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CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Thank you. I hope you have been able to have a look at the communique. We'll start in a few minutes, so please start taking your seats and, yeah, look at the paper.

OLOF NORDLING: Dear all, just as a piece of information, for those that are expecting that the upcoming session will deal with the IGO names and acronyms protection, that session, due to a very-last-minute change of the agenda for today, has already happened.

So the upcoming session will be the communique drafting exercise, and you're equally welcome to attend that one, if you're a visitor, but don't expect much to -- everything to be about the IGO names and acronyms protection. Thank you.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Thank you. Please, Netherlands and Norway, take your seats as well. I would never single out any particular persons, of course.

[Laughter]

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: And whoever else is still standing in the back.

We are now -- I'm handing over to Tom, and so he will quickly explain why this text as a whole is much longer than we expected and what we're going to do about this.

Okay. Thank you, Tom.

TOM DALE: Yes. Thank you, Thomas.

I can certainly explain to you the reasons for each part of the text and why it seems to have become a lot longer than was originally planned. As far as what to do about it is concerned, of course that's up to the GAC. But I'll quickly run through the text that's been distributed to you via email and also, as per GAC tradition, in hard copy, explain the origins of the wording, and then hand back to the chair.

The first section of the communique deals with inter-constituency activities and community engagement. That's essentially about the meetings that the GAC has had with a range of other stakeholders, including other SOs and ACs. This is something we always include in the communique.

There is a statement there concerning the cross-community sessions and the fact that the GAC actively engaged in those sessions.

We have a short summary of our meeting with the GNSO.

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Then there is a section in the communique concerning internal matters to the GAC.

There is text there concerning the BGRI meeting and the outcomes of that that we had at the beginning of this week, you will recall. That text is provided by Egypt, as one of the co-chairs of the BGRI.

There is a description of the session that the GAC had on capacity-building. That text was provided by the co-chairs of the GAC working group on underserved regions.

There are working group updates provided by the relevant co-chairs for the GAC working groups on human rights and international law, protection of geographic names in new gTLDs, and the NomCom. Some material is being provided shortly on

the public safety working group and also a short summary of the review of the GAC operating principles discussion yesterday.

There is a short section on the GAC's discussions on the independent secretariat.

Then there is a section very briefly on IANA stewardship and ICANN accountability which notes three areas of discussion that took place over this week.

There is a section dealing with other issues, which at the moment covers the briefing that we had from the chair of the CCT review team and also some material on IGO protections that is not advice to the board but it is material that has been included there provided by the OECD on behalf of the IGO coalition.

The section on GAC advice to the ICANN board, there is a section, to begin with, on future gTLD policies and procedures. You will recall this was in the zero draft that I circulated last week. This is mostly the original draft, but there is an alternative opening there provided by the European Commission for your consideration.

We will come back to this drafting detail later, of course, but it's essentially mostly the draft that was circulated to you a little over a week ago.

The section dealing with privacy and proxy services accreditation issues, the recommendation there -- sorry, the advice to the board there comes from the GAC public safety working group co-chair.

Each of the -- I should point out each of the sections on GAC advice includes a rationale, in accordance with the requirements in the new bylaws that will shortly come into effect, so it's an attempt to anticipate the requirement in those bylaws to include a rationale. It doesn't have to have a heading saying "Rationale," but as it happens, this was the way it was drafted so that's the reason why these rationales have been included and identified separately for the first time in the communique.

There is a section dealing with two-letter country codes at the second level. This was prepared by a small drafting group that was -- that convened after the discussion on Monday, chaired by Spain but with a number of other delegations, I believe, and that's where that material comes from.

Similarly, the proposed advice to the board concerning use of three-letter codes in gTLDs was also prepared -- prepared within that same small group of GAC members and coordinated by Spain.

The section on advice to the board concerning protection of IGO names and acronyms was submitted by the representative of the OECD on behalf of the other IGOs.

And the document concludes with the next meeting.

Thank you, Thomas.

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