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JULIA CHARVOLEN: Welcome to the communique drafting session.

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I will hand it over to the GAC chair, Manal Ismail. Manal, please.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Julia, and welcome back everyone. We are now starting our last communique drafting session, also scheduled for an hour. So let's keep this hour to finalize the communique.

So if we can -- can someone help me to recall the things that are pending? We have the text for Iran under accountability and we have the underserved regions working group they was not read. Fabien, sorry, go ahead.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal. We have the public safety working group text, I think that was in [indiscernible] we have issues of importance to the GAC, still some edits and subsequent rounds of new gTLD. We have received text for the data protection section and issues of importance to the GAC. And I will let Benedetta catch up.

Section 3 of issues of importance to the GAC. Sorry, it's number 4. We have two number 3's, we will fix that. IGO protections. We have text on the CCWG accountability work stream 2 work stream implementation and it appears we have new edits in [indiscernible]

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. So I see Georgios' hand up and then let's take them maybe after we finish this part we can go to the accountability

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IGO's and then the underserved regions working group, and I'm keeping this till the end because hoping it's not controversial. Apologies, Pua.

GEORGIOS TSELENTIS: Thank you, Manal for giving me the floor. Following the discussion, and apologies under the follow up of previous advice we looked again at the text of the San Juan communique and kindly Paul Blaker suggested some alternative text. The issue here is that the San Juan communique doesn't refer to any successor systems but to the specific one we were having to consideration at this particular time so it's not accurate what we have there.

There is another formulation that I proposed here to replace what we have in the follow up of previous advice. If you want, we can take this point now or later, I mean, Manal, I will leave it up to you how you want to handle this.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Georgios. Let's take Kavouss and then decide on the text. Kavouss please.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Hello? Thank you very much. Manal. I suggest that you are kindly not to leave the text that we have suggested to the end, just take it as soon as possible. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much. Yeah, the sequence I was proposing was that this is the coming text. I just thought that this is -- we finish the EPDP since we are already almost done and then we go to the part you have suggested, Kavouss.

So now after the clarification we heard from Georgios. Let me read the text on the screen. So the green text proposed new text -- okay thank you. In line with its previous advice, the GAC observed the need to maintain WHOIS access to the fullest extent possible and noted that in its San Juan communique it advised the ICANN board to instruct ICANN org to distinguish between legal and natural persons allowing for public access to WHOIS data of hello entities which are not in the remit of the GDPR. The GAC reiterates that this advice still stance and should be considered as part of the EPDP.

So two things here. Do we want it to still be under the EPDP or should we have a full stop under should be considered and then keep it open -- because again as I said, this is a GAC advice so if it

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is not followed, it triggered the bylaws so we need to be accurate.

GEORGIOS TSELENTIS: Should be considered I think is fine.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Just to keep it flexible if there is some other way, then the important message is to be considered.

Okay. Comments or objections to this? If not, then let's go to the part that was suggested by Kavouss.

The text submitted by Kavouss. Under accountability. Yes, CCWG accountability, work stream -- the text reads: Sorry, we have already read the text, so so for the sake of time let me open the discussion directly because I don't think there is any changes in the text than the one we read in the previous session.

So any comments to having this text here? Kavouss please.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah, yes, still in this last part is EWS-II, please delete to work stream 2. So the last part there was some edits that was made yeah, thank you very much.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you Kavouss. Again, I'm just wondering whether this is related to work stream 2 and should be placed here or... just reading comments in the chat. So Denmark, it's not clear to me how this relates to issues of ICANN jurisdiction. As it is, this relates to the question of where registries are established which is an issue outside ICANN remit.

Just checking that I haven't missed any other comments.

So Kavouss, one suggestion and I will give you the floor immediately. And I think we have done this before and I suggested this I think also at the beginning our discussion that we maybe move it to the minutes since it's part of -- I mean you flag it, it's going to be in the minutes but maybe the communique is not the best place but I will give you the floor, Kavouss, to discuss.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Thank you very much, Manal. I had the pleasure and the privilege to sit more or less close to the distinguished delegate, representative of Denmark. Working together. This was discussed in the jurisdiction. There were two recommendations, there is a report mentioned. The problem that some countries facing and so on, so forth, there is a course of action proposed and at the they've Jorge was mentioning if this course of action

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does not work we may need another way how to address the issue so it is under the jurisdiction. Work stream 2, so that is the situation.

With respect to your case, Manal, I refer you to the GAC in Marrakesh recently in the high level meeting, we had the same thing and there was in the communique part similar issues human rights and instead of some member states it says one member state. Perhaps I would say usually we would not count the heads so that is appropriate to put it in the communique because of the views of some member states.

So I know some countries don't like that because they are not facing these problems but we should have understanding, work together and have collaboration and understand each other's problems. In particular you know with this COVID-19 people are so affected from one side to the other so more or less pushed for universal cooperation, collaborations and so on so it's a problem of some countries, not only our country or some other countries, I don't want to name them. Some are here and some raised that so it matters. I think it could be done one GAC member or some GAC members, that is one possibility.

The other possibility would be that we refer to that as follows that one states the problems, difficulties they're facing with

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respect to free access use of the DNS sources and that GAC member made a statement, it is reflected in the minutes of the GAC 68 meeting.

Two possibilities, but our purpose is preference is put it here because it was in the GAC Marrakesh and similar course of action, we mentioned in the communique not the first time, there is a precedent but should there be serious objections -- I hope UK does not object to the word serious -- and then we could go to the second [indiscernible] reference that in the communique but not mention the issue in the communique but the statement but put it in the minutes.

So that is the situation. I leave it to you and both ways is possible. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kavouss, for your flexibility and it was not Marrakesh, I think it was Barcelona -- I'm not sure but it was a high level meeting and we did this before. Okay. So can we have the second proposal on the screen as well? So one GAC member stated --



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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: The difficulties -- I think I had put something, I put it in the chat maybe.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Do we have someone writing -- okay, thank you. Please go ahead, Kavouss.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: I put it one or some GAC member stated the difficulties that it or they currently encountered or encountering in access DNS resources. The view of this or these GAC members is or are reflected in the minutes of the GAC 68 meeting and then we put their statement after that in the minutes of the meeting. The GAC member of the [indiscernible] of Iran -- I just give the formulation. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you. Kavouss. So now the proposed text, I would say one GAC member unless others would speak to support having themselves counted also here. So one GAC member stated the difficulties they currently encountered in access to DNS resources. The views of this GAC member.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Is reflected.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. The view of this GAC member is reflected in the minutes -- and I leave it to staff to refer to the minutes of our meeting, ICANN68, GAC meeting.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Remaining goes to the minutes.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Sure. Any objections to this? I see support in the chat. Annaliese and Luisa, thank you. So any other comments on this part? Okay. If not then let's continue scrolling up.

And Denmark -- I'm reading Denmark in the chat: I prefer the last suggestion, I'm still not sure it is within the ICANN remit as I see it this relates to the question of where registries are established. So Finn, but you prefer this last suggestion if I understand you correctly, so Kavouss, anything at this stage?

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah, I think I have to sit down and at a physical meeting have a coffee with my colleague with Denmark. He's insisting it's a state -- it was discussed even yesterday, I raised it with the board members in a very implicit manner and so on, so forth, Russia, Brazil, many countries have the same thing, people maybe have forgotten this situation but I have not, but I do not want to argue with my colleague from Denmark, when we say the views of this GAC member -- the concerns of this GAC member, not views. It is not views anymore. Please kindly change the word views with concern.

The concerns of this GAC member is reflected in the minutes of the ICANN68 GAC meeting. I thank you very much and I hope I would have this opportunity to sit down with Denmark and refresh him, he always has a laptop or tablet and he will quickly take the work stream 2, thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss, we all miss our face-to-face meetings and having coffee. I see it already reflected on the screen. I see support from Finn to this, at least no objection to this, and to having coffee with you, Kavouss, and also support from Vernita from the US.

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So thank you foreign your flexibility, and let's scroll up. And I see the coffee gaining consensus [laughing] Fabien, go ahead. This is an old hand, Kavouss, right? So Fabien please.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Just checking whether you want to complete this section now or move to another section.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Sorry, so we need to read the text highlighted in yellow.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Yes, and there is a comment, if I may read, which is the first paragraph here is additional optional text approved by the human rights and international law working group co-chairs to either be inserted here if needed to supplement the text below or we add it under summary of the plenary session or delete it if not need the at all.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So this is the first paragraph? This is new text right? So we need to read it?

Thank you, Fabien so the text reads the GAC human rights and international law working group updated the GAC on the current

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status of cross community working group accountability work stream 2 recommendations implementation. Presented sample human rights impact assessment tool intended to help ICANN supporting organizations and advisory committees including the GAC to org and track implementation of the various work stream 2 recommendations. The GAC chair encouraged GAC members to express their interest in either volunteering to participate in cross community efforts or to contribute to specific GAC implementation efforts that impact GAC operations. So anything -- any comments?

Kavouss please, go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Thank you, Manal. For those people who may not be familiar with how the international meetings are carried out, a statement is a declaration of a country, it is not subject to any objections. This is the prerogative right and sovereign right of that country to make a statement. Never ever any other country make a counter statement on that. This is the right of that country.

Therefore, the text which is now suggested to be in the communique is the leading text, and it refers to the minute of the GAC meeting and that text may be slightly modified because it is now a statement belong to go one country. If it is some

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countries I have no problem not to touch it but with one country it may be.

Usually we try to keep it as it is but it may have some small editing and we will do that within the 48 hours but that is a statement from us and that is important and the last portions very important we request the ICANN board and the CEO and president of ICANN to implement said recommendation and the report of the work stream 2 jurisdiction and make every effort to remove the obstacle of these people, organizations in order to have access to the Internet and resources and also this is important for public rights, not subject to any counter statement of any distinguished colleagues, thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kavouss, and I didn't see any counter-arguments. Objections were to the place or to whether it was discussed here or not but not to challenge one member's views. Because as you mentioned, this is the country's view, it cannot be challenged or discussed. So we're discussing procedural matters here and definitely not the views of one country. But thank you for flagging this.

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So any comments on the human rights and international law part? And I can see the correction put by Suada in the chat. I believe it's been reflected. Kavouss, is this a new hand?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, new hand. Manal. Now you do the what is happening now.

The last part of the statement going into the minute would be inside the communique. This GAC member -- because after we raise the concerns, we would like to put the operational part. This GAC member requested, the last portion will come to the part of the communique this, GAC member requests the ICANN board so on, so forth. That would can part of the leading program and the remaining goes to the minutes of the session. I hope I'm clear. So the vast part of the statement requesting ICANN board and ICANN CEO and president to take action will come into the communique after the concerns of that one country. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Fabien, kindly put that one here?

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FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Sorry, I'm handling input on the first part, I apologize for this. Could you please repeat these areas of suggestion to edit the text?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: I wish to see the text that I suggest that removing from the statement into the part of the communique, this GAC member therefore requests -- thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Kavouss, if I may ask this sentence you want to add that you put it in the chat maybe so they can take it easily and --

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: I don't have to add anything [overlapping conversations] no, that part have the statement going to the communique, [indiscernible] this is the preamble and the operating parties, that GAC member requests the ICANN board and ICANN CEO and so on, so forth --

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: If I may ask, why are we going back to to to this text. I thought we all agreed to what was on the screen.



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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, but the operative part when we raise the concerns -- so we have to put the operative part. This GAC member therefore requests we have this right to object and no one could object to our request. We have the right to request the ICANN board and CEO to [indiscernible] different solicitation. Is it a wrong request? They don't want to prevent the recommendation?

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: If we can get the text back, Fabien, because frankly I'm not following.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah, please get it back. Thank you.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, please hold on we're working on it, we are going through the previous versions.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Are we able to work in parallel? Can we continue until the text comes on the screen?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Sure.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: It's very simple, very, very simple. One minute.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: We only have 30 minutes to finish the communique, and meanwhile Kavouss, as they put the text on the screen, let's finalize the part on human rights and international law. Any comments to the text as it stands on the screen and whether this should be inserted here or in some other parts of the communique? I think the co-chairs were kindly very flexible. And I see no requests for the floor. And Lina confirming the text. So this is done.

Kavouss, the text is on the screen. It reads: These GAC members -- so you are suggesting this GAC member --

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes therefore this GAC member therefore -- this GAC member therefore requests ICANN board and ICANN president CEO to take necessary action. Delete p at the end of [indiscernible] work stream 2 recommendation, please kindly correct that.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. And meanwhile, Kavouss, if I may we normally don't request the president and CEO to take actions in the

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informational part of the communique, we usually do this in GAC advice, so I'm just wondering whether the text here would --

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Manal, this is one country requesting. Why is it not allowed? What is wrong with that? Thank you. I hope Denmark would not oppose that. I hope we're working together. Today I was silent in many ways to collaborate. I hope people also collaborating with me.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes, we need all your collaboration in the remaining 28 minutes. So this GAC member therefore requests ICANN board and ICANN president and CEO to take necessary action pursuant to work stream 2 recommendation and is associated reports dealing with jurisdiction to remove obstacles mentioned above in order to facilitate access of these GAC members to DNS resources. So is this okay with everyone? Comments?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: This GAC member, not these. This GAC member, singular, yeah. Thank you.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. So let's scroll up. So this CCWG, I think we're done -- the part in yellow, do we need to resolve this as well Fabien or is it only...

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: If I recall correctly, this was read and there were suggestions to improve the readability which we have reflected. So I believe you may want to reread with the edits if you like. I believe this was read already.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. So just to complete the section, GAC members discussed issues related to the implementation of work stream 2 recommendations that are of interest to or directly impact the GAC, discussions covered how these issues might be assessed, prioritized and implemented in an effective manner and needs to continue work on the stream stream 2 topics which cause concerns among some GAC members. Thank you. Any comments? Okay let's scroll up, please.

The IGO protections, and this is new text I believe submitted by Brian and it reads: The GAC received an update that, while the GNSO council had adopted a revised charter concerning a focused working group to produce policy recommendations which address concerns raised over IGO access to a curative

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dispute resolution mechanism, selecting a chair and moving ahead with such policy effort remained pending.

And Brian, should be a singular mechanism, so please remove the s from mechanisms. So Brian, just a friendly amendment, can we maybe say that the GAC received an update on so and so but the GAC notes that this thing still remaining pending? I think while makes the whole thing is little bit negative but again, I'm in your hand.

I see Kavouss' hand up as well.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Yes, for Brian, I think maybe at the end instead of pending we say that the selection of a chair or selecting a chair and moving ahead with such policy need to be accelerated. When we say it's pending, okay -- we have to say to be accelerated or when pending and after pending a need to be accelerated as soon as possible, something a little bit more precise if Brian accepts. If doesn't accept, I have no problem. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR:

Okay. Thank you, Kavouss, for the flexibility. Then let's try to do this quickly. The GAC received an update that the GNSO had adopted -- I mean if there is better English please suggest. I'm

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just suggesting to -- yes, that the GNSO council had adopted a revised charter concerning a focused working group to produce policy recommendations which address concerns raised over IGO access to a curative dispute resolution mechanism -- full stop or comma noting that selecting a chair and moving ahead with such policy efforts remains pending.

And raise suggestion in the chat -- and Brian please, go ahead.

BRIAN BECKHAM:

Brian Beckham for the record. With respect to what is on the screen, perfectly fine and to the suggestion from Kavouss, that is perfectly fine. The truth is this was meant to be done already some time ago so the notion of accelerating that fits well, at a later time, of course we have been cognizant that there have been intervening events, namely the current countries to people's attentions may have been focused elsewhere so while certainly agreeing with that, just mentioning the reasons it hadn't been undertaken was out of our control.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brian. And thank you for your flexibility as well. Jorge?

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JORGE CANCIO, GAC VICE-CHAIR: Thank you, Manal, and hello everyone. This is Jorge Cancio, for the record. I just posted a variation of the text that [indiscernible] that I think responds to what you were looking for Manal, eliminates the -- in the last section of the sentence, goes with is in the process of selecting a chair prior to moving ahead. So we simplify everything and eliminate the negative connotation that could have read into the text.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Jorge, for the helpful suggestion. I see also Brian agreeing to the text.

So if there are no further comments we can move on, unless Brian, this is a new hand?

BRIAN BECKHAM: Sorry, old hand.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: It's okay. So we're good with the IGO part. If we can scroll up please. And I think I missed a comment from Vernita from US. We agree to the first paragraph. The second paragraph does not fit here, should be included in the minutes. So I assume this is regarding the part under the work stream 2 accountability, so

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let's read the text we haven't read before and then go back to the accountability.

Sorry to keep you moving up and down.

So thank you, Vernita, noted, we will return to. I think the underserved regions -- so is the PSWG also new text?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Yes, Manal, it is.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you Fabien. So the GAC public safety working group, text reads the GAC public safety working group led two sessions with the GAC on DNS abuse mitigation measures and briefed GAC members on its ongoing efforts to combat COVID-19 linked fraud and abuse. While it was noted that many registrars showed a strong willingness to communicate with public safety officials during this pandemic and to review domains referred by them, there were nonetheless concerns expressed by law enforcement at the continued use of privacy proxy services by those seeking to exploit the pandemic and the resulting delays in investigations.



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The PSWG also highlighted the need for governments, ICANN and the community to take a multi pronged approach to combating DNS abuse, including consumer and business education and awareness raising and robust enforcement of applicable ICANN contract provisions. Members of the PSWG also participated in the expedited policy development process on the temporary specification for gTLD registration data and the cross community session on DNS abuse.

Finally, the PSWG held discussions with ICANN's CTO and SSR teams, the security and stability advisory committee, the registry and registry and registrar stakeholder groups and the intellectual property and constituencies of the GNSO.

Comments? Okay, then the underserved regions working group, if we can scroll down please. And this text reads: [reading] the GAC underserved regions working group has completed review of the GAC [reading] any comments? Okay. So anything that need our attention, Fabien in universal acceptance and IDN working group? I see it's all editorial, right?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Right.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Then anything else apart from the text under the work stream 2?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, there are edits still pending in the section on subsequent round of new gTLD and issues of importance to the GAC.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So let's conclude this quickly. So this is the sentence we notified, it reads while the GAC appreciates the efforts of the working group to create a predictability framework, some GAC members raised doubts on the added value of a SPIRT and expressed concerns that its creation if adopted could add complexity to the current procedure and potential inconsistency with existing roles and responsibilities according to the ICANN bylaws.

So any objections to adopting this text as has been read? Kavouss? Are you speaking? I cannot hear you.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Sorry for that, this is not my fault. I didn't -- I apologize for myself. Not criticizing the host, but if I'm late, comes late to me.

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I think in reply to Vernita, my colleagues, I think we cannot detach these two things. This is important. She said that we take it out -- no, this is part of that and in addition, we should refer in the main part to also when we say access to the DNS, in particular during the COVID-19 period. Many places and we would like to refer to that. This access absolutely necessary --

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Are you talking about the text under work stream 2? Okay. We will get back to this. Thank you for your patience. Thank you. So I will take this as acceptance to the text on the screen of the subsequent procedures. If we can accept the changes, and I think there was something else here to be resolved. Do we need for all edits to be done or we can scroll down --

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: You can scroll down, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Do we need to wait for the edits to be done or can we scroll down?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: You can scroll down.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: And Vernita, this was a proposed addition, so I will just read: [reading] I hope this is okay with you. If you can confirm in chat - - okay, thank you for confirming. Then let's accept this text too. Anything else apart from work stream 2?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, not that I am aware of.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Then if we can go to work stream 2, please. So let me -- I'm missing a few things in the chat. I will read the comments in the chat, Kavouss, and then I see your hand up, your hand is up and I will give you the floor afterwards.

So just scrolling back. So we had Vernita agreeing to the first paragraph and proposing that the second paragraph does not fit here and should be included in the minutes. And Russia, Russia doesn't face difficulties in accessing DNS but supports the statement that unilateral restrictions are unacceptable and support Iran's call to continue work with work stream 2 issues. Please change this GAC member and its supporting GAC members. And if it's not best sentence we can tune the language with Fabien during the 48 hours. I think this small addition is acceptable to all.

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Thank you, Russia. I'm afraid we need to finalize this here because anything that would cause discussion we need to finish it here. So the 48 hours would be for typos, factual errors, mistakes, that could be decided and approved and agreed upon by leadership. Otherwise, anything that would need membership discussion I'm afraid we need to deal with it now. So thank you for the suggestion, and thank you Fabien or whoever is typing and for reflecting it on the communique for discussion.

Paul UK, I don't think we can edit the communique during the 48 hours, would be grateful for clarification. Thank you, and confirmed, Paul. And also Jorge confirming and Annaliese, Australia. And Russia. How I understand is 48 hours is a period for GAC members who couldn't participate and to check something.

So Russia, I'm afraid not additions per se. As I said, just minor edits if badly needed. Otherwise we go through the whole discussion here and anything that need to be discussed or reflected has to be done while we are in session. And even those challenged by the time zone if they can submit comments over email but by end of today whenever we accept the communique, it's going to be minor edits, and Jorge yes, confirming.

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Russia, I think my small addition is not critical but in this case why we need the 48 hours? Okay. So I think we have done with the substantial comments, let's go back to the text in the remaining six minutes. So those are critical six minutes.

So Kavouss, very sorry to keep you waiting, go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

No problem. First of all, we appreciate the support of Russian GAC member. And we have no problem with [indiscernible] it is good and better we finish it here but not 48 hours not to touch this. I request Mrs. Harris to also kindly be collaborative as we have been professionally collaborative in all meetings. So let us not get to the detail, it maybe gets worse. So I request her to kindly agree with that. This is nothing special. There is no instruction how the communique will be drafted, it's result of discussions with GAC members and we are GAC members and we just raised that and we reluctantly agree not to put the statement here.

Manal, you remember, I followed your instruction, your plea, advice. So please kindly also support us saying that this is a compromise and this compromise shouldn't be step by step broken and bring it back to almost nothing.

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So Mrs. Harris, sorry to refer to you personally, I have working [indiscernible] although much older than you nevertheless request you kindly to agree with that, because it has been similar things agreed in the other GAC meeting in Barcelona, similar things to I don't have any further things. Please kindly I give it that so because we have a few minutes otherwise we have many, many problems with the text relating to the previous DNS accuracy and all of those things has been added by a small group.

We kept silent to be collaborative and we need the same things from others. Please may you kindly be collaborative as such as we have been and let the text be as it is. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. I have Australia next. Annaliese, please go ahead.

AUSTRALIA: Sorry, I was having difficulty with the microphone.

Just with respect to the text under the discussion at the moment, just wanted to say the communique is a very important document, it is read by the whole community as a record of the GAC's discussion. Procedurally the communique should be out

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of should reflect the consensus of the GAC. We can be flexible and allow reference to the statements in the minutes but I'm not sure there is consensus on the text in square brackets and on that basis I am proposing that it be [indiscernible] thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Australia. So -- and I see Russia in the chat saying no problem, one more time, my additions in any case not critical. So Kavouss, would it be acceptable that we remove this part as well to the minutes? And just keep the two sentences? Yes, please, go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: I know some other people line up to support the first one. We are aware of that. What I suggest now is in the chat, that GAC member proposed course of action to be pursued in this regard which is also reflected in the minutes. So we should have at least a small reference that the course of action proposed.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So can you please repeat -- in the chat, sorry.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: So Fabien, yeah. If you want I can put it for everyone.



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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: If we can have it reflected on the screen, please.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Manal, you have it on the screen, it's a sentence added on the paragraph --

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: The one bracketed.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Fabien. So the sentence reads: The GAC members proposed a course of action to be pursued in this regard which is also reflected in the minutes.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Manal, I had one more addition. I mentioned, you kindly give me the floor. In the first line one GAC member stated the difficulty it currently encounters in accessing the DNS resources in particular during the COVID-19 period. Add that one Fabien, please, in particular during the COVID-19 period. That was referred by many other colleagues and we have accepted that. In particular during the COVID-19 period. Thank you.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. And this is the bell of the session. So now I know we're running out of time. I have Jorge and then I hope we can delete the text between square brackets, accept the text preceding it, otherwise we can take part of the wrap-up session with permission from Rob, to continue discussing the communique, Jorge, employees go ahead.

JORGE CANCIO, GAC VICE-CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Manal. And just as a friendly amendment to Kavouss' proposal of the last sentence, I think we can merge the second and the third sentence by saying -- I will read out first normally and then if this is accepted in dictation speed -- the concern of this GAC member and the proposed course of action to be pursued are reflected in the minutes of the ICANN68 GAC meeting. So we would simplify a little bit the text. But I leave it in the hands of Kavouss and the rest.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Jorge. So we now have the proposed text on the screen. Is it okay? I have Fabien. I have Rob, and please Kavouss if you can confirm. Fabien please, go ahead.

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FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Sorry, just to mention in the meantime we received input on the DNS abuse section, an additional paragraph by Pakistan, as I understand, just wanted you to be aware.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you. And we definitely need for next time at least to have a deadline for submissions of new text. But thank you, Pakistan. Just reading, Rob, in the chat. The interpreters can go for another 30 minutes. Thank you very much to the interpreters. I hope we can finish much faster, but thank you for the offer and your flexibility Jorge, is this a new hand? Kavouss is this a new hand?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, I have no problem with the suggestion made by Jorge. And I ask whether we can add whether pursued by ICANN or reflected. The third line, actions to be pursued by the ICANN board -- reflected. I have no problem with that. Yeah, to collaborate. Spirit of collaboration.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Meanwhile, Rob --

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ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you, Manal. This is Rob Hoggarth, just confirming my second part of the message in the chat. The interpreters can graciously extend for an extra half hour but but they will definitely need a 30 minute break before the last session.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Sure, but can we have the wrap up session for a half hour or an hour just to plan accordingly?

ROBBERT HOGGARTH: Excellent question. I will put the answer in the chat when we have it.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, and we will accommodate. So the sentence read one GAC member stated the difficulties it currently encounters -- DNS resources in particular during the COVID-19 period. The concern of this GAC member and the proposed course of action to be pursued by the ICANN board are reflected in the minutes of the ICANN68 GAC meeting. So we can delete the text now between brackets. And everyone is okay with the text as it stands the screen on the screen? Kavouss, please.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, can you kindly assure me that the statement goes into the minutes of the GAC, yeah. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. So anything else? Okay if not, Paul, please U.K. go ahead.

PAUL BLAKER: Thank you, chair. I'm looking now at the last sentence here, and it sounds rather unclear to me, when it says the proposed course of action it is not clear if that is proposed by the GAC member or it is proposed by the GAC, so I think we need some more editing here. I can suggest something or I can put something in the chat as a suggestion but at the moment this sentence is not clear for us. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Paul. If you can suggest something, that would be helpful either in the chat or if you want to if you have it ready and the want to read it out loud in dictation speed also please let me know. Meanwhile Kavouss I see your hand is up.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, Manal. This is a result of the combination or combining those 2 sentence proposed by Jorge but I wait to see what Paul

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I react on that. I cannot give argument without seeing what is being proposed. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. So meanwhile as we await a proposal from U.K. Fabien, please go ahead.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Thank you, Manal. Suggest we move section 3 and the text that was proposed by Pakistan as I understand being the DNS abuse...

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Yes, thank you. Perfect suggestion to be efficient. Let's read this quickly the GAC recommends that cop after the building initiative by ICANN regarding government training need to be prioritized prioritized in terms of allocations as well as training schedule for countries which are most affected by malicious traffic. So this is text proposed by Pakistan under DNS abuse Fabien I believe your hand is on old one. Pakistan, please, Raza, go ahead.

PAKISTAN: Thank you, Manal. Manal this specific recommendation is in reference to... to GAC Board member in yesterday's session and

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... and Maarten both responded and they recommended such kind of recommendation might be part of that communique so we just wanted to highlight the importance of this recommendation that currently suggest most affected by this malicious traffic need more so we would like to added addition from the GAC colleagues because we were trying to suggest ... keeping in consideration the ongoing schedule so this was more or less our recommendation. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Raza. So any comments on this new text? And Raza, if I may ask, would you mind if we maybe changed the GAC recommends to the GAC believes that capacity building? And also other.

PAKISTAN: Sure. Sure.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Any objections to the text, or to the proposal to replace recommends by believes? Raza, this is an old hand right?

PAKISTAN: Yes, it was an old hand.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay, thank you. Kavouss, please.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Thank you, Manal. I am not very comfortable with jumping from one paragraph to other paragraph. We lose concentration to what we are thinking. We are doing.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: We are waiting Kavouss, Kavouss, we were waiting for a proposal from U.K. so.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: The text, Manal, please allow me the text was clear and Jorge amended that and now we have problems so we don't want to add that. Please kindly let us go to the text, that was before without any amendment proposed by Jorge. No problem for reputation so go back to the text and we don't need any more amendment to that and I come back to that later. Please kindly because cannot jump because I lose concentrations. I have to ... but here I have problems. Do we retain government. Governments are entities sovereign rights and so on and so forth. Who... ICANN regarding government training. How we train the government? The cabinet? The ministers? Retrain them? The prime ministers, or the president of the country? These are government. How we train them?



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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss; good point.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Delete government training, and associated training regarding training need to be pursue but not government training. But let's go back to the paragraph I request you because I have another meeting in one hour I have to prepare for that. Can you kindly

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: No, we don't have more than 18 minutes unfortunately. We don't have even the hour that you have. So we need to finalize this in the remaining 18 minutes because we have to conclude afterwards. We cannot keep the interpreters more than that.

Okay. So if we can go to the accountability part and then finalize this because I see a queue forming Kavouss, I assume this is an old hand, I have Australia.

Please Annalise, go ahead. I'm sorry, was it I don't see Australia's hand up. But I see in the chat U.S. we support the

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comments regarding including consensus text in the communique. We supported the original one paragraph proposal and recommend the second paragraph be placed in the minutes and then U.K. do not see how we can edit this to make it acceptable at this stage. We do not use the GAC communique for individual GAC members to give advice to the Board. So Kavouss if we can keep the 2 sentences this would be very helpful and Chris is this the same part we were discussing

CHRISTOPHER LEWIS EVANS: Are we back on the CCWG.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes, I'm sorry, I'm sorry we got back.

[Voices speaking simultaneously]

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Manal, you asking me, yes?

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes, Kavouss, please.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: The second paragraph one GAC member stated the difficult it's currently encountering when one GAC member, yeah in accessing DNS resources in particular the COVID 19. The concerns of this GAC member supported by other some other GAC members. Russia supported that. Supported by other GAC members together with a proposed course of action instead of proposed together with a course of action proposed by these GAC members, the one who proposed and one supported. The course of action proposed by these GAC members to be pursued by ICANN Board are reflected in the yeah, so I remove the difficulty of Paul that we are just propose from these GAC members. The one who propose Iran and supported by Russia. And maybe some others. The course of action proposed by these GAC members to be pursued by ICANN Board are reflected.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So let me just.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: It's limited now. It's limited to 2 members only. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: It doesn't say two, but one GAC member stated the difficulties it currently encounters in accessing to DNS resources in particular during the COVID 19 period. The concern of this GAC member

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supported by other GAC members together with a course of action proposed by these GAC members to be pursued by the ICANN Board are reflected in the minutes of the ICANN68 GAC meeting.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah, that is clear. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So any comments or questions? Is the text acceptable as it stands on the screen?

Kavouss this is an old hand right?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, old hand. I'm sorry.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So if there are no further requests for the floor I'm sorry, all of a sudden I got the comments. So U.S. we cannot support the addition of this text. Our preference is to include the new text in the minutes and I'm sorry, I was reading also Chris's comments. It's on the DNS abuse I'll get to it later but thank you Chris for putting it in the chat. Kavouss, please.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah. I think colleagues continue to to oppose to reflecting what is the reality. This is the reality of the concerns of this GAC member supported by other GAC members are reflected in the minute of session. If you don't want the course of action are reflected in the minute of session but we want to maintain that the concerns of this GAC member supported by other GAC members are reflected in the minute of ICANN.

This is the minimum that should be here.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you Kavouss for continuing to be flexible so any comments on the text it stands on the screen now it reads one GAC member stated the difficulties it currently encounters in accessing to DNS resources in particular during the COVID 19 period. The concern of this GAC member supported by other GAC members are reflected in the minutes of the ICANN68 GAC meeting. And minor grammatical correction, so it is reflected in the minutes of ICANN68 GAC meeting.

Thank you, Jorge. Any comments? Kavouss is this a new hand.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: No. Old hand.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Because it's your own proposal. Okay. Any comments? If not then let's have this text accepted and go back to the DNS abuse. Okay thank you. And I'm just reading what Chris wrote in the chat, and it reads with regards to the new text suggested in the DNS abuse section, could I suggest and there is a colon so this is the suggestion capacity building and training initiatives be prioritized by ICANN org, come an in terms of location and schedule comma for countries where the benefit would be greatest. Full stop. If we can take it from the chat reflected on the screen and meanwhile, let me ask Pakistan if this is yes please Raza go ahead.

PAKISTAN: Thank you Manal. Raza ... Pakistan for the record. Manal, the point which we suggested or we recommended was ... the GAC Board yesterday was highlighted the priority for countries that are actually most affected, and that definition of most affected is being published by... institutions in the reports and studies and so if while keeping in view the recommendation of U.K., if we can you know, just highlight the perspective for the countries which are most affected, I think it's necessary to remain perspective in the suggestion for the countries that are most affected. While the ... replace it had where the benefit would be the greatest. On the other hand we are recommending the countries which are most affected. Most... are.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Uh huh.

PAKISTAN: But the text which we suggested was actual already highlighting the where the need is lying, that's our take on that. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So just a second, Raza. So you're okay with the text, but just need to reflect the part that says most affected, or you want to replace where great where the benefit would be greatest by most affected?

PAKISTAN: Yes exactly if it can be that way and the colleagues are fine with that. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Fabien speaking [inaudible].

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So let's insert most affected let me just propose something. The GAC believes capacity building and training initiatives be prioritized by ICANN org in terms of... allocations and scheduling for countries most affected where the benefit would be the greatest. Does this make sense? And is it acceptable for you Raza, and Chris, Pakistan and U.K.? Chris please go ahead.

CHRISTOPHER LEWIS EVANS: Yeah thank you Manal Christopher Lewis Evans for the record. I think it just needs an and between affected and where and then I'm happy.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay, thank you. Raza, is this okay for you as well Pakistan?

PAKISTAN: Yes we are good with that. Thank you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Excellent. Thank you both. So anything else Fabien?

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: Thank you, Manal. I'm not seeing any additions, nor any edits, substantive edits that we have left for discussion. I will just note that we were suggesting complementing EPDP as a section



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header with he... and TLD registration data for clarity so we welcome any comments or objections to that because an EPDP and the long term could apply to as a procedure to other.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Uh huh.

FABIEN BETREMIEUX: And this is not the entire name of the EPDP because the entire name includes the temporary specification we believe that this could be clear enough. And I just would like to suggest the... once we're done you go back to the top and confirm the time line and the date of expected... of the communique.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay, I'm okay with the suggestion in the header. I'm not sure if there are any comments on this. Of I see no hands up now, so now to the process and the dates just confirming with everyone that the communique will be adopted and posted on line by Saturday, 27 June at 1800UTC. And as agreed the 48 hours are given to review the final GAC communique text and express any final concerns via e mail, and again as we agreed it shouldn't be anything substantial.

Kavouss, please.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, Manal. Just reflect what you said. Anything could be to be given for 8 is not to change any part of this text. There should be some comments included in maybe the minute and so on and so forth but not the text. Any change of the text is not supported. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Kavouss. Chris please.

CHRISTOPHER LEWIS EVANS: Yeah, and sorry for not catching this earlier. Just the text we just suggested within DNS abuse, I just wonder if we can move that paragraph up to become the second paragraph in that section. I just think it makes the that whole section read a little bit better then. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you Chris. I hope this is okay with Pakistan as well? Any final final final comments? Okay, if not then thank you all very much, you've been.

PAKISTAN: Give me a minute Manal while I'm reading the change. Just a second please.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay but we didn't change the text. We just moved the text to be the second paragraph.

PAKISTAN: Yes sure we are good with that. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay okay so no edits. Just reallocate replacing it. Kavouss your hand is up.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, Manal. I think maybe it is not a tradition in GAC and ICANN but it is a tradition in some other organization, you have one minute to finish this meeting, are we cannot finish the meeting without expressing our sincere appreciation for you

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: We still have one session.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: When?

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: In 30 minutes.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: In 30 minutes okay I will leave it to that one.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Kavouss. Thank you very much everyone. Special thanks to the interpreters for bearing with us for 30 more minutes. Thank you very much. We now have 30 minute break, please be back at the hour. We have our last wrap up session for 30 minutes. With reporting back from if 2 working groups and announcing the time line for the elections.

So thank you. Enjoy your breaks.

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