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BETH BACON

Thank you very much. Welcome to the Registry Stakeholder Group Wrap-up Session. This is Beth. I am your chair. So we had some discourse on the list today. We had discussed the IGO/INGO issue. There was a motion on the table and then there were some late-hour concerns brought up, and we wanted to make sure that our councilors were properly advised and informed on how to go forward. So we did try to iron that out. And in the end, we decided there was enough concern (sustained concern, is, I guess, the

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phrase I'm going to use) that we didn't feel like there was consensus on our direction to our councilors at that point. So we did move to try and get a deferral, which did happen. I wanted to turn it over to Jen and/or Nacho, Nacho and/or Jen, to just to do a quick summary of the concerns that were raised, where we are now that you guys were very successful and got a deferral, and then the timing for next steps, because I do understand that we'll have to be pretty zippy to get some language going and proposals, and we want to make sure that again we have plenty of time to talk about that with the stakeholder group. So whoever would like to go, thank you.

JENNIFER CHUNG

Thanks, Beth. We have had some pretty last-minute discussion about the deferral. Very happy that Council interim Co-Chairs accepted the deferral, I think, also around the room. The other SG's and C's expressed that they would need that deferral to discuss if we were to either offer a friendly amendment or what the motions might look like. So I think the first thing I'll do as a small backtrack is what we had concerns with. And then I'll tell you about the next steps at council. So I did ... Sorry about all my typos, because I was typing this during the council meeting to make sure we all were up to date. I sent around a Google Doc where everybody does have commenting rights. And Wim, I'm sorry if I usurped your keeper of the Google Docs throne. Please tell me to do otherwise if you're not happy about that. But I extracted the motion that we were talking about, hopefully still the motion that's on the table that was

submitted by Susan and seconded by Nacho. Where we had problems raised, if we scroll all the way down to the resolved clause, if we look at 3F, I think the concerns raised was about the quote-unquote appropriate mechanisms in its place. And I think the person who raised this concern was very concerned that it would be new mechanisms or it meant that Board might be able to then make policy, even though I think the intent of F was not that case. So I think the desire is either to remove F in its entirety because everything else in A to D encapsulates what the council wishes to happen, and also, in 4, if Board really does consider any future policy, it can then direct it as they are in their right to do so. The second part that I mentioned in my typo-filled email (sorry about that again) is, if we wanted to offer an adjustment of F instead of taking it out in its entirety, maybe we offer some clarification to mitigate any concerns we might have. So that's the context and content of why we decided to ask for the deferral. I can pause for a little bit of discussion, but I also wanted to tell you about what next steps at Council might be. So I leave it to you, Beth, if you want me to go on or not.

BETH BACON

I don't see any hands in the room other than your very own. Why don't we go ahead all the way through and then we can maybe ... I think it's probably too early for folks to have thoughts and feelings on the language, but it's good to see just contextually where we are and then we can chat about next steps.

JENNIFER CHUNG

All right. And continuing then, we had confirmation from Lars in the room that having this in our November meeting will not impact the timeline in any way, which is actually a good thing for all councilors around the table to note. So as long as we have a very stable version of the motion, I think the council will be very easy to be able to pass this in our November meeting without much delay. That is the next steps there. It is just rolled on to for vote in the November meeting.

BETH BACON

Thank you, Jen. So can you remind me what the date of the November meeting is? Because we have to get it in the 10-days in advance [of the] motion deadline. No pressure. So as they dig in, because they're the best ... Oh, now it's in the chat. 13th. Great. Thank you, Sam. Catherine, we have your hand in the room, so we'll go start going through some comments. Thank you, Sam.

CATHERINE PALETTA

I note that 10 days before that, I presume, is Monday the 3rd. So that's a few days. So, as you said, tight timeline. But my question was, Jen, you said Lars confirmed this won't impact the timing. I assume you mean the timing of the Board's adoption of the AGB, which is going to happen tomorrow, and there's like bracketed text or something about this or something. So just to confirm, we meant AGB adoption.

BETH BACON

Does anyone else have any comments or questions right now? So again, this came up, it was on the list, and there was enough concern that we simply didn't have the consensus around the registry. So, thank you very much to our councilors, Sam, Jen, and Nacho, who were very flexible. And we were also able to then work with Susan Payne, who had drafted the original motion to say to say, as you noted, we hadn't had a chance to meet, so we didn't have the registry support or opportunity to gain support for any amendments or striking of language. But then also had we done that, they would have had to defer as well because they would have wanted to go back to their stakeholder groups as well. So in the end, we were able to get a deferral, and we will use that time well. My question is, because November 3rd is this Monday, which is a very short time away, especially considering a lot of people are going to leave on Friday and drive and fly home on Saturday, and maybe sleep on Sunday ... And we don't have any scheduled registry stakeholder group meetings in the interim. So I will take up the mantle to take your document when can we post it in the public comment area, but then also I will send around an email with the deadlines. If we cannot get appropriate levels of consensus over email, if we don't feel like there is robust support by close of business on Monday, we are going to have to revisit this in the process in the next steps because we don't have meetings. Is that a new hand? Jen?

JENNIFER CHUNG

So I'm going to confirm with staff as well. Because the motions have been rolled over as is, I think offering friendly amendments actually is okay after the motion deadline if the motion is still on the table.

BETH BACON

Okay, that's really helpful. Let's shoot for Monday in any case until we get clarification. I would prefer not to offer friendly amendments at the 11th hour. It's not that friendly at that point. But we will, if we can, take a little extra time to make sure that we can gain consensus on this. Does anyone else have any comments, questions, concerns on this? Jeff?

JEFF NEUMAN

So, Jennifer, this is what you'll send around? Okay, cool.

BETH BACON

Catherine?

CATHERINE PALETTA

Thanks. Because the motion rolls over, the motion that will be proposed will include F. And so we will have until essentially Monday to submit the version without F. Is that right? If that's our plan. Or do we consider F this friendly amendment that might have

a bit more time? But we don't want to do that because it's less friendly, etc. But thank you.

NACHO AMADOZ

I would say that if we prepare this, if we also get Susan and all the parties that have been involved in drafting this, and do that along, I don't know, next week, then it's not going to be perceived as not friendly because we are going to be working on that together, right? This is something that I think we can do to add that as a friendly amendment and therefore we don't need to be submitting any new motion by Monday. And that gives us time to work on that. And I think that, yeah, we can discuss among ourselves, but we also have to (and I guess that comes with it; maybe I'm just going to say the obvious) work with them to say, "Hey, how are you going to receive this? Is this language good enough for you and respecting what we're also trying to say?[""] You said that this was not the intention. Let's try to find the language for that intention to be covered adequately.[""] And that's going to have to happen next week, ideally, right? Next week because otherwise we are going into the week of the meeting.

BETH BACON

Okay, thank you. So once again, just to clarify, we are shooting for Monday. However, if we can get good consensus around this on the list, that would be great. Jen and Nacho and Sam are going to let us know if we do have a little wiggle room, Sam has rightly pointed out in the chat that at that point we do have a biweekly on

Wednesday. So if we need it and we do have that ability to move, I will say that close of business on Wednesday after the biweekly call and we have a chance to talk is the latest we should be making amendments, friendly or otherwise. Yes, Nacho?

NACHO AMADOZ

On that day, you will have the council staff and leadership prep call, on Wednesday 5 after our call. So it would be great to have something so that you can discuss that with them too.

BETH BACON

All right. I really appreciate that. Again, a lot of flexibility. Again, we don't like to do this because it was very last-minute, and we've already had consensus, but we also don't want our councilors going in with ambiguous guidance, so it was better to defer than not. But again, if there's issues, please raise them. Okay, thank you very much. Any other questions, comments, concerns on this particular issue? Awesome. Let's go back to the agenda please. Perfection. All right, we are going to, in the spirit of the fact that we really like you guys and really appreciate all the work that you do, (it's a little thing) ... We have some certificates of appreciation (so we do this at the AGM) for all the work you guys do all year just to ... Sometimes I think we get to the end and we forget all the things that we worked on, but you know who doesn't? Sue. She never forgets. She never forgets. So I'll just quickly go through our certificates, and she's going to pass them out. And just thank you very much. I would like to commend myself for being chair. And I

would also like to commend myself for working on the gTLD Stakeholder Group On the registration data PDP. Thank you, Beth. Thank you, self. Yeah. They're alphabetical. Catherine Paletta for serving as her first term as Vice Chair of Policy. Thank you so much. Jeff Neuman for serving as Vice Chair of Administration. Clap, clap, clap. We're like "womp-womp." Karen Day is finishing out her second term as treasurer for us. Thank you. Now, she doesn't get a certificate for it, but she is appreciated for rolling on as NomCom rep, so something to wait for next year, AGM. Samantha Demetriou, thank you for serving on GNSO Council. I will deliver this personally to your house if I get to snuggle Ellie. Jen Chung, thank you very much; GNSO Council. Jen also was seated officially as our Vice Chair, so thanks very much, and congratulations. Nacho Amadoz, GNSO Council, we didn't forget you. Josu is not here, but Josu Walino is our exiting NomCom rep. You'll [send it there]. All right. You're just going to keep it and put a marker through it. We have our brand new CSC rep, Gordon Dick. And thank you to Rick Wilhelm, who's not here (I'll take it) as our CSC rep. Dennis Tan and Chris Disspain for very ably leading our DNS Abuse Working Group. I don't know, maybe we should make yours shiny put some stars on it because you guys did a lot of work this year.

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BETH BACON

Yep, and not done yet, so we got the one for next year printed already. You're not allowed to leave. [Edjet Francis], Board seat 13, for all your work on our algorithm as well as shepherding that process. Numbers are gross, so thank you. It was really complicated, but also it contributed to a really successful and delightful. Oh, look at that. It's just piling up, guys. Yeah. Jeez, Rick. His head's gonna get big. But it's contributed to us having a really robust process. And I think at some point we will take another look at it and make sure that we don't have to change the policy. But that algorithm was tough, and it was good. So thank you. Marc Anderson for ably being Tech Ops leader. Marc Anderson for registration data PDP. Yay. Skipping me again for registration. Sebastien Ducos was also a participant in the registration data PDP. Thank you. We have the wonderful Sophie Hey for SubPro IRT as well as Elaine Pruis. No, she's not here. Sophie's behind you. Hiding. Yeah. We also had Jim Prend for SubPro. I have to say his whole name. Jim Prendergast for the for SubPro IRT. I also would like to note that the three of them were kind of like forcibly made to be IRT reps and were never really official, but they did all the work and just never told us that they were not official reps because we lost our minds. So again, those are special ones. Thanks for just going along with Stockholm syndrome and be like, oh, okay, I'll give updates. Dennis again, IDN EPDP. Thank you. Jen Chung, IDN EPDP. You guys are doing so much. Maxim, who I'm not sure if we have online, for the IDN EPDP. Thank you so much. We have Rick

and Jim Galvin and then Jim Galvin for transfer policy. Wonderful.
Huh? Can you give it to Jim? Can we give yours? Okay.

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[inaudible]

BETH BACON

Oh yeah, it was. It's a long ... This is why we forget. We're like, was this last year? No, it was this year. John McCabe has served as our rep for the PPSAI IRT. Kalina, our RZERC representative, thank you so much. And she's, again, just seated for her second three-year term. Thank you so much. Rick, jeez, what an overachiever. IANA functions review team. Jonathan Robinson also was a rep for our IANA functions review team. And Chris Disspain is doing too much with the Continuous Improvements Program as well as the Pilot Holistic Review. And he's now doing Review Of Reviews, so really think good thoughts for him. And then Karen Day for the Standing Selection Committee. So we're just doing little appreciations, but I think it's really important for us to recognize, A, how much time and effort you all put in and the things that you do that are really important, like CSC, but no one knows about. And I just really appreciate you guys. It's a really phenomenal group to work with, and I appreciate you all very, very much. Right now, before we move into discussing public comments that we are also allowed to not do if Catherine feels terrible and wants to not speak anymore, I wanted to—

CATHERINE PALETTA

Oh, no, you're stuck.

BETH BACON

Okay. She feels good. She's always got room for public comments. I just want to say again, big thank you to Karen. This is her final moment as Treasurer. You can tell by the glistening in her eyes. And we are going to very officially welcome Christina Bedore. And big, big thank you to Josu who is not here, but you will tell him that we fawned for minutes and minutes about his service on NomCom, and then we are not losing Karen because we wouldn't allow it. She will be representing us on NomCom, and we really appreciate it. That's what the tears are from. Yes, you're right, Sue. That's a million percent. All right. Thank you for bearing with us. We just wanted to say thank you, and thank you to Sue and Nikki for arranging all of this and being the actual sweethearts, because I would have just let you guys go with a sweet, sweet high-five. All right. Let's kick off some public comments.

CATHERINE PALETTA

Haha, you came for the awards, but you stayed for the public comments. Except for ... okay. Cool, cool. I'm keeping a list, and we will shred his award for next year.

BETH BACON

Don't worry, that just means we get to assign him [inaudible].

CATHERINE PALETTA

Yeah, it really feels like he's an expert on the GNSO Stakeholder Group Constituency charter amendment process. So, I'm sick. You can tell. We're going to keep this short and sweet to the two public comments that are upon us, right? So, we've got the updated GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charter Amendment process. This document is three pages long. I know because I looked at it for the first time earlier today. This is the glamour of being the Vice Chair for Policy. Guys, I didn't see any problems. Has anyone read it? If you have, you can have one of these Chris Disspain Awards. Haha, Beth hasn't read it, and she's the only one that I know of that paid that much attention during the last time we did this. Go ahead, Beth.

BETH BACON

I will promise to do it, and I will promise to put in comments, but I have yet to do those things. I know that the draft closes on Monday. I will pull it together.

CATHERINE PALETTA

Draft closes Monday. I have not identified any problems with the proposed changes. If there are I'm going to put this in the document, pending comments from Beth. "Generic insert. Generic statement of support." Great. We finished that public comment. Proud of us.

WIM DEGEZELLE

[Because it's very short, I can do it Wednesday.]

CATHERINE PALETTA

Because it's very short, Wim says he can do it Wednesday, but only for Beth. He would never make that promise to anyone else.

BETH BACON

I would never do that to you, Wim. In fact, I have done that to him a lot.

CATHERINE PALETTA

And then this one that's a bit more important: the second draft of the RIR governance document. Who has looked at this? Is it no one? I'll admit, I haven't. I do know that Matt Crossman promised me some stuff, looking meaningfully at Christina. He helped us write the last one and is plugged into this. And I've heard that Amazon may have already filed their comment. Is that true? What betrayal is this that you would have ... okay, okay. Well, as I've said before, this is going to be more limited. This closes this week, and by this week, I mean next week. Our document will close on Wednesday the 5th. So I will also harass ... Oh actually, I got a doctor's appointment during the bi-weekly. Sorry Beth, I won't be there. Someone will harass on the bi-weekly about this because the document will close that day. But I'm sure we can get something good in there. Matt Crossman was such a genius last time and helped us out with that. Last, I want to go quickly through our next round-based registry agreement public comment, which we

discussed in a closed session before. And since I don't think anyone's listening to this that's not us, I'll briefly say we're going to have a very, very brief comment of generic support. It's a guided public comment that asks, does this implement the recommendation, does this implement the recommendation, do you have any other comments? So the answers will be yes, yes, no. And that will be the extent of our submission. Going down the list, draft lack regional strategic plan we will not comment on. I did get some feedback during our closed session on the public meeting proposed dates. We got lots of time on that one. But there's some not-full-sentence thoughts in that document. We will not be mentioning Halloween. That was a decision we made, but we did all feel it. So, the last really spicy public comment, that's non-technical because I'll look to our technical folks for the string similarity data and the IPv6 research study, is the timeline for urgent requests. I expect that we will find some time to set aside a group, find a group, to work on that comment to discuss that more fully, whether that be a drop-in call or some [set-along] time. I do think that is worth this group digging more into because that is going to be spicy amongst the community, potentially, though perhaps we do a generic statement of support and then it becomes not so spicy on our side. But we don't need to do that today. So what have we learned? We have a semi-draft comment for the constituency charter amendment process, and Beth's going to look at that. It is only three pages. I was shocked and delighted when I looked at it, again, as I said, for the first time earlier today. And on the second draft of the RIR governance document, when you see

Matt Crossman out at the bar tonight, ask him what he thinks about RIR governance and why he's keeping all his thoughts to himself. Otherwise, I don't need to keep you guys. The end. Thanks.

BETH BACON

Efficiency for the win. All right, does anyone have Any Other Business they would like to discuss? All right. So sometimes we do, for folks that are new, cancel this meeting because obviously there's six of you because we'll start to filter out, but we keep it on for things like if we have issues or things that come up and we want to close the loop or do any of that and also to give some awards because it's fun. So you will see this on the schedule. Sometimes we cancel it, sometimes we don't. And I'm glad that we have it so that we could talk about all these things. And we also have repurposed it to a public comment session because we have conflicts. So we like a little bit of flexibility. I will give a last call for any issues, thoughts, concerns that we have. Anything that happened this week, any other loose ends that you feel are dangling, anything you'd like to advocate for? Catherine?

CATHERINE PALETTA

Thanks. I just wanted to remind folks that in lieu of the takeaways document, we do session notes. And we always want your feedback on those for our funded travelers. So if that's helpful, if there were sessions you think that we missed this time, let us know. We're always looking for suggestions. This came down to the last minute. And so ExComm picked some sessions. But we're also

open to suggestions if you think there's something interesting. Wim, I thought, had a great suggestion. There were two sessions. One was the ccNSO. One was somebody else—ALAC—talking about their approach to the budget that he attended for us. And so it's learning from those other groups how they approach that public comment. So always feel free to give feedback on those notes being helpful or not. I think we got good feedback last time. So thanks.

BETH BACON

Thank you, Catherine, for managing that. If you are a funded traveler and you haven't done notes or you don't know what we're talking about, well, you're behind, and you should read your email. But if you are a funded traveler and you're assigned notes or you're and you're not sure what you want or you feel like you've missed something, you can always go back and listen to the recording when you are home and then give us some notes from that. And that's perfectly acceptable. And if you are looking to be a funded traveler in the future, that is something that we do for those. And we did try the takeaways document. It was fine, but we felt like the juice wasn't worth the squeeze, to quote Rick Wilhelm. And the notes are a little bit more robust, and we can also fan ourselves out into other things. Honestly, let's take over. We're just going to be everywhere and have folks in other meetings and get their perspective. So I think it is really good and hopefully you guys take advantage of those notes and then if you have suggestions on how to improve those along with all of our other discussions on how we

can make sure that we're working well and always taking a look at our procedures to improve, that would be great. Anyone else?

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It is important to do that because [inaudible].

BETH BACON

It is important to do that. Do you have... Oh, that's great. And on that note, I really appreciate everyone's work this week. It was a long one. I know there's another day left, but this is the end of your Registry Stakeholder Group time unless you come to our CPH-CSG session, which is the last session of the last day.

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Actually, the Board meeting is after.

BETH BACON

It is technically. Although the Board meeting is after that, I don't know that anyone's going to the Board meeting. So if you are staying for the Board meeting, please come to the CSG so that it's not all four of us. It will be good. Dennis will be there. So there you go. A little quiet. You get some quality time with Dennis. There you go. So please remember that is tomorrow. Other than that, you are released from your service to the Registry Stakeholder Group, and I really appreciate all of you. Have a lovely evening.

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