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ALAN GREENBERG: Bruce, to a large extent, implied that if we say ICANN is responsible, has an interest in consumer trust in relation to old TLDs, that would be widening our scope. I take great difference with that, and I will be following up. I'm not quite sure how yet, but I strongly have a problem with that.

The mechanics of hiring the position, any of us who have spent time hiring people and things like that, I think agree with Garth that it's a little bit hard to understand how they could have been doing this process for 1.25 years and don't have at least a bullet list of things that are on the jobs. No. I can understand they don't have a formal job description. I can buy that easily. So, yes, we have a few problems on that issue.

The other issues on the agenda with the board, I think will resolve far more equitably than that one was. We'll all hear more about this.

Go ahead, Tim. I'm sorry. We do have a queue. I didn't see Judith, so Judith and Seun and then Tim and Vanda. Sorry.

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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I think it was clear to the board that Allen Grogan never had a job description and maybe never even looked for candidates. I thought it was in poor form for him to blame HR for that issue that they never created one. I think it's also bad form for someone. We all make mistakes. That's fine. What he should have done is he should have owned up to it and said, "I'm sorry. You're right. I didn't have one. I will do something better." It was very disconcerting when he just dumped it all on HR.

ALAN GREENBERG: Let's be fair. He also dumped it on finance and said, "We didn't have a budget." Whereas, indeed, they didn't have a budget at the time the announcement was made, but ten months ago, they did. I know hiring people is difficult, but as I said, this isn't the end of it.

Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: During the meeting, I was raising in the chat about the amount that was supposed to be given to each RALO for the visa support or emergency issues relating to visa preparation, etcetra. Alan said something that implied that this has been addressed, so the

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money will no longer be required. I'd like to get clarification on that. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. Again, people change. The issue at the time was that we had had an example or multiple examples over a period of time of someone who had to travel to a distant country to get their visa, and ICANN I believe said, "We will allocate \$100 or \$200 or something to do it," where clearly the airfare was significantly larger than that. There was hotel stays. There were other expenses.

We may as well say who the person is because everyone else around the table knows. It was Beran, and it was the second time it had happened. She couldn't be at the meeting because she was told that, "Sorry, you pay for your own visas," or whatever.

We raised the issue. It had obviously been raised with staff significantly before the meeting. It was raised at the board meeting. Fadi made a suggestion that there be \$10,000 allocated per AC/SO. Should there be problems like this, that money could be drawn upon. We have had a number of cases since then where travel was required to obtain visas and constituency travel covered the costs, or at least, that was my understanding.

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The practice has changed so that money doesn't need to be allocated, so I don't need to have it in a budget that Heidi can access if someone else is doing it as a matter of course. Should the problems exist again, and they're not solved immediately by the standard process, then we have a real issue. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Alan. Just a follow up. May I?

ALAN GREENBERG: Please, but quickly.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. I don't know where you're getting the data to really confirm that constituency travel is actually resolving this of paying beyond \$200. I, personally, have spent travel costs that exceed \$200, and the limits I normally get as refund is \$200. I know a couple of other people that travel for visas. They have to sleep overnight. They had to travel back again for pick up, so the reality is there. I think we need to confirm. I really suggest that staff confirm from constituency travels whether they are indeed refunding the total costs because their limit has always been \$200. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Let me make an announcement to this group. I can't talk to a wider group within ICANN. If you are having problems being refunded for costs associated with obtaining visas, talk to me, talk to Heidi. Do not let it go unnoticed. If I don't know anything about it, I cannot fix it.

Beran.

BERAN DONDEH GILLEN: Thank you, Alan, for putting me on the spot. I just wanted to confirm what you said about full support being allocated because after that incident, I did get full support to go to Abuja to get my visa for Ireland. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Back to the original speaker queue. Tim.

TIM DENTON: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the doctrines espoused by Mr. Tonkin this afternoon were pretty fundamental in regard to the limitation of ICANN's role, and in particular any role it might have in relation to consumer confidence.

Do you have theories or ideas that would say that Bruce is mistaken? And if so, what might they be? Because what is the

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basis upon which if Bruce is right, how do we proceed, and if he's wrong, how do we show that he is?

ALAN GREENBERG:

I can only give you my perspective. Bruce belabored the point that we have a PDP process to change contracts and to adjust conditions if we see fit. He gave as an example the one that did expiration, that put some guarantees into the RAA for people who had expired domains.

Since I was the one who initiated that through the ALAC and chaired the PDP, I think we know about it. I don't think we needed to be educated. On top of that, the PDP and consensus policy only are applicable to a very narrow set of issues. Bruce implied it was anything within our mission. That is not correct. It is anything that is specified in a specific paragraph in the contract.

I'm not 100% sure I know how I'm going to address this, but I'm not going to ignore it. Whether we should take a specific ALAC action or private conversations with a few people, I'm not 100% sure. I need to think about it, and I will accept input from anyone who has any insight into this. I did not find those comments particularly appropriate. As I said, I thought that whole item was not handled well by the board.

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TIM DENTON: From his point of view, he was just slapping us around the head with a large fish, and I don't think we should agree to it. I should be happy to find any basis in ICANN law or jurisprudence or whatever to refute that particularly narrow interpretation.

ALAN GREENBERG: We'll be talking further on it. Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: In the same line, I do believe that Bruce is a little afraid to change contracts on something like that to address those kinds of things. But I have been talking about that with the other TLDs in the country. And because of consumer trust and the other issues related to our legislation there, even though, I'm not a lawyer, I do believe that that is not necessarily a change of the agreement of the contract to agree to go to that direction.

That's my point of view, but better to [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: I'll go to Garth in a moment. Let me say what I was hoping for. I was hoping for a simple statement saying, "Yes, we care about consumer trust on old gTLDs in addition to new ones." Care, not

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words in contracts, nothing else. It might be that they care, but can't do anything about it. In the extreme case, fine. I can live with that. I didn't want to be told that it's expanding the mission to care. Sorry to be rather blunt. Garth.

GARTH BRUEN:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is entirely possible for ICANN to create guidance for the consumer the way it has for lawyers, journalists, and other parties. All of these guides are very easily found on ICANN's website. If you're a reporter or an attorney, you can get the information that you need from ICANN about where you fit in. The consumer doesn't have a spot to fit into.

In expanding the role, let's expand the definition that exists in the AOC, which also, as Leon pointed out, includes things like rights protection and specifically uses the phrase, "Malicious abuse." This malicious abuse has nothing to do with content. The malicious abuse refers to the actual use of the DNS to target other parties on the DNS.

SO, they're not considering the whole document, and they're not considering the whole issues. There's a lot more going on here.



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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Quick comment. We're going to be visited by Göran in a few minutes. I plan to raise the issue and mention it, but we really don't want to spend the whole 15 minutes we have in talking about consumer trust. This is too valuable an engagement with our incoming CEO to use it only on that. It will be one of the items we mention, but let's not take the whole time. It really is a valuable opportunity we have.

Vanda, and I'm closing the queue at this point on this. You're waiving your spot? It was an old hand. Sébastien, you can have the spot.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had raised my hand before Garth because I wanted to speak about something else.

Today, there was a meeting in which some of us participated. It was for the Domain Name Association, and there was a discussion on the work they are doing about the domain name industry and the way they can find to correct what some people are doing, the direction some people are taking. It's good, but without the voice of the users, it's going to be difficult.

They explained that this work is going to take place outside ICANN, that we were all welcome to participate, but that if we had no money and no time to participate to those meetings, it is

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clear that we can be welcome, but we won't be there participating to these meetings.

Now, I wanted to add something else more global related to the discussion on the follow up on the ICANN accountability. Maybe I'm wrong, and maybe the future is going to prove that my question is not well based, but I'm concerned because we already have addressed the department outside of ICANN. They are discussing this kind of thing outside of ICANN, and they tell us if you want to participate, come to our meeting. ccTLD is the same. It is happening in my country. Come to my country if you want to know what is happening in this area also.

So, I'm afraid that this creation of the domain name providers is going to tell us that we are going to do that work outside of ICANN. If you want to participate, come, and this will take all the meaning of ICANN out and they won't need us anymore.

There is another item here that is disturbing me, and it is that they are saying that we have to give the money. Registries are saying that. The registrars are giving the money to ICANN, but I think that we are paying, and we can also participate to the ICANN activities. There is a risk here. I don't know how to correct that situation, but we have to follow what is happening among the providers and the Domain Name Association. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. I guess I'll give you my opinion, but it'll be quick. If anyone else wants to contribute, please do. Clearly, the money that goes into ICANN is registrant money. Let's face it. It is routed through other people. But when I started in ICANN, registrars and registries said it is our money. Typically, they don't say that anymore. Some of them do, I understand, but we've trained some of them, not all of them.

What they do in their own time in their own groupings outside of ICANN, we can't really control. To the extent that that results in things that we like, we can certainly applaud it. To the extent it results in things that we believe are counter to our interests, I think we have to speak up.

I don't think we have much grounds for saying they can't meet or they can't work on their own at their own expense in their own venue. So I think it's a watching brief that we have to be aware of what's going on to the extent we can, and wave red flags if and when we see something happening that we don't think is appropriate. I'm not sure what other things we have that we can do.

I welcome any other thoughts. Anything else? Tijani, one last comment.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that Sébastien didn't want to say that we need to stop them doing that. No. He was just trying to attract our attention on the possible risk that we need to be aware of. We won't be able to stop them, but we have to speak about it. I think it was what Sébastien was saying. If I'm wrong, please, Sébastien, correct me.

ALAN GREENBERG: We know about it because they were speaking about it here. We can't enforce that they speak about it in the future. I think we're, if not in agreement, then we're all on the same general territory.

Other comments, anything else? Then we call this part of the meeting to a close. Are we following the order on the list, or are we moving things around?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We are doing Chairs announcements.

ALAN GREENBERG: Chairs announcements, so the Chair has some announcements. Do I have an announcement?

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This is one of those sad times that we are saying thank you to people who have worked very hard on behalf of At-Large. As you'll see, sometimes it's less sad than others. But, first of all, I'd like to thank Alberto Soto and Humberto Carrasco for their service as LACRALO chair and secretariat. Could you come up here?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBERG: I can certainly say, "It's been an interesting couple of years with a lot accomplished as well as the interest."

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Has anyone seen Aziz? That was a joke. Aziz is three-foot taller than I am, and I never have any trouble finding him. Aziz, can you please stand up?

I made a comment about Aziz in the showcase the other day, and I will repeat it because it needs repeating. How Aziz could have been Chair of AFRALO – and he didn't disappear for the last

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two years – and pull off this meeting, including all of the little side things like the showcase, the NGOs who are visiting us, the students who visited us, us visiting students – I have a fair amount of energy. I'm not anywhere close, so I thank you.

I also have to point out that unless I'm mistaken – and someone I'm sure will tell me – this is the first time that an At-Large person has almost single handedly been the host for an ICANN meeting. There's other people who have been involved. I don't think we've had another one who has done it pretty well single handedly. Sébastien, sorry.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: We worked together.

ALAN GREENBERG: You probably had a few more people in Paris than he had here. But thank you. It's been a marvelous meeting. It's been a great experience for all of us, and we expect you to start working again on AFRALO immediately. That's a joke. He's never stopped. Thank you very much from all of us.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Alan. Thank you very much. I am very happy to do this for the community, for ALAC, and I hope the next future

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meeting ALAC members will organize the meeting in their countries. Also, I will thank Sébastien, who encouraged me and Tijani and Bali]. He wasn't a board member, he encouraged. I told him it's hard work, but he encouraged us, and we applied. The first time, it was [inaudible] or [inaudible], who will be the host.

But an ICANN meeting is very big, and we needed the government. I want also to thank all authorities in Morocco because there was very hard work. The security, the ministry of foreign office to give visas. The ministry of [inaudible] is the regulator for Morocco. They make very good job, and I will thank him here. Thank you. Thank you for all.

ALAN GREENBERG: I certainly wasn't ignoring Tijani's effort in it, but it needed someone on the ground here. With our appreciation.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm not quite finished yet. Aziz mentioned Tijani, another one of these people with not much energy. Tijani and the whole

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AFRALO group that put this on, and no matter how good you are, you can't do this by yourself. Our hats off to you. Thank you.

You've set a standard which is going to be hard to beat.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan. I don't think that this could happen without the great help of the staff. We have wonderful staff, a really wonderful staff. Believe me, it's not a compliment I am giving.

ALAN GREENBERG: It is a compliment.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We'll take it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, No. I am not making compliments, I am telling you the truth. They are really helpful for everything. They were with us at all the time.

I want to mention Gisella. We are together on Skype at midnight, at 1:00. Yes, yes, yes. We have to applaud our staff very, very strongly.



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ALAN GREENBERG: As far as I can understand, Gisella doesn't actually sleep.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Am I done?

ALBERTO SOTO: I didn't have time to express my gratitude, but I will do it now. [inaudible] for your support for my work. I thank especially for this meeting, Olivier. Thank you for your support when you were ALAC Chair. True passion. Another in particular, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. You are my mother for good [inaudible], for work, for persistence, for all. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for another mon cher ami. When you were on the board, I needed help. You participated in LACRALO meeting, and another support for me personally is very good. Thank you. Thank you all. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I also want to take the opportunity to welcome stranger Humberto as the incoming Chair. I am told our incoming

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Secretariat is in the room. I hadn't seen Marissa come in, so my apologies. I hadn't realized you had come into the room.

If you'll give me a moment to confer with staff. The next item on our agenda is the launch of the new website, or at least a discussion of the launch of the website which already happened. Go ahead.

LAURA BENGFORD:

Hello, everybody. First of all, congratulations, everybody, on your new website. It's really been a fantastic journey, and as you all probably know, it's launched now.

We just wanted to take some brief time to talk about what open items we have on the roadmap and answer any questions that you have, and then I'll be passing it over to Ariel to talk a little bit about where you can provide feedback and some of the analytics and how many visitors have come so far.

Ariel is showing the website up there right now. If you'll go to the new website, there is a cookie set and a little box. It'll come up and say, "Welcome to the new website." There is a link out to a page to provide feedback, and this is the page that Ariel is displaying that shows the various feedback up there.

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I'm sure you've explored the pages that are there already. The one main area that we didn't quite get to before launch was the ALS Applications so that is still on the old website. Just a reminder, it's renamed LegacyAtLarge.ICANN.org. Everything is still over there, so be assured that we haven't lost anything, and we had quite a big effort in making sure that everything was converted over.

The second thing that is an ongoing effort is translations and accessibility. We did a much more detailed update on the accessibility of the website in the Accessibility Working Group earlier this morning so that is going to be an ongoing effort in order to get it certified to the level AA standards.

Then we anticipate doing some additional work in the content template area. We do have a lot of new capabilities that allows the regions, and RALOs, and other people to author content and news, and so we expect that to be an area that we want to encourage people to use and utilize, and so we're looking at doing some additional efforts in that area.

So what you can expect is any issues that come up – and we've had very little issues, which is always a very good indication – but we have had a couple, and we're trying to address those right away as they come up. So in the effort of being fully transparent about those, we will show those on the wiki.

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I think I'm going to hand it over to Ariel to go through the wiki, let you know what feedback we've gotten, and take a look at some of the analytics that we have on the website that we'll be sharing on an ongoing basis with you.

One other expectation, we'll probably do updates right before meetings, so probably another update in June and fixing anything that comes up along the way. Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thanks, Laura. I just want to show you, we do have a wiki page that's created to collect feedback on the website. Just to point you where you can give feedback is you scroll down to the footer, and you see, "Community website," and on the last one called, "Website Feedback," and then you click on that. It takes you to this page that shows you the roadmap and also the link to the wiki page. That's where we collect all the comments.

This is the wiki page, and here, you can report issues, thoughts, or items that you think can be improved here, and then we will document all this content over here and on the way we address those issues down below. So far, we've just received a few. Mostly from Alan, so if you have additional feedback, please feel free to comment on this page, and we will diligently work on that and tackle them.

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Also, I'll give you a quick glimpse about Google Analytics. So we have installed Google Analytics to track the traffic on the website. This is the Google Analytics page. I'm not sure whether all of you have used that before, but this can track how many page views we have on the website, how many unique visitors we have during a period of time, and then also how much time they spent on each pages. So far, the response rate is pretty good.

For example, we have a period of time. The average time spent on a page is 24 minutes or so. So it means people are really exploring the site. Then when we launched the site, there is about 70 unique visitors. So it's much better than what we did for the older site, but those tracking will be long term, and then we only launched it about a week, and so we will monitor the performance.

So yeah, that's just a quick overview of this.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Of course, 24 minutes per page may mean it's so perplexing, it takes them that long to read it. I try not to be mean, but occasionally, I've got to do a little bit. I should tell you that in years gone by, when I used to run a large technical group, they would curse me because no matter how much they tested it,

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within five minutes of me trying it, I'd find several things broken in it. I have a knack.

Any other comments or thoughts on the website? Despite those comments, it is infinitely better than what we had before, so thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Alan? It is the voice of the Goddess [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Ah. The voice of the Goddess who is hiding behind someone else, and I couldn't see. Goddess, the microphone is yours.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: My card was well out. Thank you. It's not actually a Goddess at all, but it's Cheryl Langdon-Orr.

One thing very recently, I noted when I was going through the website – and I, strangely enough, didn't have time to do even the feedback – but it's something that I thought, “Oh, well, I can raise here.” So amidst my congratulations and thanks, which you know you've already got, there isn't a clear and easy way to get from the space that is our landing page now and our wiki. At least, not that my fuddled mind could find at whatever hour of

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the day it was. I'm sure it's there. It's just that it needs to be really obvious.

Don't tell me it's down at the bottom of the shopping list page. That's a good reason for you to change it. It needs to be up at the top because the Alan's, the Cheryl's, and the Olivier's will go to this page, and then they'll go, "Oh, right. We want to look at the notes of the minutes of the day of the whatever," and we immediately want to just take a side journey out to where we know the stuff is, and then we'll come and take a journey back in.

So until we get everything integrated and a full library of linked data – and I love to think that might happen one day, it's not there yet – so we still have to pop in and out, and it would just be nice to have a quick toggle of some description. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. What the Alan's do is go to the calendar, which is linked directly from the home page. It's no longer on the home page, which annoys me no end, but aside from that, the calendar does let me then go to the meetings I look for.

By the way, I was introduced to and talked to the new person that ICANN has hired, who is affectively – not his title here – but

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affectively a librarian, who will help us organize all of our data. I'm optimistic we may actually get somewhere on it.

Anyone else? Not seeing anyone, thank you. I think we need a bit of applause. They've been working at this for a long time.

The next item we have is reports from liaisons. We have a significant amount of time, more than I actually had planned. I would like to suggest this. We have 30 minutes allocated for it. Do we have any liaisons here who would like to talk about it? I can't hear you, Judith.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Alan, if we have extra time, maybe we could move up the secretariat meeting so that we could then finish earlier, so we can get to the buses.

ALAN GREENBERG: But we have another item in between that we can't move, so probably not. Sorry.

Are there any liaisons who are prepared to report? We have a liaison, Julie Hammer.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We have three.



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ALAN GREENBERG: Sorry. My peripheral vision is not very good. We will take Julie Hammer first because I saw her first. Julie.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you, Alan. Only a couple of things to mention. As you're all aware, SSAC was the first chartering organization to approve the CCWG Accountability Report, and hopefully, that encouraged other members of the community to get on and do it. It's great to see that there's only one to go, so that's great news. That was quite challenging, but I have to say that my life was very much made easier by the additional interaction and knowledge that I gleaned from the discussions in ALAC, and not just having to rely on my participation in the CCWG to become informed, so thank you very much to my ALAC colleagues for helping me there.

At our closed SSAC meetings yesterday, Lyman Chapin, who's the other representative and I, suggested to other SSAC members that should any be interested in taking over our roles as the representatives on the CCWG, that we'd be willing to enable them to do that. After the laughter subsided, funnily enough, no one volunteered, so I'll be continuing in that role.

A little bit more seriously, thanks again for the interaction on Sunday. I know that the SSAC, and Patrick in particular, highly

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values the interaction with ALAC. You really are the group that provide most feedback on the reports that we have, and we very much appreciate that interest and the feedback, and as Patrick al says, if there's any additional topics or specific questions that you have, please make them known, and I know you will do that.

But just to give you a heads up, we've just finished a number of reports, and you've seen those reports. One of them, I want to still provide you with a summary. I just haven't had the chance to do that yet because it was released so recently. But there are three work parties that I think are going to be of interest to you to know that they are happening.

One is further work on name space issues, and there was a very brief SSAC report highlighting that there are some issues here, and we're going to be looking into it. It was primarily desensitize the board to some of those issues, so there's going to be further work going on in that.

There's a work party been established to support the SSAC representatives to the CCWG looking into auction proceeds so that is an issue that's of quite a significant interest to SSAC. But the one I really wanted to bring to your attention because I've been seeing quite a bit of chatter on the e-mail lists in this community is that SSAC is kicking off a work party focused on IDN harmonization. And the issues that they want to look into on

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that are IDN ccTLD fast track, the TMCH, work on label generation rules for the root zone, the IETF work on IDNA 2008.

I don't know what that means, but I'll try and learn what that means. Evolution of the Unicode standard and various advice on second level policies, such as language tables.

So I know that you've been talking about shutting down your IDN work party, and it's possible that you just don't have the resources to continue your own work on that. But I just wanted to really bring to your attention that SSAC is going to be working in that space, and I'll try and keep you informed on what's happening there. It's also a space where it is possible that there are a couple of technical IDN experts outside SSAC that may be invited, particularly from the IETF area, may be invited to work with SSAC on those issues.

So, that completes my report.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. I have one question. Somebody – it may have been Olivier, but I'm not sure – raised the issue the other day of we don't hear much these days about name collisions. Is SSAC doing any follow up work to see do we have a real problem, or do we have statistics being collected some other way?

JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you, Alan. One of the problems that SSAC has about following up on name collisions is that the measurement that SSAC recommended to be put in place to enable the assessment to happen was not done by ICANN, therefore, it is very difficult to assess whether name collisions have occurred because there's no data to be examined.

There are a number of issues that SSAC did consider looking into, but it was so broad and so wide that after working on it for a couple of months, we really failed to get traction. I was on that work party and reported it in my monthly reports, and so at this stage, what we're going to do is wait to see what happens with the review that's being undertaken by ICANN itself.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I could suggest the SSAC support an empty report on their assessment of name collisions based on the statistics that were gathered.

Maureen, I know you're going to have to run off to the ccNSO. Do you want to just run off and submit your report in other means, or do you want to talk first.

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MAUREEN HILYARD: I've got a brief report. I can take five, ten minutes. Yes, in about a half-an-hours time, of course, the ccNSO Council is meeting and will be making a decision as to whether they're going to support the submission to the CCWG accountability. Although, I don't presume there will be anything majorly untoward, there have been some concerns raised by members during the process, and it will be interesting to see what results.

Just to give a brief overview of some of the things that have happened during the course of the year, there's been a major review and overview of their organizational guidelines and rules of procedure, and these are being presented to members at this meeting and will be adopted at today's council meeting. They've got a really big focus for the next year on outreach and engagement. They have 457 ccTLD members, and probably not surprisingly, when we consider some of the ALSes that we have who don't participate as much as we would like them to do, they have the same dilemma.

One of the things that, for example, the APRALO leadership team attended the APTLD meeting in Auckland very recently, and there's a large number of Asia Pacific member ccTLDs who could do with a little bit more support, so APRALO is going to be encouraging their ALSes to connect with them and try and see about re-energizing that connection.

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Another decision that will be made today, of course, will be re-election of a new council chair as Byron retires. That's it. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. Before I take any questions, we are trying to move up Göran's visit, so if we succeed, then we will honor Judith's request of pushing the whole schedule up and letting you get out earlier. But it depends on whether we can actually get him and the various people who come with him to get here early.

Comments or questions for Maureen?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Just briefly, if you would be so kind as to update us from the meeting, Maureen, I know a number of us would be really keen to see some Skyping out. Not only just on the CCWG, but also on the, what I trust, will be confirmation of Katrina as chair, and I trust retention of Byron as vice-chair. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I certainly will.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Maureen. Olivier, anything happening in the GNSO?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. The GNSO has been on holiday in Marrakech, not doing much at all. As we know, councilors have visited the various sites. Let's rewind for the record. That was a joke.

No. The GNSO has been obviously very busy as everyone else in ICANN, and they have met over the past few days. The primary order of discussion was, of course, the Cross Community Working Group on ICANN accountability. They had their public meeting a little bit earlier this afternoon where the agenda was somehow changed a little bit.

There are a couple of motions, which I'm not quite sure of because of the fact that I was in the At-Large and board meeting for the first couple of motions. I'm aware of one motion, which was the approval of proposed approach for implementing recommendations from the GNSO review. That has been withdrawn. It might be due to the lack of time to actually discuss it and proceed with it, so the work there, the vote that is required to approve the implementation of those recommendations has been moved to the next GNSO call.

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Apart from that, the big news of the day, of course, is the approval of the recommendations from the Cross Community Working Group on enhancing ICANN accountability. The GNSO chair decided to have the vote taking place in two phases.

The first phase was a batch of recommendations, which did not include recommendation 1, recommendation 2, recommendation 6, recommendation 10, and recommendation 11. If you ask me which these are, they can be referred to, of course, on your documents. So the first batch did not include these in there. The vote took place and the approval was unanimous.

Now, with regards to recommendation 1, 2, 6, 10, and 11, there were some abstentions and some no votes. On recommendation 1, there were two votes against. Recommendation 2, there were two, as well. Recommendation 6, there was one abstention and one no vote. Recommendation 10, there were two no votes, and recommendation 11, there were two no votes, as well. But since there were only two, the amount that you needed to pass the recommendation, the super majority was achieved. That's correct. Thank you, queen of process. The super majority was achieved, and therefore, the GNSO Council has approved the final report from being carried forward.



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Any questions on this specifically? I haven't finished my intervention, so I don't know whether you want me to finish. No, so let's have questions on this, and then I'll finish.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Since it's a matter of public record, can you save us the trouble of looking it up and telling us where the no's and the abstention's came from?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Alan. I thought you were going to ask me this question. On recommendation 1, the no votes came from David Cake and Edward Morris. Both of them have made statements as to the reason for their no vote, and these will be also transmitted by e-mail to the GNSO Council so as for them to be accurate.

On recommendation 2, Stefania Milan and Edward Morris voted no. There are also statements attached to this, and these are official statements, of course, which will be transmitted to the ICANN board.

Recommendation 6, Edward Morris abstained, and Marilia Maciel voted no. Recommendation 10, Edward Morris voted no, Marilia Maciel, and recommendation 11, Stefania Milan voted

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no, and Edward Morris voted no. As I said, for each of these, there is a reason, and it's carefully explained. If you wish, I can forward to the ALAC a compendium of the different statements which will be made, or I'm sure they will be published in due course.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Finally, one additional item which did get discussed after this discussion was a discussion on the RDAP implementation, and there was some unhappiness about some of the work that is currently being done. Bearing in mind that apparently, there are other tracks that are taking place simultaneously, so the council will probably continue discussion on this.

There was an additional noteworthy item that was brought forward during the open mike. As you know the GNSO has got a segment of time where people can stand on the microphone and ask questions and so on. One of the councilors brought forward the allegations that have come through, and unfortunately, I don't know much about the topic, but perhaps people do here of sexual harassment. That has been the discussion that has been going around. It has been brought forward to the council, and

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the council has formally said that it would assist in any way if there were any regulations or anything like that that would need to be designed within ICANN.

At the moment, it's understood that as far as staff is concerned, there are all sorts of clauses and so on in the bylaws of ICANN. As far as volunteers are concerned, they are not apart, of course, from the usual rules of procedures and the documents which ask for people to be courteous to each other etc. I don't have the exact names of it. I'm a little tired.

So that's the current status. I'm not sure whether the ALAC wishes to also offer its assistance in such a thing, but it seems that the determination around the room in the GNSO Council was to assist in any way it could.

ALAN GREENBERG: I see that Cheryl wants to comment on that. But before that, the ccNSO has approved the accountability proposal.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No, they have not. The ccNSO members. Sorry. Let's get it [inaudible]. [crosstalk]

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ALAN GREENBERG: The ccNSO Council, no?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No. the ccNSO members have indicated with a show of cards, which is the way they operate, their support. The council will now convene at 5:00 and deliberate and vote.

ALAN GREENBERG: Sorry. My information source was incorrect.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ask me.

ALAN GREENBERG: The goddess will now speak on sexual harassment.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Indeed, she will because it's a matter – I'd actually like to suggest that we can probably just call it harassment as an issue be it of a sexual and gender based nature or any other way.

It is essential. I would like to suggest – I can't imagine the At-Large community and the ALAC doing other than being in full support of us working together as a community to ensure that everyone feels safe and is able to contribute in the environment

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we work in be it at an ICANN meeting or online. Our online words are actually, only in recent times, quite good and quite adequate. As annoying as it is to agree, every time you enter into Adobe Connect rooms that you are going to follow certain principles, that is an important step to remind each and every one of us of the standards and behavioral norms that are expected of us, and if we can't behave in that way, we should get up and get out of the rooms.

It is a gap in the physical meetings. It is a matter that I am yet to find anyone other than supportive about sorting out. It is a matter of huge sensitivity because whilst we have a champion – if I can use that term advisedly – in a young woman whom I admire, who is willing to come forward and in a far more public than many of us would suggest most could do way bring it to our forefront, and I can assure you that there are many men and women who have stepped up to assist and support her to feel safe since she has had this experience here at this meeting.

But it's not just a matter of this case. This case is simply a touch paper. It's just a start. We do need to have safety mechanisms and abilities. We do need to have a situation where anyone who is new to the way we organize ourselves and the way we interact can know that if I am confused and if I feel threatened, this is the expectations of feeling safe that I can expect.

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We should commit, we should do it, we should support it, but we should also not get hysterical about it. Humans do really horrible things to their fellow humans. They are going to sadly continue to do it in our interactions here. What we do is manage and normalize the expectations.

I certainly want to put my hand up to contribute. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm going to take this opportunity to formally ask who supports what Cheryl just said?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: ALAC members only, or –

ALAN GREENBERG: No, not ALAC members only. If there is any activity going on within ICANN, which is going to help fix the solution, put rules in places – those of you who know me, I may add a couple of Machiavellian items after that, which I won't express – I strongly support it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission, because I am now in constant contact with my young friend, I would like to

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actually Skype to her that the unanimity of the At-Large in ALAC room is behind her cause. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thus, my report ends. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. One item that we had on the agenda yesterday – yesterday, two days ago, I’ve lost complete track, some day in the last few days – when we were talking about work group revitalization, work group killing off, whatever, we had a discussion of the IDN Working Group. The consensus in the group of the people in that room at the time was, although, there is still plenty of IDN work to be done, it was being done by a number of identified individuals, and there was no need to have a formal working group be designated in that role. There were a number of e-mail messages that followed that by people who had not been part of the discussion, and I guess I would like to suggest that we pretend the discussion never happened, and we will restart it making sure that all the people that need to be there are in the room at the time.

Thank you. How are we doing on time?

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: We have eight minutes. We can fill it. We can say, “Time for a bio break,” but you really need to be back at the table when he shows up, and he may show up 1.5 minutes early. So we’ll reconvene at about six minutes from now.

We are reconvening. Please take your seats.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Hello again, ALAC. It’s nice to see you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Are you sure?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Always. In any case, you made a request to meet with the incoming CEO, so here he is. You might not have noticed this, but he doesn’t go anywhere without a shepherd.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible] noticed.



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RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Right, so we'll let him introduce himself, and then you can ask him whatever you like.

GÖRAN MARBY: She's not the shepherd. The shepherd sits over there, and it will occasionally, yes, break loose. No, it was not a request more than from me because I wanted to meet you.

But with that said, I had the pleasure of actually meeting some of you starting already on Friday, on the famous bus ride of which I enjoyed it immensely. And also some people that I can't move out of the corridor, Sébastien, without meeting and also with some people that I discovered I had some joint friends with in Mexico, and even people that has been working for me, which is interesting, so I feel very much at home in this one.

First of all, I would like to thank you for having the opportunity to come here. In the end of everything, there is a user. You represent a very important group in an environment which is very professional. There's a lot of things happening and your group – and this is what my real chaperone tells me is very important, but I agree.

In the now, when the Internet is also growing, it came out of something and it became something else, and over the last couple of years, ICANN has gone from being an international

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organization into something which is really global. And in that process, it's very, very important that we also recognize all the differences in culture, language that exist around the world – not only on the regional basis, but also in countries and parts of countries sometimes.

You are really one of the most important groups to help us to understand that, and I'm really looking forward to work with you, to learn from you, and to have dinner with you even in the future. I would like to thank you very much for the dinner, and thank you very much for the omelet this morning. This is between us.

As I'm, I should say, trainee here – as I said, because I haven't really started, it became officially official yesterday when Steve suddenly told everybody that I will actually start in a way the 1st of April. But I will spend the first time learning, but also moving because I'm actually relocating myself and my family to Los Angeles, and I have to be there in the end of May. My family will come a little bit later after the summer, but I'm just trying to fix some small things like somewhere to live, a toothbrush, everything that you need to do, and I will do a lot of that.

When I start to then do things, what I will do is – and this is completely transparent – I will reach out to the communities first. These are the ones I would like to meet as much as

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possible, and this is the reasons I'm coming back to the statement I made in my speech on the opening speech when I said that the role of the ICANN CEO is to implement policies that comes from the community. That is, on a personal behalf, limited by being a civil servant and to be able to do that as much as I can, I need to understand and get input from you. Therefore, I will prioritize the community in this model before I leap onto everything else. But it will always be the basis of what I work.

When it comes to questions, don't ask me what I'm going to do for the first 100 days because right now, I don't know. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. I have to say, at a personal level, when I saw the announcement of your appointment, I was delighted for a bunch of different reasons. I haven't heard a single negative comment, which is perhaps interesting from this group because usually, we can come up with a couple. I look forward to you erasing the trainee from your label and look forward to working together for the next little while.

GÖRAN MARBY:

I forgot to say something about myself. Maybe this is due to my culture where I come from, which is Sweden, which is a very

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small community, which is built around the simple notion of consensus because if you're a small community, you have to work together. There's no other way. You have to share expertise, so that is in my gene pool, and that is how I also have a very interesting – maybe for you not interesting, but for me, interesting view on taking criticism.

I want you to share with me when I do something wrong, and I will not take that as criticism. I will try to take that as someone who wants to help me to do my job better. That's the way I function, and that's really what I would like to go forward. It well may happen that I will talk back to you if I don't agree, but that's also in the model. But I want really to create an open discussion because it's through the discussion that we actually can improve ourselves and make things better. We will not always agree, but I hope that through the discussion, you can teach me, and I can share my views, so never be afraid.

I wonder if that's a good statement, by the way, so tell me if I'm wrong. I bet you will anyway.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I will open the floor in a moment. I have to make one comment because I've been requested to make it. The open board meeting today was exceedingly productive compared to many

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of them in the past. We have come very close to scraping them because of the lack of productivity. That cannot be said about the last item on consumer trust. And once the incoming label is gone, we're going to talk a lot more about that. The ALAC and At-Large really is passionate about these issues, so we're not going to go into the details today, but we are serving notice.

Go ahead.

GÖRAN MARBY:

I got into a discussion of what a difference between what I'm going to do in the future and what I'm actually doing until the 27th. Many people have a view on what is the telecom regulator actually. What's the role of a telecom regulator? The telecom regulator is very simple. It's there to protect the end user. It's there to protect consumers, or there to protect citizens because the job of a regulator is to make sure that monopoly companies cannot take shod over the end consumers with agreements or payment systems that doesn't work. I'm trained in that mode, and it's been very important to me, so maybe we share some values in that. At least a notion of that in the end of everything, there is a user.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. We have a few people with their hands up. I have seen Sébastien and Tim. I ask people to keep their interventions short because Göran cannot stay for that long, and we want to give people an opportunity – and Tijani.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, and welcome. We knew that you were coming because they changed the temperature of the room. It started to be cold just when you came in, then it was to accommodate you, and we are happy to accommodate you with us here.

My second point is that you asked us to tell you the truth. I would like to request from you that you do the same. I am sure that you will, but it's better to say it, then just to imagine that maybe you will do it. Once again, welcome.

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you. I have problems of lying because I have a bad memory. If you want to be a good liar, you have to have a good memory, and I don't.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Tim.

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TIM DENTON: I used to be a telecom regulator myself. Hello. I have a really simple question, Sir. How do you prefer that your name be pronounced?

GÖRAN MARBY: I will now tell you a secret, and it's because it's a secret that I don't want to share it with everybody, but I trust you. I was in a meeting with some Chinese people, and they just told me that my name actually means a good looking horse that jumps well and gallops. I bet you will not tell anyone about that. It doesn't matter how you pronounce my name.

ALAN GREENBERG: Is that just the first name?

GÖRAN MARBY: Just the last name. Göran.

TIM DENTON: Göran.

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GÖRAN MARBY: Yeah. Now, I've worked internationally for the last 20 years, and no one else outside Sweden has ever been able to pronounce my name, so I've become used to it. As long as you use my name and not some other name about me.

TIM DENTON: And is it Marby or Marby?

GÖRAN MARBY: Marby.

TIM DENTON: Marby.

GÖRAN MARBY: Yeah. You sound like you're from Gothenburg, and I can't give anyone a better compliment than that.

TIM DENTON: I'm sure I came from there 1,000 years ago.

GÖRAN MARBY: Yeah, we were all Vikings.



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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I will speak in French, so please, if you want, put your headset on.

Thank you very much to come here and dedicate your first meeting with the community to our organization. Welcome. You have expressed, from the beginning, your desire to work with the people, to communicate with people. This is what we want.

I had a question I wanted to ask you, but Tim has asked it. How do you pronounce your name? Rinalia told us it is written one way, and it is pronounced another way. For me, it wasn't normal, but okay. It was a joke.

But what I wanted to say is that we want to work with you. We want to work in an open model in an open way with you. If you also want it, it will be perfect. If you don't want it, we will have problems. Thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY: I don't speak French very well, so I'm sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you for giving me the floor. I want to say as Tijani that we welcome the new CEO, and as a newcomer myself to this community, we hope that we will be able to work with you as long as it is possible. We hope to do a long way with you because

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we are very interested in this organization, and we think that it will be a space that will help us to work in the ICT area.

I hope you will be a leader behind this community and not in front of this community. We know the community. We know where we want to go, and you have to help us and guide us. Thank you, and good luck.

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you, and I hope I can be a part of the community, as well. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you very much, Chair. I'm going to speak Spanish.

I would like to welcome you to this meeting, and I would like to ask you, the out coming CEO, Fadi, had a mission. He turned ICANN into a global organization. What do you think would be the current challenge for this state or this new era that you are facing? Thank you.

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**GÖRAN MARBY:** It's a very good question, and I hope I can come back to it. The board and myself is working a lot to see what happens now, during, and after the transition period. I think I can already say that stability and transparency is going to be very, very important.

The reason I'm not giving you the full answer there is also a strategic plan for ICANN, which you all worked with, and that is the goal post of how we do things. If I may, I will say that the milestones that are produced right now, when it comes to handing over to NTIA will be very important, and I have to prove myself to make sure that we also deliver based on done promises. But I will come back to you. Thank you.

**ALAN GREENBERG:** Go ahead, [inaudible].

**UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:** I am [inaudible]. I'm a guest amongst you. I represent the National Bar Association in Tunisia. I wish you, Sir, all the success in your new mission, and we are sure that you will complete successfully what your predecessor began.

I have two wishes. The first wish is from Africa. You need to complete the work that is being done. It's a continent that

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deserves all the good work. It's fertile for Internet, and we are looking forward that ICANN should have a great role in that.

The second wish is that you should try to have linkages with the NGOs because through them, the dissemination will be achieved of ICANN. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I'm not sure to what extent you've been briefed. We invited a number of NGOs from Africa to join us around the table. Wave your hands. They're not all here today. One more there. I must say, they participated. They were sort of dropped in here without a lot of history and knowledge of ICANN, and have participated very actively in our discussions, and it shows what can be done if we try a little bit. Thank you.

How much more time do we have? Four more minutes. We have Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes, very short, and I think that Tijani could talk about that or Aziz. We went to the university yesterday. We talked in front of 100 students, and it was refreshing, very good, very well organized by both Aziz and Tijani. They have done a lot during this week. Thanks to them.

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But the students: some of them came here and spent two days with us, and some others, we just met them at the university. It was a great moment, and I really hope that we will repeat that in other countries. And specifically, particularly in the B Meeting where it's targeted to go to a country where we're not used to going, and hopefully, on the Monday to do some outreach. Once again, the session at the university was great. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. We have a remote comment.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, Chair. This is Yesim from ICANN staff.

[inaudible] says: "Welcome, Señor Göran. From Venezuela, we welcome you. Thank you."

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you, Venezuela.

ALAN GREENBERG: Last call.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Alan, I was just going to point out to our new CEO that we as a community make extensive use of the online facilities that ICANN is kind enough to provide us with as well as, obviously, our interpretation services at these types of meetings. And indeed, in our teleconferences, which routinely run in simultaneous interpretation in three languages. Our community is expecting multi-levels of communication in and out of a room, and so you'll often get remote participants having an absolutely equal footing in the room. And of course, you picked up on the fact that we had welcoming coming in from Venezuela, so thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. The issue of diversity is often raised. Sometimes we look at the other parts of ICANN and say, "What's the problem? Why are you having such a hard time?" But some of it comes automatically to us. That doesn't mean we don't have to try a little bit harder.

Any other further questions, comments? We're done. Thank you very much. Oh, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, former Chair and always has to get the last word in.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. Yeah, I thought, “Well, the other former Chair had said something, so I had to say something, too.” I had to think long and hard to think what I was going to think about and say, and unfortunately, it was very difficult.

But you're let off this time because you're the incoming president, so the next time, I think we'll probably need more time with you, and also, there will be a fire of questions coming down your way and things. But we're really looking forward to working with you, and I'm personally very excited that, first, you come from Europe and your background and the way that you approach things is absolutely great, so really looking forward to making history in the future. Thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you, and thank you for letting me come here. I hope that I will come back many, many times. I'm looking forward to the questions, but also to the answers. Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

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ALAN GREENBERG: That was exactly what I was going to say. The meeting hasn't ended yet. Thank you very much.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you, ALAC.

ALAN GREENBERG: ALAC and regional leaders and other people who we have as guests.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: ALAC, regional leaders, and other At-Large community members.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Now, we had a comment from a remote participant on the last issue we were talking about that is on harassment. Yesim.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, Chair. Again, [inaudible] says: "LACRALO should speak with APC on the subject of virtual harassment and cyber bullying. Thank you."



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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Bullying.

ALAN GREENBERG: This is a test of your English.

YESIM NAZLAR: Please do excuse my English. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Your English is marvelous, and some of us are in love with your accent. [crosstalk] Oh, dear. I saw a hand up somewhere. I did see a hand somewhere. Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: I'll speak in Spanish. I have the same question as [inaudible], and from my ALS, we are working on that, and we are delivering conversations in the secondary schools. We have been working with many students.

For example, in one province of Argentina, we had, in two days, three meetings one day, and three meetings another day with more than 150 students. So I will discuss this with Humberto and

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the new incoming CEO will have more work to do because of course, I will ask him to help me.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. This is the last formal meeting for the ALAC as such. There is a regional leaders meeting starting immediately after this, and we've already run a little bit late following what we are planning to but earlier than we had originally intended, I believe. I'd like to call this meeting to an end. I thank you all for your participation and the active work that was done here. I think we were very successful.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We have one more item.

ALAN GREENBERG: We have one more item. Sorry. There's a Vice Chair's announcement. Ah, now I know what it is. My apologies.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan. As you know, this week, we had five NGOs that came with us and that have been trained during morning sessions during this week and also who participated in other ALAC sessions. They participated strongly or, let's say,

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more than expected in the ALAC sessions, but they participated also in the other sessions.

Yes, and we get to the university, and they get with us to the university, so it was a huge week for them. We want to give them a certificate, so Aziz and Alan will do that.

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible] Next one is Madam [inaudible]. She's sick. She got a little bit sick, so we wish to thank her more than others because she has stayed in the room when she was not feeling well. [inaudible] there are more women than men in the room.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible] NGO Cameroon.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Dear Aziz, I thank you. At the request of everyone, I will make a speech. Thank you very much. My dear, Aziz, dear [inaudible], I thank you for this certificate.

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I am a little bit disappointed that the new CEO that comes at the same time as me doesn't give it himself. I didn't understand his name I think is crazy horse or something like that.

AZIZ HILALI:

It's not from the president of ICANN. It's the RALOs that offers this gift and this certificate. It's the ALAC Chairman that offers the certificate. Thank you, Alan. Thanks a lot.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Come here, everyone. Please come closer. We will take a picture. We will take a group picture. With [Terri], we'll take a group photo.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Have I forgotten anything else before we can adjourn? Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

Mr. Chair, wait. You forget nothing, but we want to thank you for your hard work here in [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. I do have some thanks, but yes, please go ahead.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I have prepared a speech on Tunis for three minutes. If it doesn't bother you, I will speak for three minutes if it's possible. If you're busy, and we don't have the time for this, it's okay.

ALAN GREENBERG: Please.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm looking for my speech because I have written it. I hope that the translation will be accurate.

[inaudible] Tunis. This is the same meaning for the country. It's a country of ease and tranquility and peace. Maybe Tunisia may not be big in its geographical size or in its natural wealth; however, it is wealthy with human capital and a multitude of civilizations over the history which qualified it to be in a special position in its geographical and international environment. It is opened on itself and on other countries.

Who says Tunisia? Says Hannibal, says Alyssa, says Roman ruins, and Uqba ibn Nafi, and Tariq ibn Ziyad, and Kairouan, as well as Bayt Al-Hikma, Ibn Khaldun, [Imam] [inaudible], and Kadi Iyad. That's the country of independence and constructions, the wisdom of bourguiba in 14 June 2011.

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If the people one day need to live, the destiny must respond. Aboul-Qacem Echebbi the poet said that, and the people of Tunisia said, “Go ahead.” Go away to Ben Ali in a time where it was history. It was a historical moment. This is a moment that was very difficult for Tunisia, but the people of Tunisia wanted to express their will. But the will of the people cannot be defeated.

The Tunisian revolution was a very good one, and it did not happen overnight. It found the Tunisian people in a very difficult situation, and it faced a very difficult political position, political situation, economical situation which was not used to the plurality. The political assassinations made things even more complicated, and this almost lead to a civil war in Tunisia.

So the quartet that has lead the dialog, which is the Union of Tunisia for Commerce and Trade and the Tunisian League for Human Rights, this quartet lead the way and paved the way towards very clear and transparent and democratic elections.

The way in front of Tunisia is very difficult, especially on the social and economic level. In front of Tunisia, there is a great deal of work and a lot of challenges in order to live together and build a strong and balanced economy and an open political will and foreign policy. Tunisia needs support from the international community.

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While we're with you in the community of ICANN, we call upon you to come as guests to our country and to see what I was explaining to you in Tunisia. There is a great deal of human capital and human powers. There is a lot of opportunity for investment, and we call upon you, we invite you from this platform to invest in our country and in our home. You can come to our home any way, any time.

I'm very happy to be with you today and this week. This was a great experience, and I will talk about it to the people of my country, Tunisia. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. Without any further ado, we have another meeting starting here a minute ago, so I would like to thank everyone on the ALAC. The regional leaders will be staying for their next meeting. Everyone else, of course, is welcome to stay.

As the last ALAC meeting, I'd like to thank, first of all, our interpreters, who were supposed to have been given a break, and we didn't give them one. They may need a few minutes.

Second of all, our technical staff behind me on my left. This has been another meeting and they're becoming routine and boring where everything works all the time. It's really nice. Thank you.

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Tijani says we have to touch wood. There's wood under every table. We're okay.

Last but not least, the At-Large staff, who have been supporting us.

It's been a great meeting. Thank you all, and we'll see you tomorrow because of course, the meeting itself is not over, just our part of it. Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. If I may, very important information that I'm sure everyone wants to know is what time the buses run to the gala this evening. They leave from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, 1900 to 2000 from in front of the conference center. The last bus leaves at 2000. The return buses start at 2130, 9:30 PM, running every 30 minutes back to the various hotels, and the last bus leaves at 11:30 PM, 2330. Thank you. Have a lovely evening.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you all.

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