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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you so much, Kim. This is Alejandra Reynoso and welcome all to our ccNSO Council meeting 196. I want to remind all Councilors to please join the Zoom room and to add to your Zoom ID ccNSO Council so we can look for you easier while voting. With that, I will now copy into the chat in Zoom the wiki where we can find all the documents related to this meeting. And may I ask either Kim or Bart if we are quorate?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, we're quorate.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Bart. So, I would like to remind everyone, but particularly now the Councilors, to speak slowly and preferably with a headset, not just now for the interpreters, but in general, when we do not have the interpreters, because this was some feedback gathered from the 360 review that we did with the Councilors. And I would like to start with that. So, we are all mindful to speak slowly and as clearly as possible. We do have some Councilors remotely. We have Ai Chin, Irina, and let me check if we have Jiankang as well remotely, so I am aware of you. And I will keep a look in the Zoom for any hands to be able to have this dynamic more efficient.

Okay, in today's agenda, we have some administrative topics. We will do some appointments and adoptions of timelines. And after those administrative things, we will go through the main topics of today's meeting, which includes a few decisions on the first adoption of board report on ccPDP3 review mechanism. Although this is just a formality, it's a major milestone to close the ccPDP3 from our end. We are also expected to take decisions on our own roles and responsibilities, and on the ccNSO portfolio of activities, and whether we want to submit a comment on the PTI bylaw change or not. And if time permits, we will have a look at the updates, and if not, we will take them from the record.

With that, I'll move to item number two. It's the relevant correspondence. In particular, we have the ccNSO statement on NomCom bylaw change that we submitted. And moving along to item three, we have the minutes and action items. The minutes from the last Council meeting were circulated on the 11th of June. So far, no objections or corrections to be made. And then we have all action items, and all have been completed except two, which are scheduled to be made or to start after ICANN 77, which are to review the questions in the 360 review, and also for the secretariat to work with ICANN Org review team to schedule an update webinar jointly with the GRC and the Council.

With that, let's move along to item four. It's the intersessional decisions. We have three intersessional decisions. We approved the submission on the proposed NomCom-related bylaw changes. We adopted the report on the voting of the ccNSO PDP3 review mechanism, and we support to prepare ccNSO statement on the rebalancing on the NomCom. For this time, moving to item five, there are no triage decisions this time. And with this, we move to item six, that is the appointments.

We have received a request from Eberhard in his role as chair of the tech working group to appoint Jacques as vice chair for a three-year term. Any questions regarding this topic? I see no hands. Okay, may I have a mover? Ali. Okay, may I have a seconder? Nick, thank you very much.

This is what happened with a long table. I will look one way for one and the other for the other. So, thank you all.

So, we have a decision in front of us. It's the ccNSO Council appoints Jacques Latour, .ca, as vice chair of the tech working group. The secretariat is requested to inform the tech working group accordingly. This decision becomes effective upon publication. Are there any comments or questions regarding this decision? Okay, I see none. So, please use your Zoom tools with the green tick if you are in favor or your red crosses in case you abstain or object. And this is only for the Councilors, please. And I see only green ticks. Thank you very much. For good measure, I will still ask if there's anyone who abstains or objects. You can raise your hand in the Zoom. No hands. So, thank you very much. This has been approved. And moving right along. And thank you, Jacques, for volunteering.

Let's go to item seven. It's timelines on nomination, on election, selection and appointment process managers. We have several appointments. So, again, we are a bit early on adopting timelines. However, as you will see in the proposed timeline of the board nomination, the process does not start right now. But this is just to ensure that we have the process manager that can launch the call of interest in time for it.

So, let's move to the item 7A. It's approval of timeline for board seat 12 nomination process and appointment of Joke Braeken as nomination process manager. So, according to the ICANN bylaws, the ccNSO Council needs to nominate a candidate for board seat 12 no later than six months before ICANN's 2024 AGM. As part of the nomination process, the ccNSO membership should be able to interview the board seat 12 candidates at a meeting before the election starts. But this should happen after the completion of the background check on the candidates. Are there any questions regarding the topic? No? Very well. So, now I will try to keep it fair. So, I'll look to the other side. Do we have a mover? Demi, thank you. And a seconder? Tatiana. Very well done. Sorry, I didn't get that far.

With this, let me read the decision we have in front of us. The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for board seat 12 nomination process as circulated on Council on the 10th of June and requests the secretariat to publish it as soon as possible to inform the community accordingly. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as the nomination process manager. In accordance with the adopted timeline, the ccNSO Council launches the board seat 12 nomination process and requests the nomination process manager to open the call for nominations in accordance with the timeline on 13th of July, I would say 2023. Yes. This decision, we need to fix the date for this year. Yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: May I propose there was a typo in the dates. Not the 13th, but the 23rd of July. So, make it 23 July to launch the call.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. And the year as well. Yeah. Thank you, Bart. So, it will be 23rd of July 2023. Okay. Any questions or other comments regarding the resolution?

KIMBERLY CARLSON: Alejandra, There's a note in Zoom from Irina to remind you to look in Zoom.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes. I'm not following my own advice. Sorry. I will do that. I do have it open in front of me, but thank you. So, with this, since I don't see now any hands or any more comments regarding this decision, shall we go to the voting then? So, please use your green ticks if you're in favor or red crosses in case you abstain or object. I see only green ticks. For good measure, I will ask if there are any abstentions or objections by raising the hand in Zoom. I see none. So, this has passed with the corresponding edits to the date. Thank you.

Let's move to item 7B. It's approval of timeline of CSC selection, appointment and mandate of CSC selection committee, and appointment of Kimberly Carlson as CSC selection process manager. Like every year, we are tasked with three work items with respect to the CSC membership. Members need to be selected for a term of two years. We need to coordinate the composition of the slate of members of the CSC with the Registry Stakeholder Group, and we also need to approve the full slate of memberships. That means the members and the liaisons.

So, for the last two, we can mandate a small group who will take on the task of coordinating with the registry stakeholder group and approve the full slate, and that's in the roles and responsibilities. Any questions regarding this topic? I see no hands, not in Zoom, and okay. If so, may I have a mover? I see Sean. May I have a seconder? Thank you.

Okay. With this, let's read the decision. The ccNSO Council appoints Kimberly Carlson as the CSC selection process manager and adopts the timeline as proposed for the selection of a new ccNSO appointed member on the CSC. The Council requests Kimberly to launch the call for volunteers at the time foreseen in the schedule and in accordance with the mechanism in the guideline procedure for ccNSO appointees. The ccNSO Council also confirms that the CSC selection committee is composed of Molehe Wesi, Jiankang Yao, Irina Danelia, Jenifer Lopez, Pablo Rodriguez, and Javier Rua-Jovert. The committee is mandated by the Council to consult with the Registry Stakeholder Group to approve the full slate of membership. The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. Finally, the Secretariat is requested to inform the community as soon as possible on the upcoming CSC member nomination and selection process. Any questions or comments regarding the decision?

Okay, I see none. So, please, let's vote. So, use your green ticks if you are in favor, red crosses if you abstain or object. I see only green ticks. If by any chance anyone wants to abstain or object, please raise your hand in Zoom now. I see none. So, this has been approved. Thank you very much.

And we go to the next one. It's the approval of timeline of Council election and appointment of Joke Braeken as Council election process manager. So, the term of the following Councilors ends in March 2024.

It's Ali, Jiankang, Irina, Jenifer, and Sean. The ccNSO Council needs to establish a timeline for the election of Councilors. The proposed timeline Council elections for 2024 was circulated to you the 10th of June. And we also need to appoint an election process manager.

Do we have any questions regarding this topic? I see none. Do we have a mover? Aha, Stephen. Thank you. And a seconder on this side, Jordan. Thank you very much. So, the decision is the ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken as the election manager for the 2024 ccNSO Council elections. The ccNSO Council adopts the timeline Council elections 2024 as proposed and requests the Secretary to publish the timeline and start the procedure accordingly. Do we have any questions or comments regarding the decision? I'm looking everywhere now. Right, left, Zoom. No. Okay. Thank you.

Then let's move to the vote. So, green ticks if you are in favors and red crosses in case you abstain or object. I see only green ticks. For good measure, if anyone is abstaining or objecting, please raise your hand now in zoom. I see none. So, this has been approved. Thank you very much.

And now we go to the main topics of the agenda. So, we move to the item eight, adoption of the board report, ccPDP review mechanism. The board report was circulated to us. It includes the outcome of the members vote, the Council resolution and the final report of the working group. Do we have any questions or comments on the topic? I see none. Okay. Do we have a mover to my left? Olga? Seconder? Ali? Thank you. So, now to the decision. I was looking at Irina's reaction. Sorry, Irina. Next time I will go to Zoom first.

So, the ccNSO Council approves the board report on the proposed policy for a review mechanism pertaining to decision and on the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. The second part of the ccNSO policy development process three. The board report contains the requirements of Annex B of the ICANN bylaws, the result of the members vote, the ccNSO recommendation following the vote by the members of the ccNSO, the final report which contains the proposed policy process for the retirement of ccTLDs. The Council requests the Secretariat to publish this decision as soon as possible on the ccNSO website and inform the ccNSO membership accordingly. Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL: Please read review mechanism instead of retirement.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Did I say retirement? Oh, review. Okay, we will correct that. Now, for the requirements, where was it? Sorry.

BART BOSWINKEL: The ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat. [inaudible]

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes. I was trying to see where was the retirement as well, but okay. Sorry. The decision becomes effective upon publication. The ccNSO Council requests its chair to submit the board report to the chair of the ICANN board of directors as soon as possible after publication of this resolution. Finally, the Council expresses its appreciation and congratulates the members of the working group and specifically the chair and vice chair of ccPDP3, Stephen Deerhake and Eberhard Lisse, for completion of the process. Do we have any questions or comments regarding the resolution? No?

Okay, so let's vote. Please use your green ticks or your red crosses. I see only green ticks. Do we have any abstentions or objections? Please raise your hand now in Zoom. This has been passed, and can we please celebrate this milestone, please? Because it has been a very hard work from the community. Very good job, everyone. Thank you so much.

Okay. With this, we move to the next item. It's item nine. It's the feedback on the 360 review and general observations. So, as I mentioned last time, as a result of this review, I had a conversation with the Councilors that were being reviewed on this topic, and it was a very nice experience, especially having the one-on-one with each of these Councilors. We were not only looking at their own evaluation, but we took the opportunity as well to see if there was any room for improvement on how we do activities within the Council, and I think it was very enriching. So, I wonder if anyone of the Councilors who went through this process would like to share any personal views now. Yes, please.

JAVIER RUA-JOVET: Just to say that the process for evaluation was, I think, very well run. Sometimes it's hard to evaluate, and to be evaluated, but after the interview, the post-interview with the chairwoman, with Alejandra, I think it was a process that was very conscious of not being kind of like adversarial or uncomfortable, which I think was very good, and I think it was a learning process. I came out, like, really satisfied out of that process. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Javier. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. I really liked the idea of this evaluation because this is the opportunity to get feedback on what you are doing. So, I'm really happy to have this feedback, and I'm grateful to my fellow colleagues for providing the comments. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Irina. Ali? Yes, please.

ALI HADJI MMADI: Thank you, Alejandra. I think the exercise was good because now we know internally how we're working, and I think, but that I want just to share today, I think we have just to, maybe to see because [inaudible] more questions, and I think now I know how the Council member see me, and I can allow me a way I can make some effort to understand well and to talk, to work together to grow our community. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Ali. Do we have anyone else? No? Okay. Well, thank you. Thank you all. We are still pending on review the questions for the next round of evaluations. Myself, I think this is a very valuable process, and if we can do things to make ourselves better, why not, right?

So, moving along, now we are going to the item 10. It's the adoption of Council roles and responsibilities. We have discussed the roles and responsibilities for us as Councilors during our work session in Cancun, and also in the workshop, virtual workshop we had in the 1st of June. We have agreed upon the skill set and other requirements per role and looked critically at the roles, whether they needed to continue or not. And based on these results, the roles and responsibilities were updated, and they were circulated. Do we have any questions regarding this topic or comments? Okay, I see none. And I'm going to look at the Zoom now only. Do we have a mover? I see Irina. And do we have a seconder? Pablo. Okay, thank you. So, we need to be adjusting to circumstances.

So, the decision is the ccNSO Council adopts the June 2023 overview of roles and responsibilities of the Councilors. The Council requests the Guideline Review Committee to propose updates to the relevant guideline ccNSO Council roles and responsibilities, taking into account the outcome of the Council discussion as reflected on the overview. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication. Are there any questions or comments regarding the resolution? I see a hand from Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. Honestly, not about resolution, but about the table itself. I assume that question marks that we see in the table are actually not questions, but these are confirmed candidates.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, you are correct. Thank you. We circulated the, how do we call it in English, the previous to last version that had the question marks, but then we removed the question marks. Thank you. So, with this, shall we go to the voting? So, green ticks if you're in favor, and red crosses in case you abstain or object. I see only green ticks. Thank you very much for good measure. If anyone is abstaining or objecting, please raise your hand now in Zoom. I see no hands, so this has been approved, and we will remove the question marks from the circulated document.

Next item, we are going now to talk about the adoption of the ccNSO portfolio of activities for the 1st of July, 2023 to the 30th of June, 2025. And for this, may I ask Jordan to talk about the feedback that was gathered during this session that we had here in ICANN 77?

JORDAN CARTER: Do you want me to talk about both the SOPC side and the triage side or just the triage side?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, in this case, on the portfolio of the activities, but if you have any other comments related from the session, it's okay.

JORDAN CARTER: Yeah, well, broadly speaking, it's very easy because the feedback was positive. No one suggested new work items to us. The level of detail was felt to be about right. And Bart's always helpful question about whether anyone who thought it wasn't would like to explain why. So we could find out any new ideas. No one spoke up. So I think we are clear to have that as the approach that we use. And that means that we'll prepare a sort of first of the quarterly reports that we talked about to distribute shortly after the 30th of September. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, Jordan. So we are good to go. Are there any questions regarding this topic? I see none and none in Zoom. So going to my left. Do we have a mover? Jordan? Do we have a seconder? Oh, [that's so unfair,] but Jenifer. Three hands at once. Thank you very much.

So the decision is the ccNSO Council adopts the ccNSO two-year rolling forward portfolio of ccNSO activities as the baseline for the ccNSO activities for the coming year and requests the ccNSO triage committee to review and update the portfolio quarterly. The secretariat is requested to publish the portfolio on the ccNSO website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication of the portfolio and the resolution. Any questions or comments regarding the decision? I'm looking everywhere now. Okay. Bart, do you have a comment? Okay. So no, no questions or comments. So please let's vote using your green ticks in Zoom if you approve or your red crosses in case you abstain or object. I am going through the list and I see only green ticks. Thank you very much. For good measure, I will ask if there's anyone abstaining or objecting by raising their hand in Zoom now. Okay, I see no hands. So this has been approved. Thank you.

And moving along, we have the item 12, draft submission on the rebalancing of the NomCom. As we agreed last time, we will send a response from the Council. The drafting team sent an initial draft. In this draft, the main line of thought is that ICANN SOs and ACs should be evenly involved in this critical function, reflecting the evolution of the role of the SOs and ACs in the governance of ICANN. And also that diversity should be looked at at the level of the NomCom and not only at the level of the diversity of the appointing organizations. If you have any comments, please do give them right now. And if so, please raise your hand in Zoom. But if not, we still have time to review this until Thursday, 22nd of June, where the small committee will do some edits, will gather your feedback, include them, and we will recirculate the final response to the Council. On the 26th of June, to seek your support so we can send it on the 29th of June. So I see Jordan has his hand up.

JORDAN CARTER: Yeah, thank you, Alejandra. We're proposing quite a radical rebalancing of the NomCom with this submission or response to Tripti's letter. And in the drafting, the suggestion was made that the method to do this was through a cross-community working group process. And I don't, I think—just encourage Councilors to think about that and whether that in fact is the right way to go, because you could possibly think it might end up unable to reach a consensus on any changes. But it seems like the only approach that would be suitably grassroots to actually generate a change of this significance to ICANN's governance, because the NomCom, of course, is a very powerful body in the ICANN system. It appoints almost half the board and so on. So I'm just really saying these things to encourage people to think about that really carefully, because proposing both those things together of a radical rebalancing and an open community process to do it might come as a surprise to some people outside this room.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Jordan. Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA: Yeah, actually, Jordan answered my question, because when I read this submission—and I didn't have time to participate in this small group, I wish I could—I was also wondering about this cross-community working group process. But then, thinking of it, I thought we are actually changing the bylaw. We are actually changing the structure, one of the very important governance structures. And I do not see any other way, where would we like to put it in? Because unless you do the cross-community working process, I just don't see how to do it fairly in any other way. You don't want to leave these decisions to the board to change, and then there is no other process.

So at the beginning, I was a bit puzzled, because I was like, okay, there is no proposal, there is a proposal to start process. But I was wondering if we or anybody wants to indicate a timeline, because you don't want this rebalancing to be stuck for three, four, five years for the next few election cycle, because the cross-community working group is not able to achieve something. So perhaps adding that we would like to see the clear timeline for this, if this group starts, and deliverables. So maybe something like this, but this is my only suggestion.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Tatiana. Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL: Maybe if Tatiana and/or Jordan, if you could make some suggestions, especially to the point you made circulate to the Council list, then we can include it. I can draft something like this, but I think it really needs to come for you. So what you really want to see on this particular point around the cross-community working groups, could also imagine the chartering itself. That is, going back to the transition work, the chartering was done by the SOs and ACs themselves as well. And that was part of the comments on the holistic review as well. So that's consistent with the position to date.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Bart. Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA: I forgot to say huge thanks to the working group which worked on this document. It's such a well elaborated, clear document. Thank you so much. It was a pleasure to read.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Tatiana. Chris.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I just wanted to say I agree with Jordan and Tatiana as well, but I agree with Jordan about the complexity of it. But I don't think there is any other way. I also think that the time will be the time. It will take the time it takes. We've lived with it for as long as we have. It's not a sudden emergency that it needs to be fixed. It needs to be fixed, but it's not a sudden emergency and it's going to be difficult because there are positions to be defended. We the At-Large already have five seats. We're not going to have fewer seats. We the GNSO have 127 seats. We're not going to have—whatever it is. And we need to sort of have serious discussions about regionalization doesn't necessarily mean you have to have five seats. You can have three seats and rotate the regions. That's what we do with the Board, is what we do with a whole heap of things. So, but is it going to be a baseline discussion? And I think we just need to get the agreement that we're going to do it and then work our way through, especially if there is going to be this coming idea of mandating the Nominating Committee has to provide a certain number of quote independent unquote directors. That's challenging. It's the right thing to do, but it's challenging because of the definition of independent, which would effectively mean anybody who has walked past an ICANN meeting is not independent. But we can work on that separately. Thanks, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Chris. And I'm looking everywhere like a chameleon. Okay, no more hands, but you can raise them just so you know. But I don't see any now. So, what I want to say is that we have homework. So please do read the draft response, use the mailing list. And if you have suggested text, even included already that will help the small team to put everything together. And, of course, the final document will be circulated as a set for approval. But let's all collaborate to have this done.

With that, we move to item 13. Does the ccNSO need to provide feedback and input on the PTI bylaw change? So we added this to the agenda. I would like, before I say anything, to ask if any councilor wants to say something, and I did see this time that Stephen has his hand up.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Alejandra. And I suspect Irina may want to chime in on this as well. It was stated in the session where this was discussed that there are two things going on. One, they want to adjust the planning and budget stuff to bring it up to five years to get it back to get it into sync with what ICANN Org does. I don't have an issue with that.

The other thing that they wanted to do, they want to do, is adjust the commencement of review process—submission of the PTI budget and push it closer to year end, which is when they drop the ICANN Org budget as well.

And the statement that was made in favor of this was that this will enhance community engagement in the budget review process. What it actually does, at least insofar as we're concerned, specifically the SOPC, is that it's going to take an already difficult workload over the holiday period, when we have been in the past reviewing the ICANN org budget, they're now going to dump the PTI budget in the same time frame. In the past, we've started and finished our work on PTI budget before we had the ICANN Org budget dumped on us. And just doing the ICANN org budget review within the SOPC is a tremendous amount of work. And now we have both to do basically simultaneously and also basically over the holidays. And I have some serious reservations about that. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. First of all, I was the one who suggested to have this item in our Council meeting agenda. So definitely I want to speak on it. First, I think this is quite an important amendment. It's, in my memory, the first amendment to PTI bylaws. And what I see is that both PTI staff and board are trying to go through the proper process. So this is already the reason for ccNSO Council to provide a comment on this. I believe.

Well, secondly, the proposed amendments and the reasoning for them look really clear for me and convincing. And I personally would support these amendments. I joked during the session about the Christmas gifts of four plans instead of two. But honestly, I believe we can manage at SOPC because there are really a lot of interdependencies. And somehow we will find a way. I believe we will find a way to arrange our work so that we will be able to cover all the documents properly.

I agree with Stephen that it's quite a challenge. It's quite a challenge, but I think we can find a way to manage our resources to do it in a proper manner. And third, there were comments during the session, and maybe there will be other Councilors willing to repeat them, about the necessity to keep the separation of ICANN and PTI, which is not destroyed and not in any way harmed by the proposed amendments. But maybe providing a public comment is an opportunity to remind about these fundamental things which came from the IANA transition. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, Irina and Stephen. Are there any other comments? Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER: I think I didn't quite hear this said, and I'm saying it each time we discuss this, because some of these calls were made a long time ago, and people move and change, new people arrive in the ccNSO. So the reason that we wanted the PTI budget to be first was that IANA is the most important thing that ICANN does, and it always has to have the money to do its thing. It's more important than any of the other peripheral activities, flying us to meetings, holding meetings, and so on. IANA has to work. So that's why the logic was you have the IANA budget in place first, and then when ICANN is doing its budget, it will know before it finalizes it that this is how much IANA needs, and it's going to get it if there's a budget constraint.

So this proposal, based on the discussion that we had, whenever that was, yesterday maybe, does seem to stick to that. And these are the minimum timeframes. There is still a staggering between the two. As a non-participant in the SOPC, I don't have a view about the increased workload that this would create over the end-of-the-year break. So I don't offer any thoughts about that. But I think it's just important that we all keep in mind the underlying logic of those changes almost 10 years ago. And the people who have put forward the changes have talked about and acknowledged and say that they also support that logic, which I think is a reassuring sign. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Jordan. Any other comments? I don't see any hands raised in Zoom. So from what I'm hearing, it is a good idea that we do provide feedback on this pilot change. But for this to be confirmed, let me ask you if we are going to do that, to put your green ticks in Zoom. And if you think we shouldn't do that, your red crosses. And I see Pablo's hands up. Okay, missing the green tick. That happens when you use a small screen. Okay, I'm only seeing green ticks. So we agree that we are doing feedback. And from the comments that I hear, I think we are supportive of this change. But we should add some more, how to put it, not only just support, but emphasize the important things that need to be kept in the mind of the people.

So if this is the case, if we're in support of this change, I will ask you again to please put your green ticks. Or if you think we shouldn't support it, then your red crosses in Zoom. I'm going through the list. I see green ticks and nothing else. So thank you all. So we agree on this. So we have an action item to kindly ask the secretary to prepare a draft so we can review it in within the Council, like a strawman. And then we can actually put it in the public comment. Thank you.

With this, I don't see any more hands. I will move to item 14. It's the progress on the Universal Acceptance Committee terms of reference. We received the draft of the terms of reference for this committee. Now the other group is seeking our feedback, if any, by the 30th of June. Bart, can you do a quick run on the terms of reference?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, I can. Kim, can you pull it up, the draft terms of reference, so the audience can see it as well? Yeah, thanks. So this goes back to the roadmap on universal acceptance that was adopted, I believe, after the Cancun meeting, if not before. Yeah, approximately. Too many things happened.

So the statement of purpose captures the idea of the Universal Acceptance Committee, as it's called, not the UA Standing Committee. Otherwise, you get confusion with the ICANN or the other major one. But the suggestion is to call it the Universal Acceptance Committee. ccNSO, Universal Acceptance Committee. So that's the statement of purpose.

Scope of activities goes back to the roadmap as well. So first, the liaison to the UASG, that this group subsumes that liaison role. So the person who's now appointed as liaison will become almost a member of this group, ex officio, reports back to this group. And the reporting back to this group will also go up to the Council. So that's the basic, that was one. Secondly, information sharing. You heard it yesterday from one of the presenters. There is a whole part of the ccTLD community who is very much involved in universal acceptance. They're looking for a platform, probably at a global level. There might be some regional ones, but the information sharing and the ccNSO could provide and maybe should provide a platform for the information sharing. So that's the second one.

And then, when this has all been started, the group may explore additional activities. And again, that is also from the roadmap document that you've adopted. Membership, etc., it's standard language for, and copy and paste from the desk. And then, finally, the miscellaneous. Again, review of the charter and of the activities under the terms of reference. Again, this is important. You don't want to create a group that becomes dormant and does not do anything in one or two years' time. So that's also included. And then, closure. And that's it. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Bart. So we have another homework. We just saw the summary of the terms of reference. But in case you have any comments or anything that you would like to suggest for these terms of reference, we have a due date of the 30th of June to do so. So that then we can adopt these terms of reference and start the call for volunteers.

With that, we end the main part of the agenda. And now we go to the updates. And I see we still have some time. So with this, the update on the ccPDP4, we will take it from the meeting. From the CSC and ECA, there's no CSC meeting since the previous Council. But the ECA, just to let you know that the rejection action procedure on ICANN's operating plan and budget came to an end.

And we come to the updates from chair, vice chairs, Councilors, or regional organizations and secretariat. Are there any updates or anything you consider to share now? Oh, Rocio, please.

ROCIO DE LA FUENTE: Thank you, Alejandra. Hello, everyone. I'm Rocio de la Fuente. I work with LAC-TLD, so the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLD community. So I wanted to make a brief announcement here. We have just launched a new tool or service that is called the Unified Domain Search Engine. And you will be able to find the blog post in the LAC-TLD website, LACTLD.org

This is a service that allows to check registration availability under the ccTLDs that are already integrated into these tools. So I would like to invite everyone to try this tool. And this is available for everyone that would like to register a domain name under the ccTLDs of the region, the LAC region. And if you have any feedback, opinions, we are more than happy to receive them. So I just wanted to make that brief announcement. And thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Rocio. I see some clapping, but you can do it louder if you want. Congratulations.

ROCIO DE LA FUENTE: And I just wanted to mention that Alejandra was also part of this effort. So thank you, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Any other updates from councilors? Please, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Tech Day was a great success. And I believe Eberhard has sent you a written report on various sessions and what occurred there. So I just want to put that out there. In fact, it's not circulated yet. I hope it will be. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I have noted that it will happen. So with that, I'm looking now everywhere again. I'm moving to item 18, working group updates. We will take those from the meeting. We take also from item 19 the written updates from the liaisons. And we have our next meeting in item 20 on the 20th of July at 21:00 UTC. So put that in your calendars. Do we have any other business? Okay. I see none anywhere. So with that, I'll move to the next item. The thank yous.

So thank you, GoDaddy.us, especially Fernando Espana, Alex O'Keefe, Crystal Peterson, and the rest of the team for a great ccNSO cocktail and the creative flag of Donuts at the ccNSO 20th anniversary celebration. Thank you to the volunteers for organizing all the high-quality sessions, including the fun one. Thank you to the secretariat for your incredible efforts and support before and during this meeting. Without you, nothing of this would be possible. Thank you to the interpreters for your hard work and patience, especially with people like me that get excited and speak super fast. Sorry. And for allowing more participants to engage in the ccNSO activities. And finally, thank you all for participating either in person or remotely. This meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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