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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much, Claudia, and welcome everybody to our council meeting 222 on this lovely rainy Thursday on the 30th of

October. I will put in chat, as I usually do, the link to our Wiki space where the documents for this session are or will be posted.

Please, all councilors, I will request you to join soon since we need to vote in some of the resolutions. And as we did in our prep council meeting, if you're able to turn on your cameras, that will be very lovely for remote councilors to feel also in the room with us.

With that, may I ask at this moment if anyone has any other business I should be aware of? Biyi? Okay, but I'll keep it in AOB? Okay, we have one AOB. And with that, does anyone have any update to their statement of interest that we should be aware of? Okay, hearing none. Now we are in item 1B, that is the meeting quorum. Claudia, do we have any apologies?

CLAUDIA RUIZ

We don't have any apologies and you are quored.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you so much. I would like for the record to note that maybe Jankan is joining later remotely. He will be in an airport in-between now, but he did mention he might be late. So, with that, we are in item two and that's the relevant correspondence. That's a letter that we received from the ICANN CEO and President on the financial contributions and we will look at that on item 17.

Moving along to item 3 on minutes and action items. The minutes for our past call were sent on the 10th of October. Does anyone have any questions or comments regarding the minutes? Seeing no hands and no comments, then the minutes are confirmed. With that, moving along to action items. All action items have been completed. Does anyone have any comments or questions on those? Seeing none, let's move on.

So, we have, item four is the Intermeeting Council Decisions. There have been none and intermeeting decisions from the triage committee will be discussed on item 15 of today's agenda. There were no particular decisions made by them, but we will get something else from them regarding the monitoring later.

We are now addressing the updates. So, the written updates, if any, will be available in our Wiki space and/or coming soon to our inboxes. Does anyone have any pressing comments right now and also on the assigned sessions, anything we should be aware of right now of the sessions you attended during the meeting? Seeing, none, okay, we will talk a little bit more on the CSC later.

So, moving now to item 9. That's the update on the ccNSO website. I'm very happy to let you know that there is a light at the end of this website update tunnel. The small group reviewing and updating the content and acting as counterpoint of the ICANN team has been informed that in December, the new website will be launched. So, we are very excited.

With that, I would like to take this moment to give a kind reminder to the councilors that are here in person to have this new website, it would be nice to have new photos of the councilors. So, we will get some headshots taken after this meeting and that will take place in our previous ccNSO room. So, finishing here we run there to get our individual photos taken.

With that, we move along to item 10 and that's the progress on Board consideration for ccPDP4-IDN and I'll give the floor to Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL

Thank you and I see Patricio is here as well, but I'm sitting at the microphone, so that's easier. I'm speaking on behalf of the staff support team, we're moving on gradually. We are almost at the end of the initial assessment of the policy itself. There are two more sections that need to be reviewed in depth. That's the deselection of IDN-ccTLD, so that's the add-on to the triggering event for the deselection of IDN-ccTLDs, and then there is the review mechanism and some other miscellaneous recommendations including the review of the policy itself, et cetera.

But I would say, the major hurdles have been taken, including the understanding of the recommendations regarding IDN variants for ccTLDs and their selection and the validation procedures. And the validation procedures, that was a complicated matter, for that matter. Maybe Patricio, anything you want me to add? Yeah, thanks. So back to you, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much, Bart. Any questions or comments for Bart or Patricio since we're here? Seeing none, then we are moving along to item 11, and that's the progress of Review of Reviews. We have two plenary and our own discussions.

From my perspective, we are really now underway and noting that the CCG is in the fact-finding mode and other resources, may I ask Chris to give us any summary update on that.

CHRIS DISSPAIN

Thank you, Ali. This is Chris. Hi, everyone. I don't know how many of you made it into the session this afternoon, but we had a really good open mic session this afternoon. So, what we've done is we've kind of gathered all the feedback this week from the session we ran with the CCs, the GNSO, At-Large had some things, GAC have done some stuff, plus the Monday session. We've kind of worked through some themes that are clear, and we'll have a call next Tuesday to kind of see if we need to make any changes to the purpose document.

I'll say this again just so that it's clear, the purpose document is a living document. It isn't intended to be finalized until we come to the end of the process, so it'll just stay there. So, it's not like you have to sign on and agree to it because obviously it will change as we go through the purpose, as we go through setting up the reviews and eventually it will become a sort of final purpose document.

We're definitely holding on the 18th of November two online sessions to ask for feedback and input on what the community thinks were the challenges and successes of previous reviews. So, either if you were on a review team or the recommendations came to you, we'd really appreciate that feedback. That's still part of our fact-finding. So, that's going to be on the 18th at 6:00 a.m. UTC and 18:00 UTC. I think that's right. Maybe. I think that's right. So, there's the time for Asia and time for the West Coast.

We may have some other sessions between then and the 19th of December, which is when we intend to sort of stop the fact-finding and start moving forward on the next. And everything is online, so check the Wiki and if you want to keep up to speed, the best way of keeping up to speed is to register as an observer.

Now, that doesn't mean you have to come to the sessions, but if you register as an observer, you're on the mailing list and that means you get emails. You can't post to it, but you get all the emails, so updates on where we're at and stuff like that. You'll be able to stay up to speed. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Chris. Anyone has any questions or comments for Chris? Yes, Everton.

EVERTON T. RODRIGUES: Quick question for Chris. Would you consider that it would be best for councilors to all subscribe as observers to this effort or to tunnel, to reach out to you in order to proceed with comments or updates? Thank you.

CHRIS DISSPAIN

I think it would be great if everybody actually did it. It will help inform your thinking so that when we come to you, as we will, to the actual SO, as opposed to taking individuals and ask a specific question. I'll just give you one example.

At some point, we will be coming to the SOs and ACs and saying it is possible that as part of an overarching structural review of ICANN that recommendations could be made about the structure of the ccNSO by something that is effectively a whole community review. How do you feel about that? I don't know what the answer is, and that doesn't matter right now.

What I'm saying is there are certain questions we will be going to SOs and ACs to ask directly. And so, if you personally are up to speed and you've watched the debate going along, that would be immensely, immensely helpful because this really is critical stuff. It can make a huge difference, and the more involved everybody is, the cleaner it will be and the easier it's going to be to actually reach consensus. Does that answer your…? Thanks, Everton.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. Olga?

OLGA CAVALLI

Thank you very much. Thank you, Chris, for the update. Do you have an estimated time that the group will be working to have an update or to go to their sources and assist to give some comments?

CHRIS DISSPAIN

Yeah, I do. I probably don't have it in front of me here, but off the top of my head, public comment on draft structure of reviews for Mumbai and public comment on the sort of last iterations of it in the middle meeting of the year, which we don't know where it is except it's going to be in Seville, yes, I think.

And then the intention is that it goes to the Board, finalized to the Board, all being well on the 1st of September. Lindsay Byron smiling there. And I asked the Board in the meeting this afternoon to say, I said, “Look, we're working to this incredibly tight timeframe. We'll do our best to meet it. What will be really useful is if at some point…” And we may well actually write and ask at some point, the Board were to say, “If you get this to us on the 1st of September, all being well, we will deal with it by this time.”

Part of the reason for having the Board members as members and having an open channel of communication and the staff as members is so that we don't get to a point where once we've made our recommendations, we suddenly discover that there's an issue. The Board says, “Well, hang on a second, we can't implement that.”

We'd like to know that the Board can implement it before we've made the recommendation or that legal has a problem with it before we make the recommendation. I want us to have as close to sign-off on all of this that we can have before we actually make those recommendations. Because if we make the recommendations in a Board and staff vacuum, that's a recipe for disaster. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Completely agree with you there, Chris and that's the reason why Board members are also members of this group and ICANN staff as well. So, we're looking forward for getting the request for feedback, the one that it's just for us.

And please, anyone that would like to subscribe to this mailing list, please do so, because it's the wide ICANN community responsibility to make this a success. So, the more informed we are, the better we can participate, and the best chances for this to be successful are there. So, please do so. Okay, so Jordan and then Chris.

JORDAN CARTER

Thanks, Alejandra. Jordan Carter here. Just kind of bit of a weird question, Chris. There are two public comments in the process for the working group and then there will immediately be another public comment process when the ICANN Board asks the community what they think of the proposal that the community just told us what they thought about. Is there any procedural way to skip one of those public comments?

CHRIS DISSPAIN

That's a really good question, Jordan, and you couldn't skip ours because they go to us making the recommendations, but I suppose there is an argument for saying that if we could find a way of the Board not having to repeat that exercise, that might be helpful. I'll take that and see if we can figure out a way through.

I did just want to also say, having asked everybody to join the mailing list, that all that information is on the Wiki, and there is also an input email address. So, if you have suggestions and input, so if you're on the mailing list, as an observer, although you can't post to the mailing list, what you can do is put suggestions into inputonreviews@icann.org. So, I-N-P-U-T-O-N-R-E-V-I-E-W-S @icann.org. As they used to say in the old days, all in lowercase, no spaces. And so, that's an opportunity for anyone to put any input in that they like. And as I said, all the other stuff is on the Wiki. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Chris, and just to be on the safe side, could you copy paste that on the chat so people can get it? Thank you. All right, so with that we are moving now to item 12 and that's the progress on how we meet. And from the round table, this was one of the topics that was addressed and the staff will come back to the SOAC leaders with the CEO's views on the recommendations and their implementation.

The staff is also working through the recommendations and considering their impact on the current situation, including on a few venue contracts that may have been negotiated already.

And there was an initial discussion also at the SOAC roundtable regarding the recommendations for a new session with the Board and the community interaction. That topic seemed to need a little bit further discussion and Mary and Sally will bring back the How We Meet team to further discuss it.

And there was also a request from our side to update the meeting strategy document, to bring it to the current practice, particularly if the recommendations from the How We Meet process are different, right?

It is best to have a document that reflects our current practice than having a document with several appendixes with changes made through time. The team will examine how best to do this update, given that the strategy was developed by the community. Any questions or comments on that one? Jaijit?

JAIJIT BHATTACHARYA

Yeah, this might have been answered earlier, but this is just my third meeting, so I may be stating the obvious. Maybe some of the voices are not there on the table, such as if you look at participation from, let's say, Afghanistan as one example, there is a challenge in terms of even just getting the .AF because of sanctions. You can't even make a payment. So, is that something that should be part of this document or part of any other conversation?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Sorry, Jaijit, I'm not sure I follow. What payments or sanctions are you talking about? Sorry.

JAIJIT BHATTACHARYA So, if somebody needs to get a domain under .AF, which is the TLD for Afghanistan, they can't make the payment. So, a lot of the domains are expiring because that payment is sanctioned. You can't make the payment.

So, there are similar such issues elsewhere, but when we were reviewing in terms of who all we are funding for participation and how many voices are coming in, places like Afghanistan, Syria, and Central Asia is not there. So, maybe many of their concerns are not getting factored in and I just thought it would be worthwhile to put it on the table. Maybe it's getting addressed somewhere else, but since it's related to ccTLDs, so I thought I'd put it on the table here.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Thank you, Jaijit. This is not the item that we're discussing right now, and also, we do not discuss how things are done in each of the ccTLDs because that's not the role of the ccNSO to do. Would you like to weigh in on this a little bit, just to close it?

BIYI OLADIPO

Okay, just to weigh in a little bit on it, this is specific, it's an issue that is specific to the ccTLD in question, and that is actually beyond the remit of the ccNSO. As you know, the ccNSO will deal on general matters as far as policies that relates to what IANA is concerned, but we won't wade into for a particular ccTLD.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. With that, I'm not seeing any hands up for the item 12. Then let's move to item 13 and that's the update on chair, vice chairs, councilors, regional organizations and the secretariat.

Here I want to give you a bit of an update on the roundtable and the meeting with the Board. We already covered a few of the topics that were discussed there, like the How We Meet. And a bit on the Review of Reviews, and related to the Review of Reviews, we got the proposed bylaw amendment drafts.

I've mentioned this in our prep call, and they have been circulated to the mailing list and we are expected to give feedback on those. We will discuss them later, maybe through the mailing list. I don't remember, Bart, if we have a specific deadline to submit any comments for the pilot drafts, but if not, we will figure it out.

BART BOSWINKEL

Around mid-November was my guess. Yeah.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay.

BART BOSWINKEL

Because they need to go through a public comment, and to initiate the process, they need to go to the Board first, et cetera. So, by mid-November would be a good time.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Perfect. So, we will have an offline on the mailing list discussion on those. The other item that was discussed was the code of conduct, just as informational that this was done. And we, Biyi, Jordan and myself, we just let them know that we are already implementing our own guideline regarding that and it was very much in line with what they have published. So, it could be considered. Implemented though the GRC is still going to review it just to check all the T's and the dots that we are not missing anything.

And the last topic that was discussed was the effectiveness and efficiency improvement of ICANN. We, the ASO-EC chairs, we presented this problem statement on the fact that things are not as effective and definitely efficient in ICANN in terms of time and resources and outcomes of processes and that we want ICANN to reflect on this.

We even, as the group of leadership, put ourselves there in the sense of, if we could suggest anything or if there's anything we could help to do a brainstorming on ways on improvement, that we are available. But we put this forward to ICANN to address because we believe that things can be done in a better way.

And with that, tying it up a little bit with the meeting with Board, remember that we touched the topic of unresolved issues from previous joint meetings and we got the bylaw change playbook. It has been circulated in the mailing list.

This was submitted just prior to the meeting and now we have an action item here to review it and to send feedback on it, I would say, as soon as possible, but I don't know. Again, Bart, any timeline specified on when to give feedback regarding the playbook?

BART BOSWINKEL

No, there wasn't and I looked it up regarding the bylaw change, that was by 4 November. It was circulated, the amendment regarding the reviews, but that's Tuesday or this Monday. So, that's rather soon so maybe get back and say a week later. It reflects on, when was the email sent? It was sent on Monday by Russ. It includes an update of the bylaw version itself. I'll circulate it to the council at the end of the call. So, it's only one option now.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Even better, so it would be quicker for us to review, but definitely not by Tuesday. So, we'll get back to Russ saying that we will give our feedback a week later. But on the playbook, we don't have a specific deadline, but anyway, please do have a look at it and maybe we will discuss it in a November call, just to give feedback to ICANN legal on it.

BART BOSWINKEL

May I suggest that we say a small group who is interested reviews the document and that they prepare a response to be adopted by the council in November, that's probably the fastest way of doing it. Yeah, just two or three people and I'll assist them.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Perfect. So, let's do this as an action item and do it offline in the mailing list. Whomever wants to volunteer for that, please reply to our small call for this. Another action item that came through this topic was a sort of request tracker to keep our requests to the Board or to ICANN in a place that would be public and available for anyone to know what's pending. So, I don't know, Jordan, would you like to say a little bit more on that, if you want?

JORDAN CARTER

Well, I just kind of assumed they had one anyway, and was surprised to discover that they didn't, so maybe we could do it for them.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Agree. So, with that that's our second action item. At least we will do our own and share it with the Board and I think that's it from my side. Sorry, on this topic, even doing our own or maybe a joint tracker, just not to have just the ccNSO, but maybe others could be a Google Doc type of thing if we need to put it quickly, that wouldn't be such a bad idea, so we can see all pending items, not just ours. Anyone else has any update? Yes, Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER

I'm one of the members around this table of the, what's it called? The WSIS+20 Dialogue Group, WSIS+20 DG, which was set up after some pressure from SO/ACs around ICANN's handling of the WSIS+20 review engagement.

And I just wanted to tell you briefly about the fact that that group met with the Kenyan ambassador, the WSIS+20 co-facilitator who was here at the meeting and it was a fairly-- I think, Peter, you were there as well, right? It was a low-key and actually very friendly and pleasant meeting. No massively new issues were tabled.

I expressed a personal view that-- One of the challenges he talked about was getting participation in the IGF, and another challenge he talked about for government participation was a feeling that because there are no outcomes or outputs or documents agreed in IGF, it makes it hard for civil servants to justify attending and participating in it.

So, we sort of teased out a little bit that there's quite a long spectrum between just having a chat and going home and having a formally negotiated text of an outcome document. And that things like additional ways to distill best practice or to set out the various positions on an issue and the hard trade-offs involved and who might win from those and what the policy implications are.

In other words, to better distill the dialogue that happens at an IGF and offer it up into government policy processes where that's relevant could provide more value for governments as a stakeholder and could provide more reason for other stakeholders to get there because they'd have something to be influencing and shaping. So, I didn't do that as a representative of the ccNSO, but I saw it in the interest of disclosing what I said it would be useful to just update you on it.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much for that, Jordan. Anyone else? Okay, so moving along, we are now in item 14, and that's the progress on nomination process on the Board seat 11 and the 2025 council election. We have two separate items, but for both of them we have Joke to provide us with an update. So please, Joke.

JOKE BRAEKEN

Thank you, Alejandra. Yes, I will start with Board seat 11. Yesterday there was a Q&A session during the ccNSO members meeting where everybody with an interest had an opportunity to have a conversation with Patricio on his candidacy to Board seat 11. And with that being concluded, this allows us to write a report about the nomination process, which will be presented to council by the November council meeting. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Excellent. And any questions? I muted myself. Any questions? Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL

Just one additional comment. Say, with your adoption of the nomination report, then the nomination process will be concluded and it will be forwarded to the ECA.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Excellent. I see no hands up on this one. Then let's move to the next that is the council-- Yes, Patricio?

PATRICIO POBLETE

May I take just a second to thank everybody once again. I'm deeply honored by this show of trust in me, and I wish to be able to fulfill your hopes and be a member of the Board that, as you all know, once we're members of the Board, we're members of the Board for the whole corporation, but I could never forget where I come from. And I try to bring the best of our community to the Board. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much. With that, now we move on to the progress on council selection process 2025 and Joke, please, could you update us on that one?

JOKE BRAEKEN

Yeah, thank you. So, the nomination process was launched in September and following conclusion of the call for nominations, there was a certain timeline when nominees could accept their candidacy.

For the European, North American, and Latin American, Caribbean region, there was one nominee that accepted their nominations. So, for those regions, there will not be any elections, which means that following adoption of the selection report, the candidates will take their seat at the end of ICANN85. So that in terms of those three regions.

For the Asia-Pacific region, there are two nominees that accepted their nomination. So, there will be elections starting after ICANN84 on the 18th of November, if I'm not mistaken. So those elections will be held for at least two weeks. And following conclusion of the election, the winner of the election will take a seat at the end of ICANN85.

For the African region, there was a single nominee, which declined to accept the nomination. So therefore, there will be a need for a new call for nominations, but I believe that that is addressed later on on the agenda. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Joke and just to be on the safe side, the elections for the AP are from the 13th to the 27th of November. And well, as we heard, we will need to relaunch a call for nominations for the African region, and that's why this item has a resolution. Are there any questions or comments on the topic? Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL

Just to go back on the point of the election in the AP region. So, it's not relevant for those not in that region, but the staff will be using a different ballot system. It's called eBallot. In the past we used Tally. This time we're going to use eBallot. Tally has been phased out, so that's going to be an interesting experiment on how it will be run. We have done some test runs, especially those in the AP region, be on the alert just to notice.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Hopefully everything will be fine, but we will see. With that, any questions or comments regarding this topic? Joke.

JOKE BRAEKEN

Maybe in addition to the new tool, so the ballots will be sent to the emissaries for the members of the region. So, if you have any questions or concerns regarding who is the emissary for your respective country or territory from the AP region, please do feel free to reach out or put your peers from the region in contact with me and I'm happy to assist. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Excellent point. So, any further questions or comments on this one? Joke, I see your hand up in Zoom, but I think it's an old one, yes. All right, and I will use Zoom for this because I told you we were going to use Zoom. So, let's see who's faster. May I have a mover and a seconder? I see Sean moves and Pablo seconds. Thank you.

With that we do have a resolution, so can we move all the way to the resolution? And the decision itself is to appoint Joke as our election process manager for the council election of a councilor from the African region and to accept and adopt the timeline proposed.

Any questions regarding the decision? Seeing none, and this is an action just for the ccNSO councilors because I see we have others on Zoom, please use your green ticks if you approve of this decision or your red crosses if you object and if you abstain let me know explicitly.

All right and having everyone on the camera makes things easier, but still going through the participants list, only green ticks, this has been approved. Thank you very much. And please do lower your green ticks because we will use them again.

With that, let's move to item 15, and that's the adoption of the quarterly monitor ccNSO fiscal year 26-27 portfolio and we did receive the monitor report by email. May I ask either Chris or Bart to give us an update?

BART BOSWINKEL

Effectively you receive two reports. The monitor itself, everything is in green, but it doesn't capture, I would say, the interesting bit, is, say, what happened since the adoption. So first of all, what you will see, so the portfolio has been adopted, so both in all three areas, or in three out of four areas, so policy and policy-related work, so the Board adopted the PDP. Implementation is on its way of the review mechanism that was a split in planning of the implementation and the implementation work.

Planning of the implementation is nearly done, and I can say this on behalf of SAS staff support, and the call for volunteers of IANA, who is accuracy, that easy change will be launched post ICANN84 and that's on your agenda. Platform function, so that's the sharing of information et cetera, that's all according to plan and that means that say all the items that the different working groups wanted to share with the community and do with the current consult have been achieved, so that's very nice.

Goal three, ICANN related activities and that's, I would say, the interesting one. The finance working group has been closed, so we closed out probably a very significant work item. You will see it later on.

The IANA Function Review has been completed, so that's the group of Peter. Again, with recommendations and the Review of Reviews has kicked off and its plan is also part of the overview. So that's another way of monitoring.

And the participation in ICANN Management Framework program will start in October of this year, that's an SOPC activity. And what's really interesting is it will be around KPIs for ICANN's performance in the strat plan and operating five-year operating plan.

And then regarding the foundational activities, review of SOI guideline is added, implementation of continuous improvement framework is added, and the Board recall directory removal guideline will close later than expected.

And, yeah, the other, the CSE-related work, again, the third effectiveness review, has been deferred. And if all goes according to plan, so including the bylaw adoption, it will start in April 2028, because that's five years after conclusion of the previous one. Thank you. That was the update, and that's reflected now in the portfolio, and the monitor everything is green, so no reason for comments.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Bart, but just in case, does anyone have any comment or question for Bart? If not, well, at least the comment is it's good to see everything in green so thank you for that. And with that, we'll go back to Zoom. We do have a decision to support this update.

May I have a mover and a seconder? Could you please raise your hand in Zoom? I see Olga moves and I see Ali in the camera seconds. Thank you, Ali. With that, we have a decision in front of us. Any questions regarding the decision? Seeing none, let's go again to voting. Oh, Jordan, you have your hand? Wrong button?

Okay. So green ticks for approval, red crosses for objections, and if you abstain, please do let me know.

All right, going through the participants. All green, so this has been approved. Thank you very much. You may lower your ticks. We will continue to use them.

With that, let's move to item 16 that has been a little bit introduced by Bart already. We have the support of the CSE-related bylaw change and related amendment to the CSE Charter. We've been asked to support the direction of travel of the proposed by-law change and Charter Amendment.

The changes are needed to implement the recommendation of the second CSE Effectiveness Review. Bart, anything else that you would like to add on this one?

BART BOSWINKEL This is, say, from a, I would say, implementation perspective, a little bit complicated because one track follows the fundamental bylaw change track, so the outcome is not determined yet. And the other one follows the CSE chartered change track.

In the CSE chartered change track the council has an important role, first, say, with adopting the proposals. And secondly, after the public comment has been concluded and after the bylaw changes have been concluded, or almost at the same time, approve the amended charter. So that's somewhere in, yeah, hopefully by June next year.

The bylaw change track, because it's a fundamental bylaw change track, first of all, there will be a public comment period, and then, because it's an approval action, there is need for a community forum. And by now it's traditional almost and institutionalized that the public forum or the community forum takes place at an ICANN meeting.

So, the goal and what we as staff are trying to do is to have everything in parallel and ready by March for the community forum. If we miss that opportunity then it will be June, that depends on something, agendas of others et cetera. So that's a little bit about the process. So, it will take some time, but it's on track in that sense. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions or comments regarding this? Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE Thank you. Quick question, Bart. With regards to the CSC charter change, is that ultimately something that the Board has to approve, or is that all internal?

BART BOSWINKEL It is. If you look at the amendment, also the change procedure in the charter itself, it starts with RSIG and the ccNSO Council launching the process by adopting more or less the changes as they are right now, that's why you have the resolution in front of you.

Then it needs to go through public comment, but the issue is you want to have a back-to-back with the bylaw change because they refer to each other.

After the public comment period and after the, I would say, start of the approval process, the GNSO and ccNSO Council need to adopt the charter. That's the effect. There's no role for ICANN in respect to the CSC charter.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE

Got it. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

All right, so with that, let's move back again to Zoom and may I have a mover and a seconder? I see Pablo moves and I see Sean seconds. Thank you very much. We do have a decision. Can we scroll a little bit on the document just to have it a little more high? There. Thank you. Any questions or comments regarding the decision? Seeing none, let's go to the vote.

So, you know the drill, for councilors please use your green ticks. If you approve, your red crosses. If you object or, let me know explicitly, if you abstain. Okay, all green ticks. This has been approved. Thank you very much. Please lower them down.

And now we move to item 17 and this is the update overview policies related guidance and practices relevant for ccTLDs. In

August, we did adopt the guideline on voluntary financial contributions and I informed the ICANN accordingly.

In October, we received a reply from ICANN CEO and President recognizing the guideline and as you may know, the guideline is also included in the ccNSO overview of policies, related guidance and practice relevant for ccTLDs. We do need to update this overview. Are there any questions or comments regarding this? Seeing none, we have a resolution.

So, moving to Zoom, I will ask for a mover and a seconder. I see Stephen moves and Jennifer seconds. Thank you very much. With that, we have a decision in front of us. Any questions regarding the resolution? Okay, seeing none, it's time for the voting. So please use your green ticks, approval, red crosses, objection, or let me know explicitly if you abstain. I see only green ticks. This has been approved. Thank you. And, oops, sorry.

Now moving to item 18, it's the appointment of members or chairs and vice-chairs to committees or working groups, if any. And we already have there a resolution, appointing two nominees for the ICANN Leadership Program, appointing two members to the Excellence Award Nominating Committee and appointing one member to the SOPC and one member to the TLD Ops. Any questions or comments regarding this topic? Yes, Wafa?

WAFA DAHMANI Are we speaking about the ICANN Excellence Award?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Yes, you're right. I think we recycled the wrong test. It was supposed to be Wafa, not Olga, because Olga's term-limited anyway. Thank you, Wafa. I'm so sorry for this, but it will be amended. So, yes, Olga, we baptize you as well. But yeah, it's Olga and Demi for the members of the Excellence Award Nominating Committee. My goodness, I got confused. Wafa and Demi. Yes, I got cross-contaminated in my thinking. Yes, it will be corrected and taking that into consideration, Wafa and Demi.

Any other comments? With that, then we go to Zoom, please. I'll need a mover and a seconder. I see Stephen moves and Olga seconds, thank you. Are there any questions regarding the decision itself? Bart, yes?

BART BOSWINKEL

Just to be on the safe side, there are two people who have been, in the meantime-- When we circulated the resolution, there were no volunteers. We do have two volunteers, one for the SOPC and one for the TLD Ops. They need to be included. Maybe you can list their names. Say, I know it's Jake Zack from CIRA, who's volunteered for the TLD Ops, so keep this in mind, this came in later, and the other one was Crystal Isaac from .VI for the SOPC.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Yes, sorry. In my version, in the document I'm seeing in the screen, they're there. So, as you say, for the safe side, it's Crystal Isaac, SOPC, and Jacob Zack, TLD Ops. All right, they will be added. Any further comments? Seeing none then I already have a mover and a seconder, right? Yes. Okay, so let's go to the voting.

Green ticks, approve, red cross's object or abstentions, please let me know formally. Jordan abstains and Sean abstains. All right. Everyone else has green ticks, so this has been approved. Thank you.

Moving along, we have item 19, and that's a call for volunteers for SOPC study group, IANA Whois Accuracy, and RZERC. Any questions regarding this topic? We touched upon this during our prep call at a point in ICANN meeting. What day was it? Sunday.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER Three weeks ago.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO Three weeks ago. No, no, no, no, no, just a few days. Okay, seeing no hands up, we do have a resolution. May I have a mover and a seconder? I see Wafa moves and Pablo seconds. We are using Zoom room because otherwise it's very hard for me to see everyone. Thank you. Any comments regarding the decision? I see Jordan's hand.

JORDAN CARTER	Yeah, just sorry, in the A, the Root Zone Evaluation Review Committee, it says a term of three years starting, starting. Do we know when it's starting?
BART BOSWINKEL	In, oh! Now it's normal. I've pressed the wrong button. It's the end of the week. First of January.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	Okay. With that correction, any other comment? If not, then we go to vote. So please, using your reaction buttons, green ticks for approval, red crosses for objections, or if you're abstaining, let me know.
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	You did not get a seconder nominator, did you?
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	I did.
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	Okay.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	But thank you for keeping me on track. All right. I see only green ticks in Zoom. This has been approved. It's been a long week. With

this, we've reached our Any Other Business, and I know Biyi has Any Other Business, so Biyi?

BIYI OLADIPO

It's just an announcement that the Afri-ICANN meeting is going to hold in Accra, Ghana on the 8th to 9th of December and the ccNSO has been invited to give an update on what we're doing. I'll be there personally, and then I'm welcoming everyone who's going to join us to just generally have updates from the community. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much. We'll be looking forward to it. Any other business? Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE

As council knows, I'm resigning at the end of this meeting, one meeting early than the end of my term. It's been an honor and a privilege working with council and working with the overall ccNSO community, council members both present and past. It's also been a privilege to work with the secretariat staff, of which we have been blessed for decades now with incredible secretariat staff.

I'm not going away completely. It's more like an emeritus status. I'll pop up now and then. I doubt I'll be in Mumbai, for example, but I'll be lurking on Zoom, most likely. I will be resigning from all working groups, et cetera, et cetera, except for GRC and the Tech Day Working Group, and I leave it up to the Council Parliamentarian to determine if I need to be formally reappointed to those two working groups. I'm told no.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	No need.
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	Okay. It's been a wild ride. I was really pleased and privileged to launch the workings of the ECA. It's very weird having John Jeffrey as a pen pal for a couple of years. And, of course, the work on PDP III Retirement Review, was another big highlight. So, I wish you all well, and you'll see me around occasionally. Thank you.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	Thank you.
BART BOSWINKEL	Just before the thank yous and it's just as easy, Stephen, again, you listed your own achievements, so I won't list them again. The only thing what I want to mention, and at times you've been a real pain for us.
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	I'm well aware.

BART BOSWINKEL	Especially of keeping us on track on accountability and on delivering on time, and now I'm wearing my other hat as support staff to some of the PDPs. At times I feel a crunching, I don't know, stomachache when you started listing the dates and the time it took us to get back on the review mechanism, but thank you for this. It really made a difference, and it was a pleasure working with you off and online and even before you became a councilor. So I have a little gift, say, not on behalf of the council, but on behalf of, I would say, four friends, Alejandra, Joke, Claudia and me, knowing that you lived in France and maybe you've been affected by what is happening in France [inaudible - 00:59:03] so enjoy.
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	Bart, I started putting the pressure on the length of time that the Board was taking in response to the Board making jokes about how long we were taking retirement policy development.
BART BOSWINKEL	I think the title itself is telling, retirement.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO	With that...
STEPHEN DEERHAKE	Thank you for the gift, by the way, guys.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Not a problem. Stephen, thank you for the journey in the council and all your contributions to the ccNSO community and with this, I'll start the thank yous for this meeting.

I would like to thank Desiree as our liaison from the GNSO council and to welcome Nacho as our new liaison from the GNSO. I would like to thank .IE and the Contracted Party House for hosting a very special ccNSO cocktail for us. I would like to thank the volunteers for organizing the sessions, the secretariat, the in-room staff, and the interpreters who keep up with us, literally. And thank you for participating either in person or remotely. A big thank you, to all.

And with that, I have two announcements. One is that, as you can see, we have listed in the agenda the following meetings for the next year so please put them in your calendars and invites will come to you shortly. And the second is, as I mentioned before, after this session, we go to our previous ccNSO room for the headshots, that's for council members. And with that, this meeting is adjourned, and we can stop the recording. Thank you.

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