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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. ICANN63 daily overview of GAC sessions.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So if you can start taking your seats, we will be starting in a minute.
Thank you. [AUDIO BREAK]

So welcome back, everyone. This is our daily overview of the GAC sessions per agenda item 21 scheduled for 15 minutes. So we are already late, but I would like to first use the first 5 minutes or so to bring to everyone's attention ICANN standards of behavior. So Rob, over to you, please.

ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you very much, Manal. Gulten, we can put up the slides; that would be great. Manal asked me to provide an overview for you all on ICANN standards of behavior, a brief history on where things stand at present. It was back in 2007 when the organization first commissioned an overall review of the transparency and accountability standards for the organization. And at that point, I've highlighted the text of that original report. There was a significant emphasis on the need to encourage participation, instill trust and generally make all the information available if there were disputes or other areas that members of the community thought were necessary

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in terms of review, in terms of difficulties that they had in process or in connections between different groups or different individuals.

On the next slide I share that those original principles and recommendations were formerly pulled together in the form of ICANN expected standards of behavior. Basically, the report was taken, the Board reviewed it, there was public comment, and the result was a document that set out some general standards or expectations. Some folks referred to them as common sense, but there was a recognition that various cultures were coming together on a regular basis at ICANN and it was very important that everybody had a baseline for understanding how to conduct their work and conduct themselves frankly.

And so the standards applied from an organizational perspective across the organization, within communities, and generally as well. What I provided on this slide is a link to the expected standards of behavior because after the 2008 adoption, they were reviewed and modified, amended if you will, on two separate occasions. The most recent time being in 2016, a couple of years ago just after the Marrakech meeting.

On the next slide I have a general picture of what they look like now, and if you were to compare them with the previous, you would see that there were about 6 principles and now we've got closer to 9. They are provided on the website for anybody to look at, and you will notice that whenever we open a meeting on the Adobe Connect room, when we have a webinar, when you sign in to Adobe Connect, you have to

click 'Yes, I accept the standards of behavior', because these aren't, you know, laws, they are expectations that you've all shared, that the community has agreed to, and it's how you all are expected to conduct yourselves and how you engage with each other. That applies not just to the Board, to the community members; it also applies to us to as staff. So it's the entirely community.

Now, Manal, what I've broken down in the following slides and basically I provided this slide deck basically for anyone who wants to reference it or take it with them. I also made a copy of this document, and we've got copies back at the staff table if anyone wants to take it with them for further reference. There's no current active efforts on the part of the organization as a whole to review these, but as we'll talk about tomorrow, with Feng's new working group that's being developed to review the operating principles, this may be documentation that the committee wants to reference, or otherwise include components on, as you more fully evolve and express your own operating principles.

So Manal, that's the overview. I do have slides, as I said, that pull out because obviously nobody can read these particular items, and I'm happy to have folks reference those or ask any questions. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Rob. So, any questions before we move on? Great. So I hope this serves as a useful reminder for how the GAC should conduct its affairs as well as what GAC should expect from others in the community as well when dealing with them. So with this,

can I hand over to you, Tom, quickly for an overview of the sessions today?

TOM DALE:

Thank you, Manal, good morning everybody. The GAC will shortly have a brief session reviewing the outcomes from the High Level Governmental Meeting yesterday, and reviewing any lessons learned, and possible future initiatives in presentation for the next HLG. The GAC will be then having a discussion involving the GAC working group on participation in the NomCom, which is chaired by Olga Cavalli from Argentina and also some members of the current NomCom leadership to clarify a number of issues concerning potential GAC involvement in the NomCom.

Then the GAC will be reserving an evaluation report on the GAC capacity building workshops that have been conducted over the last year or two under the auspices of the GAC underserved regions working group and with ICANN org. Then after lunch, the GAC has meetings with the ccNSO, and that's the Country Code Name Supporting Organization which represents the interest of most but not all country code top level domains, and then meeting with ALAC. ALAC is the At-Large Advisory Committee, and ALAC is a regional based part of the ICANN community representing end users of the Internet in general.

And after a break the GAC will be having a meeting with the ICANN Board. There were a number of discussions with ICANN Board members on Sunday. It seems like a long time ago. It was Sunday, as

you will recall. But this is the full Board and this is a regular event, a very popular one for other members of the community, when the GAC and the full ICANN Board have a face to face meeting, and as you're aware, the GAC has flagged a number of issues to raise with the Board.

There will then be a short review point to see where things are with the communique, and then finally just some changes which I think you were advised on by email a few days ago. Before the initial communique drafting session late this afternoon, there will be two very short sessions for information for the GAC. One dealing with the situation with the applications for .amazon, and one dealing with the latest situation with the reconvened policy development process recommendations for protection of Red Cross and Red Crescent identifiers. And certainly the .amazon issue is confirmed. I'm not sure about the other one, but we will let you know. And then the intention is to conclude with a drafting session. So that's the rest of the day. Thank you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Tom. Any comments on today's agenda? Kavouss, please go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, maybe I have not carefully look at the items we will discuss with the Board. Did we mention that what would happen if there is no decision on the temporary specification before 25th of May, 2019? What would happen? Because the lifetime is only one year, so that is --

I don't know whether it is there in one way or another, but I just wondered that if it is not, I will raise that question with your permission. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. It's already on the list of questions to the Board. Thank you. Any other comments? Okay. If not, then this concludes the overview part, and are we good to start the following session?

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