our Indonesian colleagues for hosting, and I'm looking forward to a productive meeting. Thank you.

JAN VANNIEUWENHUYSE: Good morning, my name is Jan Vannieuwenhuyse. I represent Belgium and work for the BIPT, which is the telecommunications regulatory authority in Belgium, and I also want to thank our Indonesian host for their very kind invitation to this wonderful place.

YURIY MATSYK: Good morning, everyone. I am Yuri Matsyk, GAC representative of Ukraine and CEO of NGO Digital Infrastructure Support Center. I am happy to be at this place, very beautiful and fabulous. Thank you very much, Indonesia.

JAMIE MCPHERSON: Good morning, I'm Jamie McPherson. I'm the GAC alternate for Australia, and this is my second in-person meeting at ICANN.

DAVID BEDARD: Good morning, everybody. It's nice to see you. My name is David Bedard, and I am the GAC rep for Canada, and I'm at our Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development. Good to see everyone.

MOHAMED EL MOCTAR MOHAMEDINE: Good morning, everyone. My name is Mohamed El Moctar Mohamedine. I am the GAC representative of Mauritania, and I'm an advisor to the Minister of Digital Transformation back home. Thank you.

HAZEM HEZZAH: Good morning, everyone. My name is Hazem Hezzah and I'm representing the league of Arab States. And I would also like to thank the government of Indonesia for hosting the meeting. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Manal Ismail, GAC representative of Egypt from the National Telecom Regulatory Authority. And I would also like to thank Indonesia for hosting us in beautiful Bali and wish everyone a fruitful meeting. Thank you.

CHRISTINE ARIDA: Good morning, everyone. I am Christine Arida, alternate GAC rep for Egypt, and also co-chair of the Capacity Development Working Group.

ZEINA BOU HARB: Good morning, everyone. Zeina Bou Harb, alternate representative of Lebanon and one of the GAC vice-chairs.

KRISTINA HAKOBYAN: Good morning, everyone. I'm Kristina Hakobyan from Armenia, representing here. I'm an advisor to GAC representation of Armenia and wish everyone a productive meeting. Thank you.

CORAL DE CIELO CANO GALLARDO: Good morning, everybody. I'm Cielo Cano, GAC alternative representative of Peru. I'm really enjoying being here for the first time in ICANN and my first time in Bali, Indonesia. I want to thank you so much for the wonderful place you have brought to me.

BENJAMIN HARBICH: Hello, good morning, everyone. I'm Benjamin Harbich and I work for the Federal Office of Communications in Switzerland as a telecom engineer. And I'm happy to work with all of you and I want to thank our hosts for their warm welcome. Thank you.

EUGENIO GARCIA: Good morning, everyone. I'm going to speak in Portuguese. Good morning. I'm Eugenia. I'm a technical advisor for the government of Brazil and also representative for Brazil at the GAC.

EUGENIO GARCIA: I will speak in Portuguese as well. Thank you. Good morning to all of you. I am Mr. Garcia, I represent the government of Brazil in foreign affairs, and thank you, Indonesia, for the hospitality. And also, Nico, we will really miss you here, and thank you very much.

SUADA HADZOVIC: Good morning, I'm Suada Hadzovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and I work for communications regulatory authority. And I am also a co-chair of Human Rights International Law Working Group. Thank you, Indonesia, for hosting us.

RODRIGUE JACQUES GUIGUEMDE: Okay, thank you. Good morning, everyone. Rodrigue Guiguemde, I am the Smart Africa Secretariat. Thank you.

ANNE-RACHEL INNE: Good morning, everybody. Anne-Rachel Inne, GAC representative from Niger, transitioning out. Thank you.

GIACOMO MAZZONE: Good morning, everybody. Giacomo Mazzone, representative of the WBU as observers. And thank you to the host for inviting us, and thank you to Nico for his chairmanship.

SAŠA KOVAČEVIĆ: Hello, hello everyone. My name is Saša Kovačević, coming from Serbia, GAC Serbia, working for office for IT and e-government as

head of strategic planning and international cooperation and compliments for the host for organizing event in such a wonderful place. Thank you.

WANG LANG: Good morning, everyone. I'm Wang Lang from China. First, I want to thank Indonesia and PANDI for hosting this meeting. And I believe we can achieve fruitful results and have a good week in Bali here. Thank you.

SHAOHONG WU: Good morning, everyone. My name is Wu Shaohong, GAC representative of China from Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. We're glad to attend this meeting and thank chairs, thank Indonesia, and thank Bali.

WAJDI GARALI: Good morning, everyone. My name is Wajdi Garali. I'm the GAC representative for Tunisia. Thank you.

NIGEL CASSIMIRE: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. I'm Nigel Cassimire from the Caribbean Telecommunications Union. I'm a GAC observer member and happy to be here. Compliments to the government of Indonesia for hosting us here in Bali, allowing me to travel exactly halfway around the world to get here. Thank you.

PAUL BLAKER Good morning, everybody. My name is Paul Blaker. I represent the United Kingdom and would like to add my thanks to our Indonesian colleagues for the warm welcome and the great hospitality. Thank you.

EMMANUEL GABSA Good morning, everyone. I'm Gabsa Emmanuel, representing the government of Cameroon and working in the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication. Thank you.

TOMBOYE IBRAHIM Good morning, everyone. I am Tomboye Ibrahim from Chad and I work for the Ministry of ICT. Thank you.

MOHSEN NIKBIN Good morning, everyone. My name is Mohsen Nikbin from Iran. It's the first time I attend here. Thank you, GAC and thank you Indonesian government. Thank you.

SASHO DIMITRIJOSKI Good morning, everyone. My name is Sasho Dimitrijoski, representing Macedonian government.

MARINA FLEGO EIRAS Good morning, everyone. This is Marina Flego Eiras from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and

Worship, and the GAC alternate representative for Argentina. I would like to thank our Indonesian colleagues for your hospitality and warmth. And I would like to congratulate everyone for being here today.

We are undergoing a historic moment for Internet governance, so it is an honor for me to be here today with you discussing the results among other topics. And I look forward to having meaningful conversations throughout this week. Thank you very much.

FREDERIK WOLF

Good morning, everyone, I'm Frederik Wolf, I'm the GAC alternate for Germany. I represent the Digital Transformation and State Modernization Ministry of Germany. For those who expected Rudi Nolde here, he will arrive this evening. He's the GAC rep for Germany.

Thanks to the Indonesian government and the organizers here for the warm welcome. I look forward to fruitful discussions and a productive week. Thanks, everybody.

WENDY PALAS

Good morning. I'm Wendy Palas from the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism, Suriname. It took me two days to get here, but I'm happy to be here. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you so much. It took me 30 hours to get here, just for the record. Is there anybody behind you? Can we continue with the role? Over there, over there. Yeah, we'll continue there. Thank you.

KAZUKI IMAO: Good morning. My name is Kazuki Imao. I'm an alternate representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan. I would like to thank Indonesia for this opportunity to have this meeting in a wonderful place. Thank you.

SAKAMOTO MITSUHIDE: Very good morning, distinguished colleagues, and salamat pagi to Indonesian colleagues. My name is Sakamoto Mitsuhide from the Ministry of Telecommunications of Japan. We are GAC members for the DNS Abuse. And also, I'd like to say thank you Indonesian government for the wonderful hospitality. Thank you very much.

GRACE: Good morning, everyone. I'm Grace, and I work in the Ministry of Digital Affairs in Chinese Taipei. I would like to express my appreciation to Indonesia for hosting ICANN87 in such a beautiful place. Thank you.

ANON CHENG: Hello, everyone. Selamat pagi. I'm Anon Cheng. I'm also from Chinese Taipei and I also want to thank you, the government of

	Indonesia, for arranging such a beautiful conference in Bali. This is my first ICANN public meeting. I'm looking forward to work with all of the GAC representatives in the government policy issue. Thank you.
KEN-YING TSENG	Good morning, selamat pagi [inaudible - 00:40:20]. Hello, everyone. It's Ken-Ying from Chinese Taipei. Great to see you all again.
FUAD RWABUHUNGU	Good morning, everyone. My name is Fuad Rwabuhungu. I present the United Republic of Tanzania as a GAC member, and I work at Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority, and this is my first time on GAC meeting. Thank you.
AMOS TEO	Good morning, everyone. My name is Amos Teo. I'm the GAC representative for Singapore. I'd like to thank Indonesia for hosting us here in Bali, a very nice place. Thank you.
QUEH SER PHENG	Good morning, everyone. Selamat pagi. My name is Queh Ser Pheng from the Infocomm Media Development Authority of Singapore. I'm the alternative GAC rep for Singapore. Likewise, I would like to thank the Indonesian government for the warm hospitality and for hosting this meeting. It has been a while since I

last attended the meeting in person. I hope to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. I wish everybody a fruitful and productive meeting this week. Thank you.

GUO FENG: Hello everyone, good morning. My name is Guo Feng from China GAC team. I am delighted to participate in this GAC meeting in Bali. My thanks also go to Indonesia for hosting this meeting. I am looking forward to constructive exchanges in the coming days. Thank you very much.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you so much, China. Is there anybody else to your right Who didn't introduce himself or herself? Anybody over there? Any other GAC representative? Okay, so we'll continue here. Marco, over to you.

MARCO HOGEWONING: Good morning, everybody. My name is Marco Hogewoning, representing the Netherlands and also one of the GAC vice-chairs.

IAN SHELDON: Good morning, my name is Ian Sheldon. I'm the Australian GAC representative and one of the current vice-chairs. Big thank you to the Indonesian government for hosting the meeting here in this wonderful location and for the very warm welcome today. Very

much looking forward to another productive and collegiate meeting with you all across the week. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Australia. We don't need to introduce again Minister Neil. My name is Nico Caballero as everyone knows, I'm from Paraguay and I'm the outgoing GAC chair. Over to you.

JORGE CANCIO: Hello, good morning. I'll speak in French. Hello everyone, my name is Jorge Cancio and I am the Swiss representative to the GAC. I'm really glad to be here in Indonesia. Thank you very much for having us, for inviting us. It's really a pleasure to be here in this very beautiful place, Bali.

I'm also vice-chair of GAC, and I remain at your disposal. If you need anything, please don't hesitate especially if you're new here, a new member of GAC, please don't hesitate to come and see me. It will be a pleasure to have a conversation with you.

KATUUKU GLORIA: Good morning. My name is Katuuku Gloria. I'm one of the GAC vice-chairs. I also represent the Government of Uganda. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Uganda. And now that all in-room attendees have introduced themselves, we'll continue with the remote participants, for which I kindly ask them to raise their hands in the

Zoom room in order to give them the floor to introduce themselves. Gulten, can you help me handle the queue? So, we'll start with Egypt. Go ahead, please.

ABDALMONEM GALILA: My name is Abdalmonem Galila. I'm the Director of Numbering Affairs at the National Telecom Regulatory Institute of Egypt. I am the GAC alternative representative and also the GAC UA-IDN Working Group Chair. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Egypt. Trinidad and Tobago, please.

KAREL DOUGLAS: Good afternoon, good evening, and good morning. And firstly, are you hearing me, Nico?

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Loud and clear.

KAREL DOUGLAS: Fantastic. My name is Karel Douglas. I'm the advisor for Trinidad and Tobago. And of course, I'm greatly disappointed that I am not able to join you all in this fantastic, important meeting. A lot of important topics are being discussed. So as per usual, I will do, try my utmost best to follow.

And quickly, Nico, thank you so much for your leadership. Your tenure was very fast, but it was fantastic. So, I want to wish you all the best in your future endeavors and certainly, by all means, please keep in touch and we appreciate you very much.

I just forgot to say that, of course, I'm Karel Douglas, I'm the Executive Officer of Legal and Enforcement at the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. Have a fantastic, wonderful meeting. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Trinidad and Tobago. Thank you, Karel. Next is Timor Leste. This one is Portuguese and Timor Leste domain, right? Timor Leste, go ahead, please.

JOSE LAY: Thank you. Good morning, everyone. This is Jose Lay, Timor Leste GAC representative, participating remotely this morning. Allow me to also say a few words in Bahasa [foreign language - 00:46:29]. Thank you everyone. Have a successful meeting.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Timor Leste. Malaysia, please.

RUZAMRI RUWANDI: Good morning. I am Ruzamri Ruwandi, GAC alternate representative from Malaysia, from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you, Malaysia. Next, I have, I don't see the country, Mr. Georges? Go ahead, please.

JUNIOR FENIX GEORGES: Good morning. Can you hear me?

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Yes.

JUNIOR FENIX GEORGES: For me, it's evening, but for you, I think it's morning. Everyone, my name is Junior George. I am from the United States, but I am the founder and the president of Next Generation Empowerment and Corporation, a U.S.-based 501(c)(3).

Haiti remains one of the least connected countries in our hemisphere. In rural areas, especially in the south Haiti, a lot of schools and communities have little or no reliability internet access. So, to help close that gap, NextGen is developing two initiatives into schools and education. So, this event, I take it with heart and I also thank ICANN, the meeting organizer for making [CROSSTALK].

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you, Mr. George. The floor is for GAC members only. I'm sorry about this. Please, apologies. My apologies. I have Switzerland next.

LUCAS PRÊTRE Hello, everyone. I hope you hear me well. My name is Lucas Prêtre, and I will speak in French. Hi. Hi everyone, I'm very, very happy to be with you online from Switzerland. Now I work in the Federal Office of Communications. I am a member of the Swiss delegation within GAC and I'm really, really looking forward to having a very interesting debate here in the GAC.

And thank you, thank you very much, Nico, for having chaired the GAC for the last four years. Thank you very much and have a good meeting.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you, Switzerland. Next, I have the Russian Federation.

VIACHESLAV EROKHIN Good morning, colleagues. My name is Viacheslav Erokhin, and I am an alternative representative of the Russian Federation.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you, Russia. I have Thailand next. Thailand, the floor is yours.

THONGCHAI SANGSIRI Good morning. This is Thongchai Sangsiri from the Electronic Transaction Development Agency of Thailand. I am very glad to participate in this meeting. I am the GAC alternate for Thailand. And I would like to thank the government of Indonesia for hosting this meeting.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you very much, Thailand. I have Switzerland next again.

LUKAS FÜEG Hello, everybody, I hope you hear me well.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Yes.

LUKAS FÜEG Hello, my name is Lukas Füeg. I am delighted to be with you online from Switzerland. I'm a member of the Swiss delegation within the GAC. I work for the Federal Office of Communications of Switzerland as a legal advisor in the division of telecom services and post. And I wish everyone a fruitful and productive meeting.

NICOLAS CABALLERO Thank you very much. I have Norway next.

AUGUST GRANHAUG ALLEN: Hi, everyone. My name is August Allen and I'm an alternate representative for Norway. I work for the Norwegian Communications Authority. Looking forward to the discussions this week. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you very much and I have Norway again. Norway, please go ahead. Sigurd, Mr. Leirdal.

ÅDNE SIGURD LEIRDAL: Yes, the microphone was the wrong one. I'm Ådne Sigurd Leirdal. I'm a new GAC alternative for Norway, participating remotely. I'm also from Norwegian Communication Authority.

NICOLAS CABALLERO: Thank you very much. So that brings us to the end of the tour de table. I just want to make sure that everybody had the chance to introduce himself or herself. Anybody who didn't speak yet at this point in the room or online? And I see no hands. So, thank you very much. So, next slide, please, Gulten.

We still have five minutes and just to share with you some notable GAC transitions, we are basically welcoming 93 new GAC delegates since ICANN86 in Seville. No joking, 93 new GAC delegates. Welcome, everyone. So, we're going to make sure we will be patient and explain all the acronyms, because as I always say, ICANN is an acronym romance. It's kind of like a special dialect or something. You need to translate every two paragraphs or every

two phrases you need to translate what the acronyms stand for and so on.

So, we're basically up to 185 members and 41 observers so far. We welcome Togo. Is it the Republic of Togo? Please correct me if I'm wrong and please excuse my utter ignorance. Is it the Republic of Togo or what is the official name? Republic of Togo? Okay, so welcome, welcome to the GAC. Big round of applause to Togo. We kindly invite you, Togo, to join us here and grab a microphone and sit. These tables are reserved for GAC representatives, so more than welcome to join us here. Thank you.

There are some important reminders at this point before we close the session, as we still have five minutes. Make sure, and you have the link right there, join gac@icann.org, that's for the ticketing system for all delegation updates. Make sure you're there in order to receive the latest news, the latest information on an official basis so that the capabilities are activated for you in this case, right?

Well, everybody knows this is public information, but we had the election of a new GAC chair, Mr. Ian Sheldon from Australia. He will be in charge of everything right after this meeting. And his two-year term will begin at the conclusion of this meeting, that is October 26th, 25th, right, officially. And as I said before, we're also welcoming Thiago Dal Toe from Colombia, who was elected GAC vice-chair from the Latin America region. His one-year term will begin at the conclusion of ICANN88 in Lisbon in March next year, actually, 2027. There's a glitch there, which is basically the

remainder of Ian Sheldon's tenure as vice-chair, given the fact that he was elected GAC chair. Okay, so we'll talk about this later on, as we're right at the top of the hour.

So, at this point, let me just remind you that, on the one hand, we'll have the very good chance of enjoying Indonesian coffee in two minutes. I mean, we'll have a coffee break, a 30-minute coffee break. At 10:30, I kindly ask you to come back for the first capacity development session which is basically aimed at the readiness for the next round. Well, we don't need to repeat the agenda for today. So, enjoy your coffee, welcome everyone, and thank you again to the Indonesia government. Thank you, Neil for everything you have done so far and for the beautiful place and the facilities and everything else. So, we're going to pause here. Thank you so much. Enjoy your coffee.

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