CLAUDIA RUIZ

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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	This is Alejandra. Thank you, Claudia, for the introduction. Welcome, everyone, to our Council meeting #215. And may I ask all Councilors to please join the Zoom room and to please add ccNSO Council to your Zoom ID. As usual, I am putting in the chat the wiki page with the documents for today's agenda, so it's easy for you to have it. And since I'm doing the first item, it's not on the agenda, this is the welcome and roll call that we will put in the minutes. With that, we will check whether we are acquired, and for this, Claudia, do we have any apologies?
CLAUDIA RUIZ	Yes, we are acquired, and we have an apology from Ai-Chin. Thank you very much. And also, yes, Bart?
BART BOSWINKEL	Yeah, just to make sure, Wafa and Jiankang are online, so that's something to keep in mind during the discussion.
CLAUDIA RUIZ	Yes, and Ali as well.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	Thank you, and well, you went before what I was going to say next, and it was that I was going to suggest, Councilors, if you could please turn on your cameras for our remote colleagues, so they can feel inside the room as well. I think they would appreciate it.

With that, moving to update of statements of interest, does anyone have any update to the statement of interest? Hearing none. Before moving to the agenda itself, does anyone have any item they want to discuss under AOB? I will look in the Zoom room for hands up for my questions, because it's easier, you guys are a little spread to my sides. I do have one item, that we will discuss later, and it's an email that we received from ICANN org, and we'll check it out in AOB.

With that, let's move on. We have no relevant correspondence for the agenda today. Regarding the second item, minutes and action items, as you may note, the minutes from the last meeting are not done yet, but you may expect them soon, and for that reason, the action items are limited too. So, these are taken from the notes of our last session, and they are ongoing. And if you don't mind, I would like to jump to item five, if that's okay.

Okay, no objections. So let's move to item five, and it's updates from ECA, IFRT and CSC from the ICANN82 sessions. I do have something here to say. One of the positions, which is now vacant, is the alternate on the CSC, and we need to find a replacement. To ensure continuity, and due that it is to fill short term, I suggest that together with the current members of the CSC, who are Federico and Pablo, that we seek an alternate to fill this seat for the remaining term of Nicolas, which will be until the 1st of October.

So, as you may recall, there are two reasons to appoint an alternate. It is to shadow, to do shadowing on the CSC, and voting in case one of the ccNSO appointed members cannot make it to the meeting. So, if that's okay, the proposal is that once Federico, Pablo and I have identified a candidate, we ask for formal Council appointment. So, are there any questions or comments to this proposal? No? Okay, so we take it onboard, and please add it as a to-do for us part.

With that, let's move on to item six, which is the update from working groups. Unless we have any specific questions or comments, I suggest that we take this item and also seven and eight as read. Any questions or comments to move on?

Okay, seeing none objections, let's move then to item nine. So, here we are with the progress on Board consideration for ccPDP4-IDN and ccPDP3 on review mechanisms. As you may have heard from Becky yesterday, she expects that the Board will take a decision on the review mechanism at their meeting in Prague. And also, you may have heard from Patricio that the Board caucus on ccPDP4 is progressing well. Does anyone have any questions or comments on this topic? Okay, seeing none.

Let's move to item 10, and this is the update of chair, vice-chairs, Councilors, regional organizations, and the secretariat, and we do have two sub-items there. So, one is the SO/AC roundtable, the how we meet process, and the reviews were the major topics of the roundtable. And as you may know, these two topics are on the agenda, so we will go through them in more detail later.

In addition, Biyi, Jordan and I met with ICANN Org this week regarding the retirement policy, and I'll address this in more detail at PAOB. And we also met with other SO/ACs on the next steps on the Pilot Holistic Review that we will discuss later in the agenda.

And finally, Jennifer, Biyi, Jordan and I also met with newcomers at this meeting. We tend to turn this into a recurring informal thing. It was very fruitful and a great opportunity for us to learn from them how to improve the onboarding process. So, it would be great to keep it ongoing.

Oh, and one final one I see now in my notes is that today we had a meeting with the Registry Stakeholder Group to find some common topics of interest and gather feedback from our communities. And there is a suggestion to have a session in Prague to get the community involved. So, Chris, I don't know if you want to say anything more regarding that part. No? Okay.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I'm happy to, if you want.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No, just to check with you. All right. And with that, now, does anyone have anything? Moving to the next one. Does anyone else have anything to report from the meeting you attended or anything that is relevant for us right now? I see Peter's hand up.

PETER KOCH: Thank you, Alejandra. This is Peter for the record. So, this is about two meetings. One is the IANA Naming Functions Contract Review Team, which conducted its, not really the final session, but we were able to submit the draft report for public comment. And we as the whole team and the ccTLDs are represented by Olga, Sami, and myself appointed by the ccNSO.

This is going to public comment the week after next week. I guess we're aiming at 20 March. And that will be a 40-day comment period. And I'd encourage everybody in the room and all ccTLD operators to look into that draft report because it concerns one of the major functions, namely IANA's maintenance of the root zone and performance issues and so on and so forth. We don't have any important findings, but we come to some conclusions and make recommendations. And we very much appreciate feedback on that.

And the second one is the Root Server System Governance Working Group. Luis and myself are appointed by the ccNSO. And it's a cross constituency working group that is designed to come up with a framework for governance of the root server system. And a similar situation, there will be another interim meeting of that group the week after next week. And we can expect a draft coming out of that. And again, ccTLDs, first and foremost, the Council are most invited to have a look at the suggestions, especially the governance structure and the representation of the ccTLDs in that. Thank you so much.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Thank you, Peter. I see Biyi has his hand up.

BIYI OLADIPO	Thank you, Chair. Biyi Oladipo for the record. I had a session with the Fellows and NextGen on Saturday evening, which for me was an eye opener to the fact that we need to actually engage a lot more with the fellows because there are quite a number of questions which we take for granted as a community, which these folks are yearning to know more about what is happening in this side of the community. And it's a charge that we're not going to leave this just to OMC, but to every one of us as community members to always engage with newcomers so that they will know what we're doing and then they can also participate. Thank you.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	Thank you, Biji. Jordan?
JORDAN CARTER	Thanks, Alejandra. Jordan Carter, .au, for the record. I just wanted to say that I was down to do a little report on the How We Meet plenary session. I don't think it's elsewhere on the agenda. Okay, well, we'll talk about it then. Yeah, okay. That's fine.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	Pablo?
PABLO RODRIGUEZ	This is Pablo Rodriguez from the registry.pr, Puerto Rico. Yesterday, we had an opportunity to meet, although briefly, with a deluxe space. And I had the opportunity to discuss the engagement that the ccNSO had with the TTIGF. And we were able to explore

more opportunities to participate in such a way. And we're looking forward to engaging more of the TLD operators of the Caribbean region in the ccNSO. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Pablo. And just to come back a little bit on Peter's announcement on the public comment, what's the date, the due date of the public comment regarding IFRT?

PETER KOCH

So, if all goes well, this is Peter, for the record, by the way. If all goes well, the period will open on the March 20th. And from there, it's 40 days, four zero days, roughly six weeks. And I think we're going to send pointers and encouragements for participation to both the ccNSO members and the other lists, so that everyone gets a gets a heads up.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay. And just to see if we take it as an action item as well for us to draft a statement there. Okay. So, let's put it there. With that-- Jordan, you have your hand up? Old hand? Okay.

So, with that, let's move on. Item 11. So, this is update to the Council on the 360 review. And please note that only six of us have provided feedback. And there's a minimum of 10 to do so. So, I want to remind you that all of us appreciate receiving feedback from others. To make this possible, you will have to provide feedback. So, assuming that we agree to extend the deadline, please take the step of providing this feedback. A kind reminder that this is an easy process and it shouldn't take too much time. And assuming, because I don't know who has submitted or not their reviews, although Nick and Demi will step down at the end of this meeting, if you could still provide that feedback would be really appreciated. So, any questions regarding this topic?

All right. So, we do have a resolution in front of us. May I have a mover? Olga. All right. And may I have a seconder? I see Stephen. Oh, well, I went to the other side. Hi, Wafa. Next time. So, I'm telling you, we need to find a better setting for this meeting. So, with that, we have the decision. Any questions regarding the resolution? If we could move a little bit down in the screen. Thank you. Any questions? Yes, Biyi?

BIYI OLADIPO

The only question I might have is, I know that the request for response was sent before, but I don't know if it can be sent again. I actually can't remember seeing it.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Yes, noted. It will be.

BART BOSWINKEL

After this meeting, I'll send it directly, see who responds.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Bart. So, with that, we will go to voting. So, please use your Zoom tools. This is, since we are having a public, as in an ICANN meeting session, I remind that this voting is just for Councilors. So, please use your green ticks if you're in favor, or your red crosses to object, and let me know if you will abstain. Okay. You want to abstain? Okay. So, it's noted that Peter is abstaining. The rest, I see only green ticks, so this moves forward. Thank you very much.

With that, so we have the next item. It's item 12, Roles and Responsibilities for the Councilors. So, before moving into the formal part of this section, I want to thank all of you for your amazing contributions through the year. A lot of what we have achieved since March 2024 is captured in our annual achievements report. However, that report does not justice to your contributions and what we collectively have achieved and our collegiality. I think this is reflected in how we handle the assignment of roles and responsibilities for the upcoming year.

We will formally adopt the assignments under item C of this agenda item, but first, we will have to elect the chair and vice chairs. I first want to ask Bart to explain the process for these elections, and after that, I will ask Nick to chair this part of the session. As you know, Biyi, Jordan and myself have indicated we are willing to continue as chair and vice chairs, and with that, I'll hand it over to Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL

Thank you. So, the process is fairly straightforward. First, the chair election. The chair, Nick, will ask for a nomination and a second one, then he will ask the candidates or candidates whether they accept the nomination, and then we'll have a vote. If there are two or more candidates, there will be a vote, and we need to tear up some paper so you can vote with a ballot. The vice chair election, again, the same thing. We'll nominate and second and accept.

There is, however, one condition. Preferably, the chair and vice chairs need to reside in different ICANN regions, so to ensure geographic diversity. So, if two vice chairs are from the same region, or if there is an overlap with the region of the chair, then we need to first elect the vice chairs or a vice chair from a specific region, but I hope it will not happen because that's fairly complicated. I recall. So, with this, I hope, are there any questions regarding the process? So, first, the chair election by the Councilors. Any questions? No? Back to you, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Well, actually, back to Nick.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH Thank you. Thanks, Bart, for explaining that so clearly. I didn't see that there were any questions. I think we just go straight into it. So, my first task is to ask for nominations for the role of the ccNSO Council for the next year. Are there any nominations for chair?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ Thank you, Nick. This is Pablo Rodriguez from the registry.pr, Puerto Rico. I'd like to nominate Alejandra Reynoso.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH Thank you. Anyone to second? There's five seconds there. We will go back to the transcript for the photographic representation as to who was the first or second. I picked Demi, I think, because he just was in my line of sight, so I saw him first. No offence to anyone else. Are there any other nominations for the role of chair for the next 12 months? Okay. Alejandra, do you accept your nomination?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Yes, gladly.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH Thank you. Well, I mean, this is a very straightforward process, so I think we just take with both hands the grateful service of Alejandra for the next 12 months. So, thank you very much. Bearing in mind the question, which ICANN geographic region are you representing, just for clarity?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO I am the Latin American and the Caribbean region.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH Thank you. Good. So, let's progress to the vice-chairs. There's two vice-chair positions. Are there any nominations for the role of vice-chair? Molehe.

MOLEHE WESI	Molehe Wesi from .za for the record. I nominate Biyi.
NICK WENBAN-SMITH	Thank you very much. Anyone second? Pablo, you first. Biyi, do you accept?
BIYI OLADIPO	I accept. Thank you.
NICK WENBAN-SMITH	Thank you. Are there any further nominations for the role? There are two vice-chair roles. Thanks. Yeah, sure.
SEAN COPELAND	Sean Copeland, for the record, and I'd like to nominate Jordan.
NICK WENBAN-SMITH	Thank you. Oh, this is stressful. Okay, thanks, Chris. That was seconded. Jordan, would you accept the nomination?
JORDAN CARTER	Also, gladly, yes. Thanks.
NICK WENBAN-SMITH	Thank you very much. There are two roles. It's perfectly possible for other people to stand for it if they would like to. So, this is your opportunity. Otherwise, hearing none, I think, thanks very much.

BART BOSWINKEL Nick, maybe ask the people online as well, because they couldn't participate in the acclamation.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH Maybe if people online could just put their little green ticks up or something in terms of the acclamation, that'd be great. Thank you. And I think with that, I return the chairing duties to a proper pro. Right, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Thank you so much, Nick, and thank you, everyone, for the confidence. It's an honor to be doing this. I just want to get the process correct. So, do we need any type of mover and seconder for the resolutions themselves?

BART BOSWINKEL No, I think that's done this way, as said in the-- My suggestion would be that, say, by your election, we fill the resolution as stands, because the names are the important part.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO All right. So, we can move forward then. Thank you. I don't know if Biyi or Jordan would like to say something before I move on.

JORDAN CARTER

Just a quick reflection that I feel patting ourselves on the back, it feels like the three of us have got a reasonably good dynamic. And for me, it feels like we've hit our strides as a leadership group for the Council. There's lots of interesting stuff going on, but you are both a pleasure to work with in this role. And Alejandra, I really enjoy your leadership style of gently pushing us forward, as well as leading us forward when needed. So, thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Jordan.

BIYI OLADIPO

Okay, just to add my voice to what Jordan has said, and I'll take a cue from what Chris has said earlier. Very subtly, Alejandra knows how to make you work, but that's good. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay, well, thank you. With that, let's move on. Let's go to item three in this part, which is the adoption of assignment of roles and responsibilities of Council members. So, we have assigned the roles and responsibilities last Sunday, and the overview was circulated. So, by adopting this overview of the roles and responsibilities of Councilors, the individual Councilors are appointed to the various committees and liaisons roles. So, this overview was provided on the 12th of March, 2025.

Does anyone have any questions or comments? No? Also, with that, may I have a mover? I see Jennifer with her hand up in the room, and I should check in Zoom as a corner. Chris, thank you very much. So, we have a decision in front of us. So, any questions regarding the resolution? No?

So, with that, we go to the vote. So, please use the Zoom green ticks for approval, or your red crosses for objections, or let me know if you abstain. All right, seeing only green ticks, this has been approved, and this becomes effective upon publication. And with that, I would like to also say that working with Jordan and Biyi has been a smooth team effort, and I'm very happy that we continue to do so for one more year.

With that, let's move on to the next item, which is the Blueprint Review Process ccNSO Working Groups and Committees. So, after the successful conclusion of the review of the DNS Abuse Standing Committee in January this year, the Council requested that the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the ERC to document the method that was used to review the effectiveness and the efficiency of the task. The intention was that the method will be used to review the purpose, effectiveness, and efficiency of other ccNSO committees and long-standing working groups.

The document was shared with you a few days ago. I also want to alert you to the overview of the reviews, in particular the aggregate effect, as in when we are looking at a review from an individual committee perspective, it makes sense to do so every two or three years. However, when we combine all the reviews, we are constantly reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of committees. So, with this in mind, we suggest that before embarking on the reviews, we prioritize them, and we should devise a plan to do a maximum of two reviews per year. Does anyone have any question or comment? Seeing no hands, we have a decision in front of us. If we can move a little forward in the screen. Thank you so much.

With that, may I have a mover? Okay, I see, well, Bart mentioned Stephen, and I see Ali raising his hand in camera for the seconder. With that, we have the decision there. Any questions regarding the resolution? Seeing none in the room and in the Zoom room, let's go to the vote. So, please, again, use your green ticks if you are in favor, or your red crosses if you object, or let me know if you abstain. Okay, I see only green ticks. So, with that, this moves forward.

Now, we move to item 14, and it is the adoption on the election of the special European election process. In February, Nicklas Poussette, the Councilor-elect from the European region, announced that he will not start his term now, as in, it was supposed to start now at the end of ICANN82. So, with this, it was discussed among us, and Peter and Chris indicated that they would like to see a third Councilor from Europe as soon as possible, and prefer not to wait on the update of the Council selection guideline. Are there any questions or comments regarding the topic? Just checking the Zoom.

All right. So, we do have a resolution in front of us. May I have a mover? Peter moves, and may I have a seconder? I see Wafa in Zoom. Sorry, Olga. Thank you, Wafa. Are there any questions regarding the decision itself? If we can move a little bit forward in the screen. Thank you. Any questions or comments? Seeing none, please, if you would use your Zoom tools to green ticks for approval and red crosses for abstentions. No, red crosses for objections. If you abstain, let me know. But I see only green ticks. So, this has passed. Thank you very much.

With that, let's move to the next one. We have appointment of members or chair and vice chairs to committees and working groups. This is a regular resolution to appoint members to working groups. We have Alishah Shariff from .uk to go to IGLC, and Anne Ibrahim from .nz to be appointed to the UAC, and this one was newly added. It came freshly, I guess, today, this morning. So, to take the opportunity to add it already to our appointments. Any questions or comments regarding the topic? You, okay?

JOKE BRAEKEN Just noticed a small typo in the name of Anne, and E is missing.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Ah, okay. So, it will be noted for the minutes to correct the name. Thank you. Well, with that, may I have a mover? I see Olga. May I have a seconder? I see Jennifer. Thank you very much. We have the decision in front of us. Any questions regarding the decision? Seeing none. So, please use your Zoom tools, green ticks for approval, red crosses for objections, or let me know if you abstain. Okay. I see only green ticks. Thank you very much, and thank you to the people that volunteered to join the working groups. It's always good to see new blood coming in.

All right. Now, Jordan, get ready. We are on item 16, and it's the update on How We Meet process and the next steps. So, during the week, we had several conversations regarding the How We Meet project, starting with the SO/AC roundtable, our discussion last Sunday, the plenary on Monday, and the consultation as part of our opening session. As discussed, we may need to look at the process through two lenses, as in procedural and substantive. And with that, I would like to open the floor for observations from anyone, but I know Jordan already wanted to tell us something.

JORDAN CARTER

Well, yeah. I think people, I think, will be familiar from the preparatory discussions we had that there was some concern what would be presented by ICANN at that session, and whether it would be a faithful representation of the role or not role of the community discussion group that was part of the model. So, I was pleased to see that that was relatively straightforwardly and accurately conveyed to the community, that there were a set of ideas for saving on money, rather than saying there had been a community process to generate some actual proposals for adoption or anything.

That was an important distinction. It was pleasing to see it play out that way. So, I guess my other encouragement would be that when the public comment opens for this, it would be really good for ccTLD managers to offer their thoughts back through that process, and maybe to hope that the results of the session that we had about this in the ccNSO meeting could be summarized and boxed up and added as a set of perspectives from the aggregate ccNSO participants as an input for that meeting process. So, that's all I had.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Jordan. Anyone else that would like to say something? Okay. So, I know that Jodi and Molehe will review the outcomes from the welcome session and from the group itself. And with that, we will also prepare our own statement, as Jordan was mentioning.

With that, if there are no more hands, then I move to the next one. So, here we go now to item 17. It's the update on the pilot holistic review and the continuous improvement program and the next steps. So, we have extensively discussed this during our work session last Sunday, but since our discussion, the SO/AC met with the pilot holistic chairs. Well, not the pilot holistic, but the pilot holistic drafting team chairs. And Chris, would you like to share your views on what happened?

CHRIS DISSPAIN

Sure. Be a pleasure. Hi, everyone. This is Chris D. During this meeting at ICANN, the Board has been thinking about reviews as a whole and why we're in the mess we're in. And Sophie Hay and I as co-chairs of the Pilot Holistic Review Team have been talking directly to the Board and also to others in the community. And yesterday, we had a meeting with the SO/AC chairs and Cheryl

Langdon-ore and Pat Kane, who chaired ATRT3. And as a result of that meeting, I think we are in the following place.

We can see a way through to dealing with the Pilot Holistic Review, provided that the community is prepared to accept the premises upon which that review is going to the premises in which the holistic review is going to be built. So, Sophie and I will write early next week to the SO/AC chairs and the Board's organizational effectiveness committee and Pat and Cheryl and say this is what we think is a way forward. As long as you all accept that this is what we're doing and that this is what we're supposed to be doing and that this is the way forward, then we will go away and build it.

Now, that is subject, of course, to two things. It's subject to everyone accepting it, but it's also subject to the Board deciding that they do actually want to continue with this process rather than doing something different, which might include what Tripti mentioned a couple of times, which is stopping all of everything, going back to the drawing Board and saying, why do we do reviews? What should we be reviewing? And how would that look like? In which case, obviously, we would stop doing what we're doing and wait for that to happen. And there's also still the outstanding question of what to do about ATRT4.

There seems to be a general consensus, I'll rephrase that, there seems to be not unanimity, but most of the community seems to think that it would be a waste of time to have ATRT4 at this stage. But there are some people in the community, certainly in the At-Large, who think that it's not a waste of time to have ATRT4 right now. So, there's a slightly complicated mix at the moment, which is, we can see our way through, I think, but it's subject to everyone agreeing our proposal, but then the next step is what will the Board decide to do? So, I hope that's as clear as I can be. Okay, thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Chris. Yes, we've been, I think, talking about this topic several times, and I think it's necessary to have this in a letter, so it's better than to remember what was said and what was understood regarding that. But with what you just said of the Board deciding something different regarding the Pilot Holistic Review, it just occurred to me, if it would be best to write to them first, because if they're going to say something different, then--

CHRIS DISSPAIN

I think what we say to them will have some effect on what they decide, so we do need to write to them first. They're not going to do anything until they've heard from us. And also, I suspect until they've heard from you as well, but we'll deal with that when we get there.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay, so we'll wait for that letter to arrive and then to reply. And regarding the ATRT4, should we already do something about it? Because as Chris also mentioned, it was deferred until April and it was discussed in the reviews and the cascading effect that it has. So at our meeting, we discussed to urge the Board to organize an evaluation of the full slate of reviews and how to avoid this cascading effect. And as well, you may have heard yesterday at the Board level, it is noted that the majority of community members believe that a reset of the reviews is necessary and that the Board is inclined to support such a reset. So any comments from Chris?

CHRIS DISSPAIN I don't think we need to do anything. I think we made ourselves very clear and I think the rest of the community has made itself very clear. So I don't think we actually need to do anything at this stage on ATRT4. If that was your question, right?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Yes, but shouldn't we formalize it in writing or you think that was enough?

CHRIS DISSPAIN We weren't asked to, but if we feel more comfortable doing it, then we can. But yeah, sure. I mean, why not? It certainly doesn't do any harm to put it in writing if you want to do it. Yes, absolutely. So we could draft something as a note to the Board, see if we can get consensus on it on the Council and then send it out. Absolutely. Why not?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Anyone else? Any comments on this topic? Jordan?

SEAN COPELAND	Sean Copeland for the record. I think, Chris, a letter would be good because one of the things that frustrates me is we have these ATRs that are five years and we have a process implementing them that takes six or seven years or longer. And maybe the Board needs to think about spacing these things out a lot wider.
CHRIS DISSPAIN	Can I respond to that, Ale? I think there are two distinct things there, Sean. There's input on what should happen with reviews generally. And then there is the very specific question, which we've been asked, is should we run ATRT4? I think what we're talking about is responding to that very specific question, which is no or yes, you should or shouldn't run ATRT4. The bigger question on how reviews operate is a different question. And I think we need to wait for the Board to decide what it wants to do fundamentally before we start responding to that. But we certainly, I think, the question we were asked, amongst other questions, was do you think we should run ATRT4? So I think that is the question we probably need to write to them about. Is that what you were talking about, Ale?
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	I meant both, as in addressing the ATRT4 plus all the reviews that, like a letter that has everything in it.
CHRIS DISSPAIN	Okay, that's fine. You can do that. We can do that as well. That's a bigger undertaking. And the Board may already have met and

decided by the time we get around to actually sending that, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. So yes, okay.

JORDAN CARTER

If I'm going to say a Chris thing to say, I'm not trying to make this more complicated, but if you zoom out from this, the entire review system is broken. And part of the reason the continuous improvement process was introduced was to try and provide something that was actually useful to drive incremental change. But there does still need to be a way to look at the ICANN system as a whole. And ironically enough, a review was suggested along those lines, the holistic review.

And then a drafting team was appointed to draft or design the Holistic Review. And then insanely, that was called a Pilot Holistic Review. But I think all of those other reviews are not in scope for that work. So would it make more sense to pause all of the reviews, including the so-called Pilot Holistic Review, and stop all of the bylaws mandated reviews altogether, stop this review itis that this community seems to have tied itself in knots about, and appoint a design team to design a proper review process that can sit alongside the CIP? If that's very complicated and annoying, I'm happy to write it down instead. But like, this is just the insanity of chasing our tails needs to stop.

CHRIS DISSPAIN

So, Ale, may I? Yes. So in one simple word, yes, that would be the right, in my view, the right way to do it. And that is what Tripti said in a couple of sessions that I was in. Are we at the point where, and in the registry, no, the CPH session with the Board, she said something along those lines. Because I had put forward a proposed way forward with the Pilot Holistic Review, and she said, what if we, if we said, this is ridiculous, we should stop.

And I said, if the Board is brave enough to do that, I will support you 100%. So if that's what they decide to do, I think that I personally think that is the right decision. But if they decide not to do that, they decide to just stop ATRT4 or whatever for now, I've got a way forward for the Pilot Holistic Review to work. But my personal preference, and I'm speaking entirely personally, and I was chair of the working group, would be that the Board bites that bullet and says, this thing is broken, we need to go back to the beginning again and figure out why we're reviewing what we're reviewing.

And as Beth Bacon has said on numerous occasions, and Becky has said on numerous occasions, Beth was at NTIA when Larry and Patty, sounds like a movie title, when Patty and Larry actually agreed what the review should be about. And basically, NTIA plucked those topics out of thin air and said, this is what you should review. And so really, we're at a point now where this long later, we should do exactly what you've just said. And I think that's on the table as a possibility for the Board. And if we wanted to write to the Board and say that, I think that would be immensely helpful, because I suspect there are some people on the Board who might need to understand the bits of the community's strong view that that is the right path forward.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

All right. So with that, then we need to draft this letter. It's quite obvious. So with that, may I already ask who's willing to assist in drafting this letter? Chris, Jordan, Sean, Peter, anyone from online? Peter, you have your hand up. You're in Zoom.

PETER KOCH

Yeah, thanks, Alejandra. This is Peter for the record. And maybe I'm pre-empting things that the drafting team should do, but we should be careful when we promise that stopping all reviews, not all of the bylaws reviews are equal. Some are standing out and we should not throw the baby with the bathwater. So that needs to be a bit more care applied. Thank you. Just that we don't transport the headline here and then need to drill down in the details later. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Yes. Thank you, Peter. You make a very good point. And with that, may I include you in the drafting team? Okay. Thank you. All right. So with that, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL

Is there a date? Do you have a date in mind? Next Council meeting?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

Yeah, a couple of weeks. Yeah, that's fine.

BART BOSWINKEL That's mid-April, because we got three or four of these letters now.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Thank you, Bart. Yes, deadlines are necessary. So with that, we are moving to any other business. So as I mentioned, I do have one regarding the retirement policy. We just received a note from ICANN. I have shared this to the Council and I suggest that we do not respond directly, but by our next Council meeting in April at the latest. From my perspective, this request ends all other conversations we had and we only focus on the response.

I also urge everyone not to respond to any questions regarding dot in your case in your capacity as Councilor. And note that the retirement working group was formally closed at our 22nd of September 2022 meeting. May I ask Jordan, Biyi, Chris and Peter together with the secretary to prepare a response to be circulated to the list? I see yes, yes. Okay. Thank you. All yeses.

Any other business? Seeing none in the room and in Zoom, let me just double check. No. All right. So with that, the next item, it's the next Council meeting. So our next Council meeting will be on the 17th of April, 2025 at 21:00 UTC.

And now we go to the item 20. It's the thank you and adjourn. And first, I would like to start congratulating Stephen Deerhake with his community excellence award. It's an honor. Thank you to .us for the outstanding ccNSO cocktail. We had a great time and excellent hosts. Thank you so much. And I would like to thank you, Demi, for your all the work you did in the Council. We will miss you and we will appreciate if you stay in touch anyway.

And we have something for you, especially, we have a folder for the evil plans in the future and a little present from us. And also, thank you, Nick, so much as well for your staying in the Council. And we appreciate you. We have evil plans and other things for you. And we do hope that you continue to contribute to the ccNSO and especially to the DASC.

With that, welcome Everton as incoming counselor from the Latin American and the Caribbean region. Thank you to all the volunteers for organizing the sessions. Thank you to the secretariat, the in-room staff and the interpreters for their hard work to make this happen. So thank you so much. And finally, thank you to you all for participating either in-person or remotely. And with that, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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