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TRIPTI SINHA

Good afternoon, everyone. It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the 27th Annual General Meeting of ICANN. Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to our multi-stakeholder community. Let's start with welcoming Samiran Gupta, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, Asia-Pacific. He will tell you a bit about our next ICANN public meeting. Samiran?

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Thank you, Tripti. Good afternoon, everyone. It's a pleasure to welcome you all both here in the room as well as those joining us online. For this moment, as we look ahead to the next ICANN meeting being held in the APAC region, I'm delighted to share that ICANN85 will take place in Mumbai, India, from 7th to 12th March at the Jio World Convention Center.

Mumbai is the vibrant heart of India, a global hub for trade, finance, arts, and entertainment. It's also home to a dynamic startup ecosystem, a thriving technology sector, and the landing point for many of the undersea cables that carry the Internet to India.

We are very much looking forward to the gathering in this remarkable city next March. And now to tell us more about what to expect, please join me in welcoming Dr. Devesh Tyagi, CEO of the National Internet Exchange of India, or NIXI, the host for ICANN85. Dr. Tyagi, the floor is yours.

DEVESH TYAGI

Thank you, Mr. Samir. We would like to welcome the award to ICANN85 Mumbai 2026. First of all, I would like to thank ICANN Board and ICANN fraternity to choose Mumbai as their next destination. I am also thankful to Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, who allows us in conducting this particular ICANN session.

So, I would start saying that India is currently, and it is not alien to all of us, currently India's economic strength is that we are the fastest growing economy across the globe. Our digital economy is contributing around 13.42%. This is an old figure. And we are now, our GDP stands at 4.13 trillion as of now. We are the third largest digital prized economy. Which are doing IT and other IT related jobs.

The internet aims at boosting productivity, entrepreneurship and inclusion. This is our vision for the internet. Our land is a land of diversity, unity and culture. We are 1.4 billion strong people. We speak around 22 official languages. And we are having or we accommodate followers of all leading regional leaders.

So, you will get cultural diversity. Our vision for the internet is to expand digital productions around global platforms. We are having the internet as a for-profit entity, which includes or which defines the inclusive growth for all of us. So, India is expanding its digital infrastructure. And we are having 3.7 million connected to the network that connects the country. We are hosting around 1.14 million bank connections.

Our 4G network covers almost 90% of the country. And 5G is one of the fastest growing networks worldwide. So, we are building digital infrastructure and we are improving day by day. So, we are building our digital infrastructure, which we have created in the current years. It is one of the best in the globe. And we are basically having whatever the foundation has been, digital public infrastructure.

So as of now, digital public infrastructure model showcases global leadership, inclusion and inclusion. We are one largest digital ID network with 1.4 billion members covering 90% of our federal citizens. We are having 131 billion UPI transactions in the financial year 2023-2024, accounting for 70% of all digital payments. So that speaks for itself.

We have 530 million plus digital locker users are storing 8 billion plus verified documents. So, all the documents across the country are now being verified online through this particular DPI. We are democratizing digital commerce and empowering MSMEs through ONDC and Bharat Net. So, we are making our presence felt globally in the trade as well. We have built and opened AI's interoperable standards and public-private partnerships through DPI.

So, we consider internet as an engine of financial inclusion. And Digital India has made financial services available to every citizen. First of all, we are over 90% of the banking transactions in the major banks are digital. That's a great achievement we have achieved through once we have implemented the Digital India program since 2015, which was inaugurated by our Prime Minister.

We have UPI, RR, EKYC, and Zenda and USNA has onboarded 500 plus million citizens for formal finance. That is what we are using digital media to reach to the unreached and to serve to the underserved. We are seamlessly making payments, microcredits, DBT have improved transparency. Internet enabled finance ensures financial inclusion, efficiency and empowerment at scale.

So, digitization and economic opportunity have been given across all the sectors. In retail, we are omnichannel and e-commerce adoption brings MSME and artisans online. In education, seamless global connectivity, international airports, ports and 5G ready infrastructure is available for every citizen. In BFSI, which is the most happening sector, cultural, vibrance, Bollywood, cruise line, festivals and the Arabian Sea all are included.

These transactions have created high productivity digital jobs. The sector is five times more productive than economy's average output per worker. So, this is what we have achieved through the Digital India program. We are having a clear vision. India's vision is clear to make Internet the backbone of sustainable, equitable development. Under Modi's leadership, India is advancing AI, semiconductor and green data centers ecosystem. We plan that by 2030. India's digital economy will surpass $1 trillion.

As we continue this journey, India affirms its belief that connectivity is not just technology. It is empowerment, opportunity and growth for all. With this background, I once again invite all of you to be in Mumbai during next ICANN session. Thank you very much.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

Greetings from India. I hope you have had five days of fruitful and enriching discussions here at Dublin as part of ICANN84. It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Government of India and ICANN to Mumbai for ICANN85 in March 2026. Together, let us build an Internet that reflects the values of trust, openness and diversity that unite us all. See you at ICANN85. Thank you.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Mr. Tyagi and Samiran. Since India is a country of my birth and heritage, I welcome you there as well. We look forward to visiting Mumbai in March of 2026 at ICANN85. Thank you. I'm honored to introduce the Community Recognition Program, an important occasion to express our appreciation and acknowledge the valuable contributions of our community members. At this time, I would like to invite Russ Weinstein, Senior Vice President, Policy Development Support, to join me on the stage.

RUSS WEINSTEIN

Thank you and good afternoon. Community-driven work is at the heart of ICANN's mission and spirit. Countless hours are spent in Working Groups across our supporting organizations, our advisory committees, and other groups, including the Customer Standing Committee, the Empowered Community Administration, the Nominating Committee, the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee, and others.

Together, our community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resilience of the global Internet. The ICANN organization is proud to help facilitate this work. As ICANN84 comes to an end, it's important to acknowledge the vibrant role and critical impact our community members play.

Please join me in welcoming ICANN President and CEO Kurtis Lindquist and Tripti Sinha on stage as my colleagues Brenda Brewer and Ozan Sahin preside over the program to recognize our community leaders. Thank you, Russ.

BRENDA BREWER

Today, we recognize 46 community leaders, though not everyone has been able to join us in person for this ceremony. We will recognize community leaders in alphabetical order, beginning with the Customer Standing Committee, the Nominating Committee, and then the supporting organizations, followed by the advisory committees. Community leaders, please approach the stage as I announce your name.

We begin with the Customer Standing Committee. Dmitry Burkov, Milton Mueller, Frederico Neves, and Holly Raiche. From the 2025 Nominating Committee, Humberto Carrasco, Ching Chiao, Eduardo Diaz, Dave Kissoondoyal, Louie Lee, Vanda Scartezini, Nitin Walia, Josu Walino, and Erum Welling.

OZAN SAHIN

From the Address Supporting Organization, Hans-Peter Hollen, Dima, Nick Nugent, and Chris Quesada. From the Country Code Name Supporting Organization, Stephen Deerhake, Demi Getschko, and Nick Wenban-Smith. From the Generic Name Supporting Organization, Manju Chen, Karen Day, Greg DiBiasi, Paul McGrady, Desiree Milosevic-Evans, Susan Mohr, Thomas Rickert, Eric Rokobauer, and Tomslin Samme-Nlar.

BRENDA BREWER

Moving to the At-Large Community, Ali Almeshal, Harold Arcos, Sebastien Bachollet, Lilian Ivette De Luque Bruges, Bram Fudzulani, Bukola Oronti, Shah Zahidur Rahman, Sergio Salinas Porto, and Adrian Schmidt. From the Government Advisory Committee, Zeina Bou Harb, and Wang Lang.

OZAN SAHIN

From the Root Server System Advisory Committee, Paul de Weerd, Ken Renard, Karl Reuss, and Tim Shortall. From the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, Joe Abley. In addition, we thank Stephen Deerhake for the recipient of the 2025 ICANN Community Excellence Award for his dedication to ICANN's multistakeholder model, and Alfredo Calderon, the recipient of the 2025 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building for his significant contributions to local, regional, and global capacity building programs.

Finally, we wish to posthumously recognize two community members, Fred Baker from the Root Server System Advisory Committee, and Nigel Hickson from the Government Advisory Committee. We join the ICANN community in celebrating the legacies of Fred Baker and Nigel Hickson. We are very grateful for the collective and individual efforts, skills, and time of our community leaders.

In that spirit, the ICANN Board of Directors formally recognizes these community leaders with a resolution during the Annual General Meeting. Community recognition is a year-long effort at ICANN. The growth and evolution of ICANN as a multistakeholder organization depends on the sustained engagement and recognition of our community. Now we invite recognized community members to join Triti Sinha, Kurtis Lindquist, and Russ Weinstein on the stage for a group photo. Thank you for joining us.

TRIPTI SINHA

I now invite my Board colleagues to come on the stage, please. All right, I'm calling this meeting to order. Today is the 30th of October, 2025, and this is a formal meeting of the Board in Dublin, Ireland. Let's start with roll call, and I'm going to ask Board members to state their name and indicate that they are present, and then we'll confirm a quorum. Sarah, could you start, please?

SARAH DEUTSCH

Sarah Deutsch, present.

ALAN BARRETT

Alan Barrett, present.

CHRIS BUCKRIDGE

Chris Buckridge, present.

MIRIAM SAPIRO	Miriam Sapiro, present.
PATRICIO POBLETE	Patricio Poblete, present.
LEON SANCHEZ	Leon Sanchez, present.
CATHERINE ADEYA	Catherine Adeya, present.
NICOLAS CABALLERO	Nicolas Caballero, present.
SAJID RAHMAN	Sajid Rahman, present.
BECKY BURR	Becky Burr, present.
KURTIS LINDQUIST	Kurtis Lindquist, present.
TRIPTI SINHA	Triti Sinha, present.

CHRIS CHAPMAN	Chris Chapman, present.
MAARTEN BOTTERMAN	Maarten Botterman, here.
SAMIRAN GUPTA	Christian Kaufmann, present.
AMITABH SINGHAL	Amitabh Singhal, present.
JAMES GALVIN	James Galvin, present.
DAVID LAWRENCE	David Lawrence, present.
BYRON HOLLAND	Byron Holland, present.
WES HARDAKER	Wes Hardaker, present.
TRIPTI SINHA	Thank you. Board Secretary, can you confirm that we have a quorum?

JOHN JEFFREY

Yes, confirmed.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you. The Annual General Meeting consists of two sessions. The first session is a regular meeting of the ICANN Board of Directors with the current Board members. Once the Board meeting concludes, we will begin the organizational meeting of the ICANN Board of Directors, during which the new Board will be seated. So, what you have before you, is the consent agenda. The first item is ICANN87 venue contracting. Sajid Rahman is the shepherd. Sajid, if you could say a few words, please.

SAJID RAHMAN

Thank you, Tripti. The reason we are here is that we had to move from Oman to Dublin. Now, for ICANN87, we are proposing to go to Dublin. This resolution is that the Board authorizes the President and CEO, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to enter into contracts and make expense disbursement pursuant to those contracts for the host venue and hotel for the October 2026 ICANN public meeting in Muscat, Oman.

And resolved specific items within this resolution shall remain confidential for negotiation purposes pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.5b of the ICANN By-laws until the President and CEO determines that the confidential information may be released.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Sajid. The next item on the agenda, 1b, Transfer to Supplemental Fund for Implementation Community Recommendations. You are the shepherd for that as well. A few words.

SAJID RAHMAN

Thank you, Tripti. So, we had a strong financial year, financial year ending June 2025. So, this resolution is that the Board approves the transfer of U.S. $12 million from the operating fund to speaker or project fund. This is the surplus from June 2025 budget year.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Sajid. Item 1c, it's the Ombuds Performance Goals for the second half of FY26. Chris Chapman is the shepherd. Chris.

CHRIS CHAPMAN

Thank you, Chair. The Board last January had their first opportunity to sit down with the new Ombuds, Liz Field, and it was seen as an opportunity to go back to first principles and clarify the Office's scope, jurisdiction and ensure alignment with the Board's vision for the community.

Liz has been on Board, I think, a year and two weeks. She's been given full reign to do a wide-scoping assessment, to get comfortable in the role, to continue to present to the Board on a periodic basis, and she has now presented her Ombuds six-month

Performance and Development Goals proposal, dealing with the period 1 January 26 to 30 June 26.

The Ombuds Office strategic priorities and goals aims to strengthen the multi-stakeholder model by providing professional, trusted and accessible Ombuds support and services so that community members are treated fairly and feel safe in participating in ICANN. The goals further aim to contribute to a climate where conflict and complaints drive learning and continuous improvement.

The Ombuds performance and development goals are at the moment going to be planned in six-month increments, thus the 1 January to 30 June. So, the Board discussed the Ombuds proposal at its workshop a couple of days ago, agreed with them and now present them for formal resolution.

These goals deal with the performance and development goals of the Ombuds and allow the Board to exercise oversight, manage performance and provide support to the Ombuds which will drive the success of the office and ultimately the organization. And I'd just like to reiterate that we, the Board and I in particular as the shepherd and the Board delegate to assist the Ombuds being delighted with the performance and the development and the presence of our Ombuds. Thank you, Chair.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Chris. Does anyone have any objections to the consent agenda? Seeing none, since this is the consent agenda, we thereby approve the entire agenda as it stands. Let's move on to the main agenda. Item 2A is the transfer of the .LY country code from Libya Top-Level Domain to the General Authority of Communications, to the General Authority of Communications and Informatics. The shepherd for this is Patricio Poblete. Patricio, take it away.

PATRICIO POBLETE

Thanks, Tripti. As our Chair said, this resolution deals with the transfer of the .LY Libya Top-Level Domain to the General Authority of Communications and Informatics. I read the result. As part of the exercise of its responsibilities under the IANA naming function contract with ICANN, PDI has reviewed and evaluated the request to transfer the .LY Top-Level Domain to the General Authority for Communications and Informatics.

The documentation demonstrates that the proper procedures were followed in evaluating the request. Resolved, specific items within this resolution shall remain confidential pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.5b of the ICANN bylaws until the President and CEO determines that confidential information may be released. Back to you, Tripti.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Patricio. I open the floor for any discussion or comments. Okay, I don't see any hands. Do I have a motion on the floor? Yes, Patricio. Thank you. A second, please. Kurtis. Thank you. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Thank you, Patricio. Moving on to Item 2b, and this is resolving the remaining GNSO policy recommendations on second-level IGO acronym protections. The Shepard is Becky Burr. Becky.

BECKY BURR Thank you. Today we are taking final steps to resolve open policy recommendations that came to us a long time ago from a galaxy far away, recommendations we received in November of 2013 regarding policy on top-level and second-level protections for identifiers of international governmental organizations, international non-governmental organizations, and the International Red Cross Movement and the International Olympic Committee.

Since that time, the community has undertaken additional policy work. The GAC has provided advice that the Board has acted on, and we have come to a point in time where several of the original recommendations that we received have been overtaken by events. We are therefore moving today to determine not to adopt two recommendations, recommendation 3.3.5 and recommendation 3.3.7 from the GNSO's 2013 final report on protection of IGO and NGO identifiers in all TLDs.

I will read the resolutions. Resolved, the Board has determined not to adopt recommendation 3.3.5 and 3.3.7 on the basis that the reason that these recommendations were developed has since been superseded by subsequent developments, including additional policy work by the community that will provide the appropriate policy protections at the second level for IGO acronyms.

Resolved, the Board thanks the GNSO and the GAC for the collaborative engagement and consensus-based policy development work concerning protections for IGOs in the domain name system. Resolved, the Board directs the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to complete the ongoing implementation activities to enable the Board to lift the moratorium on second level registrations for the IGO acronyms currently reserved.

This includes implementing the IGO curative rights policy recommendations and the permanent notification system that will notify an affected IGO if and when a third party registers a domain name matching that IGO's acronym. Back to you.

TRIPTI SINHA Thank you, Becky. I open the floor for discussion. Any questions or comments? All right. I hear none. Is there a motion on the floor?

	Becky. A second, please. Chris Buckridge. All those in favor, please say aye.
THE BOARD	Aye.
TRIPTI SINHA	Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Moving on to item 2c. This is the GNSO internationalized domain names IDN Expedited Policy Development Process EPDP Phase 1 pending recommendations. Alan Barrett is the shepherd for this. Alan?
ALAN BARRETT	Thank you.
TRIPTI SINHA	One minute. Before I turn it over to you, Alan, I would like to call for any conflicts regarding this, if you could declare your conflicts.
WES HARDAKER	Wes Hardaker. I work for a registry provider and have recused myself from all discussions related to this resolution.
BYRON HOLLAND	Byron Holland. I work for a back-end registry services operator and I'm recusing myself from all discussions related to this topic.

JAMES GALVIN

James Galvin. Out of an abundance of caution, since I work for a registry operator, I have recused myself from all discussions related to this.

DAVID LAWRENCE

Out of an abundance of caution, is this. I missed the topic, though. And I apologize for that. I believed it was -- okay, so my employer intends to apply for a New gTLD.

TRIPTI SINHA

All right. Thank you. Alan, over to you.

ALAN BARRETT

Thank you, Tripti. So, nearly two years ago in December 2023, the GNSO council approved the output from the EPDP on internationalized domain names and between then and now, the Board has approved almost all the recommendations within that are output from the PDP process. The two remaining recommendations concern fees for IDN variants and the proposal now is that we will approve those final recommendations. So, let me read the resolution, the resolve clause.

The Board adopts the scorecard titled IDN EPDP phase 1 recommendation 7.4 and 7.5 and directs the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to incorporate the remaining two recommendations into the existing implementation work. This includes coordination with the ongoing work related to the Next Round-based registry agreement and the subsequent procedures of SubPro IRT as soon as practicable.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Alan. I open the floor for any discussion, questions, comments. All right. Hearing none, do I have a motion on the floor? Alan, a second, please. A second. Who's that? Sajid. Thank you. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Let's move on to item 2d, The New gTLD program. This is the 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook. Before I turn it over to Becky and Alan, I'm going to call for conflicts again and they happen to be on the left side. You all sat next to each other.

WES HARDAKER

We're all in a line. It makes it easy. All right. As I mentioned before, I work for a registry operator now and out of abundance of caution have recused myself from all discussions even though I'm a nonvoting member.

BYRON HOLLAND	Byron Holland. I work for a back-end registry operator and out of an abundance of caution I recuse myself.
DAVID LAWRENCE	David Lawrence, I work for an employer to apply for a brand TLD and recuse myself from discussion, also nonvoting.
JAMES GALVIN	James Galvin, as I work for a registry operator, out of an abundance of caution, I recuse myself from all discussions about this topic.
TRIPTI SINHA	Okay. We're going to pause. Thank you for declaring your conflicts. I'm going to pause because the screen in front of me is broken. And it needs to be fixed. So, let's just pause for a few minutes. Don't go away. Thank you.
PATRICIO POBLETE	To explain to the audience, we can't see the resolutions in front of us.
TRIPTI SINHA	Okay. All right. Becky and Alan, I turn it over to you.
BECKY BURR	Thank you very much. As almost everybody in this room knows today, we are taking the next step in our journey to launching the

2026 round of New gTLDs by approving the Applicant Guidebook for the round that will launch in April of 2026. This work represents thousands of hours of work in policy development over many years. It represents, I know, something like 197 meetings of the IRT. Countless hours of Board work on this.

And we are very pleased to be getting to the point today where we can approve the Applicant Guidebook, which has been through five comment periods in the several months. And I will read the resolutions and then make my own, just make one comment.

Resolved, the Board expresses its deep appreciation to the ICANN community, including the SubPro IRT and its GNSO council liaisons and the SubPro Policy Development Process Working Group for the extraordinary work invested to craft the Next Round of the New gTLD program in furtherance of ICANN's mission and core values.

The Board also expresses its deep appreciation to ICANN Org's Next Round staff for all of their hard work and dedication to date on the New gTLD program. Resolved, the Board adopts this version of the New gTLD program, 2026 round Applicant Guidebook, and directs the president and CEO or his designees to publish the guidebook, including the addition of the dispute resolution service provider's rules no later than 30 December 2025.

The president and CEO or his designees is authorized to make changes to the guidebook adopted on this day as necessary so long as the changes do not alter or affect the guidebook's principles and core policies that were considered and approved by the Board concerning the Next Round.

And before I turn it over to Alan for anything he has to say, I would like to add my personal thanks to the community, to Org, and to all of my Board colleagues for the many, many hours of hard work that has gone into the journey to get us here. It has been truly an extraordinary effort, and I'm very glad to be here today.

ALAN BARRETT

I thank you, Becky. This is Alan. I'd like to echo Becky's thanks to the whole community, the IRT, the org staff, the Board for getting us to where we are now. I'd also like to say a few words about Latin diacritics, if I may. There's an ongoing PDP on dealing with Latin diacritics. We have not received output from that. It's possible that something may come later, and it's my personal hope that we'll be able to incorporate it, although it's going to depend a lot on timing. Thanks.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Becky and Alan. I open the floor for any discussion, comments, questions. I'd like to make a comment. I'd like to join Alan and Becky in first thanking the community, the organization for all the hard work, and to Becky and Alan for leading this initiative. It's a significant step in the Next Round initiative, so we're deeply appreciative for all the work that's gone into this. Thank you.

All right. Do I have a motion on the floor? I'm just going to-- Okay, Becky. Becky moves. Do I have a second? Yeah. Okay. Miriam seconds. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays? Any abstentions? No. The motion passes. Again, my deep thanks to everyone. To celebrate the approval of the Applicant Guidebook, cocktails will be served at the reception, so please join us at the end of the meeting in level two foyer. All right. Moving on to item 2e, registration data request service continuation. Becky, you are the shepherd again

BECKY BURR

Thank you, Tripti. I think I have said this in absolutely every meeting this week, so I will say today the Board is taking steps to authorize the continuation of the RDRS program service for up to two years through December of 2027. We have had two years of pilot. We have learned a lot during this process, and based on conversations with the community, the very hard work of the RDRS standing committee and their final report and the work that we need to do to move forward and to consider outstanding policy recommendations and other expressions that the community has provided with respect to next step on this, we are authorizing continuation of the program for up to two years.

I'll read the resolutions. Resolved, the ICANN Board directs the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to continue operations of the RDRS for a period of up to two years until December 2027 while the community considers its deliberations regarding the future of the service and related policy recommendations. Resolved, the ICANN Board directs the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to continue to engage with the GNSO council and the GNSO standing committee on any further enhancements to the service during this period.

Resolved, the ICANN Board directs the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to encourage continued comprehensive RDRS usage by data requesters and by ICANN accredited registrars. Resolved, the ICANN Board encourages the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to continue to collaborate with the GAC Public Safety Working Group on possible law enforcement authentication mechanisms.

Resolved, the ICANN Board urges the GNSO council to ensure that future policy work on the system for standardized access slash disclosure as SSAD recommendations is aligned with policies related to requests for underlying registration data for domains registered under Privacy and Proxy Services, an enforceable timeline for Urgent Requests and other relevant procedures. Resolved, the ICANN Board urges the GNSO council to consider the RDRS policy alignment analysis published concurrently with this resolution in its future consultations with the ICANN Board on the EPDP phase two policy recommendations.

And again, just a personal note of thanks, this has been a very collaborative effort getting us here with the GAC, including the Public Safety Working Group, the GNSO council, the RDRS standing committee, which is and the GNSO small team on this, also an enormous amount of hard work by ICANN Org, both the technical and policy folks at ICANN.

So thanks, everybody, for the hard work over the past two years, and thank you for undertaking the remaining work that we are urging you to undertake today.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Becky. The floor is open now for any discussion, questions or comments. All right. Do we have a motion? I'll meet up. And a second from Becky. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. Thank you, Becky. Thank you, everyone. So, now we'll move on to the part of our meeting to extend the Board's thanks to our outgoing Board members. The Board has already had the opportunity to privately share our appreciation with the outgoing members. We will truly, truly miss those who are leaving.

So, I will start by reading the first resolution to Chris Chapman for his service to the Board. Whereas Chris Chapman was nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with a term starting on the 22nd of September 2022, whereas Chris was elected to serve as vice chair of the ICANN Board on the 14th of November 2024.

Whereas Chris concludes his role as vice chair and his term on the Board on the 30th of October 2025, whereas Chris serves as a member of the following Board committees, working groups and caucuses, the CEO search committee as chair, the Board Strategic Planning Committee as co-chair, the Board audit committee, the compensation committee, executive committee, organizational effectiveness committee, risk committee, governor's subcommittee on conflicts of interest and the GAC Advice Working Group, the caucus on the ICANN grant program, the caucus on Intergovernmental Organizational Issues.

It is resolved Chris has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. Will someone move this motion, please? Becky. A second, please. Byron. By acclamation, let's approve this. Thank you, Chris. Would you like to say a few words?

CHRIS CHAPMAN

Well, thank you, Tripti, for your own personal friendship, guidance. You invested in me, you believed in me and I hope I have done justice to that investment. I also want to thank a couple of Board members. They know who they are for the extra investment they made in me, taking me over or going over and above in terms of schooling me up given that I'm a complete outsider.

I came in three years ago with very little knowledge but hopefully have added value in other areas. I just want to end on a very positive note. I just read one paragraph extract out of the re-application submission I made. I said this, I have come to appreciate that the multi-stakeholder model prosecuted by the ICANN community is a precious but delicate construct designed to be free of sovereign Board attention that does provide an informed, balanced and pragmatic way forward at a time when the global multilateral models predominant since World War II are increasingly sabotaged by those same sovereign tensions.

In so many walks of life, a late disciple is often the most passionate and I'll carry that forward. I thank everybody for the opportunity to have served on the Board for the last three years. It's been an intellectually enriching exercise and I have enjoyed every moment of it, notwithstanding some of the stresses and strains and I look forward to catching up with everybody in the future. Thank you very much.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Chris. Moving on to thanking Maarten Botterman for his service to the ICANN Board. Whereas Maarten was nominated by the nominating committee to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with a term starting on the 8th of November 2016, whereas Maarten was elected to serve as chair of the ICANN Board on the 7th of November 2019 and served in that role until the 22nd of September 2022.

Whereas Maarten concluded his term on the ICANN Board on the 30th of October 2025, whereas Maarten served as a member of the following Board committees, working groups and caucuses.

The Board compensation committee is chair, executive committee is chair, strategic planning committee is chair, audit committee, finance committee, governance committee, organizational effectiveness committee, risk committee, GAC Advice Working Group chair, internationalized domain name, universal acceptance working group chair, strategic planning working group, the caucus on accountability and transparency review three, the chair, caucus on ICANN grant program as the chair, caucus on auction proceeds, the caucus on budgeting and prioritization of community recommendations, the caucus on data protection privacy, caucus on general data protection regulation and the expedited policy development process.

The caucus on internationalized domain name CCPDP4, caucus on New gTLD program Next Round, the Cross Community Working

Group Accountability Work Stream 2, WS2, the Board caucus, whereas Maarten served as the board's shepherd for the issue of ICANN's ecological stability, resolved.

Maarten has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for his term of service and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. I'd like to call somebody to move, please. Christian Kaufman, a second, Chris Chapman. Let's approve this by acclamation. Maarten, I'd like to give you the floor for a few comments.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN

Thank you for that. Sorry for that, I don't have a cold, it's emotions indeed. The internet works and let's make sure together it continues to do so. I said it many times and I mean it and I mean it every time I say it. We make things work together and it's been a pleasure to serve on this Board for nine years and I thank the community a lot for their confidence in me. Much has happened since I started.

I on boarded just after the IANA transition together with Becky and during the implementation of the 2012 round of new TLDs, all the way to today where we now live in a world that's not gotten easier to navigate in, nevertheless we need to.

Deep thanks to all in the community, organization and Board that contributed to achieving our mission again and again, often with passion, sometimes with conflict to be resolved but mainly deeply committed to the success of ICANN, something we share, we above all and it's recognizing it's also a job that's never done fully, so please note that the multi-stakeholder system is what got us here today.

It ensures stability, buy-in and ensuring that internet services in a way that works in the end. It's easy to argue why multiple stakeholders are needed to make the internet work because nobody can do this alone. Making policies together can be more of a challenge as all stakeholders have their own perspective but my call to you to do so in a respectful and inclusive way.

So, together we stand for the challenge to unite ourselves while embracing our individual objective to achieve this one objective we share, to provide a secure and stable unique identifier system for this one world, one Internet. To save time I will not go into all the other things that came up when contemplating this, just saying that over the last years, in particular the work together with Chris on the Strategic Plan and the community has been a deep pleasure.

Also, because there was so much interaction input from the community, so excellent support from the organization and also the discussions in the Board helped to give us a plan that really can be a guidance for us going forward. I really appreciate that.

One thing that we did achieve, and I do want to refer to, is that when the world got COVID, the Internet continued. And on that occasion, I really want to memorize that the community rose to the occasion and embraced the decision in the full understanding that the virtual meeting is not the same as being in one room, but also the organization did the amazing job of making it happen, not as planned in Cancun, but online and we were exemplary from the beginning.

And the Internet itself demonstrated that it's mature enough to support this enormous transition and we've been part of that success. So, thanks again for all that make that possible, so many good memories and you all know we've been in touch. Yeah, a lot of love here.

Last but not least, big thanks to my family and my wife Iris who's sitting there in the back for standing with me in this, for their understanding when I missed birthdays over those nine years and other important events. Never a blame, always support. For Iris to lonely evenings when I was on Board calls and her willingness and enthusiasm in supporting me in my work with you. I could not have done it without your support, Iris. Thank you for being here.

So, I will continue to dedicate my life to enhancing justifiable trust in the use of the Internet and email throughout the world. So, no doubt we'll meet again and these are my last words from a seat at this table at the ICANN Board, recognizing the core mission we are to fulfill together and in the spirit of the great Irish poet William Butler Yeats.

The center, the core mission must hold as we grow, though tempests of progress may blow, if hearts stay aligned, no vision confined, ICANN shares one bright boundless flow.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Maarten. Now a thank you to Becky Burr for her service to the ICANN Board. Whereas Becky Burr was nominated by the Generic Name Supporting Organization GNSO to serve as a member of the ICANN Board with a term starting on the 8th of November 2016.

Whereas Becky concludes her term on the ICANN Board on the 30th of October 2025. Whereas Becky served as a member of the following Board committees, Working Groups and caucuses. The Board accountability mechanisms committee as chair, Board Governance Committee chair, served on the Compensation Committee, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Organizational Effectiveness Committee.

Risk Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, CEO Search Committee, Board GAC Advice Working Group Chair, The Internet Governance Working Group chair, the Ad Hoc Board group on the ccTLD retirement process, The Anti-Harassment Working Group, The Board GAC Working Group, The Board trust working group, the Strategic Planning Working Group,

The Board Caucus on Budgeting And Prioritization of community recommendations as chair, the caucus on ccPDP3 review mechanism as chair, caucus on competition, Consumer Trust And Consumer Choice CCT Reviews chair, and the caucus on data protection and privacy as chair, the caucus on general protection, data protection regulation GDPR, expedited policy development process chair, the caucus on intergovernmental organizations IGO issues chair, the caucus on New gTLD program Next Round as chair, caucus on New gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process as chair.

The caucus on Accountability And Transparency Review 3, the ATRT3, Caucus and Auction Proceeds, Served on Caucus on RDS Review, The Caucus on Security, Stability and Resilience Review 2, The SSR 2, Served on The DNS Abuse Caucus.

Resolved. Becky has earned the deep appreciation of the Board for a term of service and the Board wishes her well in her future endeavors within the ICANN community and beyond. I call for a motion, please. Kurtis, Maarten, as a second, let's approve this via acclamation. Becky, I'd like to turn this over to you now.

BECKY BURR

I'm feeling very bad. I have no poetry for you even though we're in Ireland so I probably should. First of all, I'd like to start by thanking my contracted party colleagues who have entrusted me with their support for nine years. It's been an honor to serve you. You are one of the homes of my heart here.

I have a few homes of my heart here and I have appreciated all of your support throughout the years. I want to thank the entire community for the support, the work, the care you bring to this institution that I feel very strongly about and I want to thank all of my colleagues on the Board as well for all of the care and attention you bring to this organization.

I have so many professional relationships and deep friendships that I have developed over the years here that I will never, they're just a part of me and ICANN is my family in very many real ways.

Sometimes I joke that ICANN is all my fault. It's not my fault only but it probably is all my fault at some ways unless Karen Rose is out there in which case she can take some of the blame as well. But we started a long time ago on a very interesting experiment. As I said to the contracted parties the other night, during the period when ICANN was an imagination and Jon Postel and Joe Sims had the chairman of congressional committee told me he thought I was probably just making it up as I went along. I swore that that was not the case but in fact it was the case.

Everything about this has been an experiment in a clean sheet of paper, thinking out of the box, figuring out how to make things better step by step and all of you who are here have the openness and the imagination to be engaged in that enterprise and that's incredible. A couple of things I learned early in my professional career remain with me today and I'm going to leave you with that advice. It's be brave, be honest, but be generous.

Please assume that we're all here acting in good faith. If you have to choose between conspiracy or incompetence, incompetence is always the right answer and in the face of incompetence, please make it easy to say, I screwed up. That kind of generosity and the ability to sort of own mistakes, including my own, which I have, I think, try to acknowledge maybe I haven't done as good a job as I should have and finally, treasure the staff. These people work incredibly hard. They are amazing and we're all in this together.

84 ICANNs ago, I got a T-shirt. It was the ICANN, I think, Singapore meeting and on the back of the shirt, it had a quote from Jon Postel. It said, we still have a lot of work to do in these interesting times we live in. That's true today and I leave you with the sincere hope that you will continue to be committed to that work and to committed to this experiment and thank you very much for all of your support and help.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Becky. Again, thank you, Maarten, Chris and Becky. You will all be missed very, very much. Please stay in touch with ICANN. All right, moving on to thanking our local government and supporting organizations of the ICANN84 meeting as we couldn't have done it without them.

The Board wishes to extend its thanks to our host, Internet Neutral Exchange Association, INEX, as well as Black Knight, Internet Solutions Limited .ie, Epic and Ian Price and Owen Carney from the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport along with the

Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Justice, Government of Ireland for their great support.

We'd like to thank our sponsors of the ICANN84 as well, 84 meeting. The Board wishes to thank the following sponsors, AFNIC, Canadian Internet Registry Authority, CIRA, Cofomo, Quebec Inc., Core Association, Aircom Limited, ENS Lab Limited, ESCODE, part of NCC Group, ESCRO for All, HeNet, Hello Registry, Identity Digital, Intus Telecom, NetBeacon Institute, Public Internet Registry, PIR, Verkara Digisert Company, Cum Laude, and Verisign.

Thank you to all our interpreters, staff, and the hotel team. The Board expresses its deepest appreciation to the scribes, interpreters, audiovisual team, technical teams, and the entire ICANN staff for their efforts to facilitate the smooth operation of this meeting.

The Board also would like to thank the management and staff of the Convention Center, Dublin, Horizons by Tour Partner Group, O'Brien Expo Services, Interflow Logistics for providing a wonderful facility and outstanding support for this event. The Board also extends its thanks to the Hilton Garden Inn, Spencer Hotel, Samuel Hotel, Clayton Hotel, Cardiff Lane, and Antara the Marker Hotel.

And thank you to our community members. With this next resolution, we formally recognize by resolution the community members who were honored in the Community Recognition Program held prior to this meeting. I will not reread the full text of the resolutions, and I will ask Board members to move and second this group of recommendations. I call for a motion, please. Becky, a second, please. Maarten, let's all just voice our vote for this, please.

Is there Any Other Business that someone would like to bring to the table, please? All right. So, I believe it's now time to close this meeting. Do I have a motion to adjourn this meeting? Chris Buckridge, a second? Becky Burr? All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays or abstentions? None. So, this meeting is now adjourned. I'm going to ask our outgoing Board members to please leave the stage, and I invite our new Board members to come forward and take your seats. Let's take a five-minute break on the stage while we change seats. Thank you.

All right. Welcome, everyone, to the organizational meeting of the ICANN Board on the 30th of October 2025 in Dublin, Ireland. We start by welcoming Constance de Leusse, Greg DiBiase, and Raul Echevarria to their first meeting as ICANN Board members. Welcome. So, I would like to start by taking roll call. Let's start by saying your name and indicating whether you are present. Sarah, could you start, please?

SARAH DEUTSCH	Sarah Deutsch, present.
ALAN BARRETT	Alan Barrett, present.
CHRIS BUCKRIDGE	Chris Buckridge, present.
MIRIAM SAPIRO	Miriam Sapiro, present.
PATRICIO POBLETE	Patricio Poblete, present.
LEON SANCHEZ	Leon Sanchez, present.
CATHERINE ADEYA	Catherine Adeya, present.
NICOLAS CABALLERO	Nicolas Caballero, Present.
SAJID RAHMAN	Sajid Rahman, present.

KURTIS LINDQUIST	Kurtis Lindquist, Present.
TRIPTI SINHA	Tripti Sinha, present.
RAUL ECHEBERRIA	Raul Echeberria, present.
CONSTANCE DE LEUSSE	Constance de Leusse, present.
CHRISTIAN KAUFMAN	Christian Kaufman, still present.
AMITABH SINGHAL	Amitabh Singhal, present.
JAMES GALVIN	James Galvin, present.
DAVID LAWRENCE	David Lawrence.
BYRON HOLLAND	Byron Holland, present.

GREG DIBIASE Greg DiBiase, present.

WES HARDAKER Wes Hardaker, present.

TRIPTI SINHA Board secretary, can you confirm that we have a quorum?

JOHN JEFFREY Yes, I confirm a quorum of the newly seated Board.

TRIPTI SINHA Thank you, John. During the organizational meeting, the Board conducts its annual organizational activities. It is the first formal meeting of the Board for the new term during which we take actions such as electing the Board's leadership for the term, establishing the Board committees, and appointing ICANN officers. So, the first item 1a is the election of the ICANN Board chair. Sajid Rahman is the shepherd for this, and as we turn to the first resolution on the selection of Board leadership, I will ask Sajid to present the first motion. Sajid?

SAJID RAHMAN Thank you, Tripti. The first resolution is resolved that Tripti Sinha is elected as chair of the Board. Do I have a motion? CK? Do I have a second? Byron? Any abstain? Okay. So, please say aye to pass the motion.

THE BOARD Aye.

SAJID RAHMAN Congratulations, Tripti. I now turn the meeting back to you.

TRIPTI SINHA Thank you, Sajid, and thank you to my colleagues on the Board for entrusting me again with this very important role. Moving on to the election of the ICANN Board vice chair. I will resolve this. Resolved, Sajid Rahman is elected as vice chair of the Board. Do I have a motion, please? Amitabh and a second from Constance. All those in favor, please say, aye,

THE BOARD Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA Any nays? Any abstentions? Congratulations, Sajid. You are now the vice chair of the Board. Appointment of membership and leadership Board committees. Christian Kaufman is the shepherd for this. I would like Christian to introduce the Board committee membership and leadership slating. Christian?

CHRISTIAN KAUFMAN

Thank you, Tripti. The Board committee membership and leadership slate is an annual action which the Board undertakes to ensure that all its committees are appropriately composed and have chairs. The Board governance committee works with the Board to develop these slates, and I will now read the recommendations.

Resolved. Membership and leadership of the Board committee is established as follows. Accountability Mechanism Committee, Patricio Poblete, chair. Chris Buckridge, Sarah Deutsch, Greg DiBiase, Wes Hardaker, Leon Sanchez.

Audit Committee, Catherine Adeya, chair. Greg DiBiase, Raul Echevarria, Christian Kaufman, Patricio Poblete, and Leon Sanchez.

The Compensation Committee, Tripti Sinha, chair. Catherine Adeya, Byron Holland, Christian Kaufman, Sajid Rahman.

Executive Committee, Tripti Sinha, chair. Christian Kaufman, Kurtis Lindquist, Sajid Rahman.

The Finance Committee, Sajid Rahman, chair. Alan Barrett, Byron Holland, Patricio Poblete, Amitabh Singhal, Tripti Sinha.

The Governance Committee, Christian Kaufman, chair. Catherine Adeya, Sarah Deutsch, James Galvin, Byron Holland, Sajid Rahman, Miriam Sapiro.

Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Chris Buckridge, chair. Alan Barrett, Greg DiBiase, Raul Echeberria, James Galvin, Wes Hardaker, Constance de Leusse. And the Risk Committee; Wes Hardaker, chair. Alan Barrett, Chris Buckridge, James Galvin, Byron Holland, David Lawrence, and Miriam Sapiro.

The Strategic Planning Committee, Amitabh Singhal, chair. Alan Barrett, Greg DiBiase, James Galvin, Wes Hardaker, Constance de Leusse, Tripti Sinha.

The Technical Committee, James Galvin, chair. Alan Barrett, Chris Buckridge, Nico Caballero, Raul Echevarria, Wes Hardaker, David Lawrence, and Patricio Poblete. And with that, I give it back to you, Tripti.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you, Christian. Do I have a motion on the floor? Can you do that?

CHRISTIAN KAUFMAN: I actually don't know. I don't think so.

TRIPTI SINHA: Amitabh is moving the motion. Oh, sick, isn't it? Yes. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD: Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any abstentions? Any nays? I did that in the wrong order. All right. So, all the committees have been formed and membership has been seated. Thank you very much, Christian, and thank you all for serving on all these various committees and increasing your workload.

Let's move on to the confirmation of officers of ICANN. Another annual action of the Board undertakes at its organizational meeting is the election of the organization's officers. The ICANN officers proposed for re-election and election are Resolve, Eric Kurtis Lindquist is elected as President and CEO. Resolved, John Jeffrey is elected as General Council and Secretary. Resolved, Xavier Calvez is elected as Senior Vice President, Planning and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolved, Teresa Swinehart is elected as Senior Vice President, Global Domains and Strategy. Resolved, John Crane is elected as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. I'd like someone to move this motion, please. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays? Any abstentions? Our officers are seated. Let's move on to the Public Technical Identifiers member meeting, PTI. We now turn this over to our annual requirement in our role as a sole member of the PTI Public Technical Identifiers, the ICANN controlled entity established to perform the IANA functions under ICANN's mandate. Kurtis Lindquist will introduce those items. Kurtis, over to you.

KURTIS LINDQUIST

Thank you, Tripti. This is the ninth year in which ICANN is meeting its vital obligation in maintaining PTI as the home of the IANA functions. PTI is a wholly owned subsidiary of ICANN with a single member organizational structure. ICANN as that sole member affirms several governance measures annually during this meeting in a transparent manner and in observance of the governance responsibilities that ICANN has under both the ICANN and the PTI bylaws.

The annual meeting of the member is just one part of our responsibility. We also receive reports from the customer standing committee and the IANA Naming Function Review and approve funding through the IANA budget. The PTI bylaws specify that Kim Davies, the PTI President, shall join us for this annual meeting of the member. So, please, Kim.

Thank you. Welcome. ICANN as the sole member of PTI must take several steps to meet its bylaw obligations and I offer to the Board the following set of resolutions. The annual meeting of the member. Resolved, the ICANN Board confirms that this meeting is the annual meeting of the member of public technical identifiers PTI.

Election of PTI President. Resolved, the ICANN Board in its role as sole member of PTI hereby re-elects Kim Davies as the President of PTI. Election of PTI Board members. Resolved, ICANN in its role as sole member of PTI elects Lise Fuhr to serve in Seat 1 of the PTI Board and re-elects John Crane to serve in Seat 3 of the PTI Board with terms ending at the end of the annual meeting of the member in 2028.

Resolved, ICANN in its role as sole member of PTI thanks Tobias Sattler for his service to PTI and wishes him well in his future endeavors. I will now turn back to Tripti for the Board's voting on these resolutions.

TRIPTI SINHA

Thank you, Kurtis. Do I have a motion on the floor for these resolutions? Sajid, thank you. A second, please. Oh, I couldn't see you. Thank you, Leon. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD

Aye.

TRIPTI SINHA

Any nays? Any abstentions? The motion passes. And the PTI as an organization, I see you. Thank you very much, Kim, and thank you, Kurtis. Do we have Any Other Business now? We've come to the end of the meeting. No? All right. So, this concludes our agenda for this organizational meeting. Do I have a motion on the floor to adjourn this part of the meeting, to this meeting? Amitabh and a second from Christian. All those in favor, please say aye.

THE BOARD Aye

TRIPTI SINHA I'm assuming there are no nays and abstentions. So, this motion passes. In other words, we are officially adjourned. Thank you, everyone. I now invite everyone to go to, I think, level one foyer for Cocktail. Oh, they're two fingers. Oh, level two.

OZAN SAHIN That would be the level three foyer, right, outside the doors.

[END OF TRANSCRIPTION]