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STEVE CROCKER:     Thank you very much.  Before we get started with the -- well, actually I guess I should start formally and then make the comments that I want.

So this is a formal meeting of the ICANN Board, and we are convened. We have posted an agenda, and as has frequently happened, the -- there are some slight changes that occur as we go through the week and we sit and review the items and work out details.  So the actual agenda that we're going to deal with today is slightly different from what's been posted.

Over a period of time we have been working to smooth out the process as much as possible.  The best outcomes, from our point of view, are that each item has been thoroughly researched, thoroughly documented, and that all of the relevant parties have had their say and that by the time the Board has to take a vote, all of the drama and mystery has been removed, making it as uninteresting and boring as possible.  We're getting there.  We're getting there.  And what you're going to see is perhaps almost unique.

The agenda that was posted had a consent agenda and a small number -- I don't know exactly which version was posted, but a small number of items that were going to be -- that were not on the consent agenda, and for a variety of separate reasons in the detailed discussions that we've

had during the week, and in particular last night, we've managed to dispose of one after another of the items that were not on the consent agenda, including a decision to defer a vote on the strategic plan for a week or so until we've had time to properly post notice and go through the -- the proper motions, which I strongly endorse because I want to get the orderly processes here.

So the agenda that we have today consists of nothing but a consent agenda of 13 items, and what I'm going to do is read the titles of the items but not take us through the text of each of them.  They're posted -- there's paper copies I believe being passed out or available -- except when we get to the thank yous.  I want -- we'll read those out.  And so you can reset your expectations.  We've been running an hour or more behind and we're going to be out of here before you know it.

 [ Laughter ]

And well before the time that was scheduled.

So the consent agenda consists of items 1.1, approval of the minutes of 7 February, 2012, the ICANN Board meeting.  Item 1.2, approval of the IRTP part B recommendation number 9, part 2.  1.3, bylaw changes for new GNSO Policy Development process.   1.4, engagement of independent auditor.  1.5, approval of contracting and disbursement policy.  1.6, approval of the DNS risk management framework working group charter.  1.7, approval of redelegation of dot BH for Bahrain.  1.8, approval of changes to SSAC membership.  1.9, a thank you to departing SSAC member.  1.10, thank you to departing ccNSO volunteer.  All of

that has been acknowledged publicly and we had ceremonial acknowledgment of the departures for the SSAC and ccNSO volunteers yesterday.

Items 1.11, 1.12, and 1.13 are thank yous to the people who have brought the -- brought this meeting together and provided all the support here. I'd like Cherine Chalaby to read the thanks to the sponsors.


CHERINE CHALABY: The board wishes to thank the following sponsors: Verisign, Inc., Afilias Limited, .ORG, The Public Interest Registry, Neustar, China Organizational Name Administration Center, Iron Mountain, Knet Co., Ltd., CORE Internet Council of Registrars, SX Registry S.A, China Network Information Center, UniForum SA dba the .ZA Central Registry, Sedari, InterNetX, Community.Asia, Freedom Registry, Inc., GMO Registry, Inc., TANGO REGISTRY SYSTEMS, Foundation for Assistance for

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STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much, Cherine. I'd like Rod, if you would take 1.12, the thanks to the scribes, interpreters, staff, event and hotel teams.

ROD BECKSTROM:     Certainly.   The board expresses its appreciation today scribes, the interpreters, technical teams, and to the entire ICANN staff for their efforts in facilitating the smooth operation of this meeting.  The board would also like to thank the management and staff of the Ramada Plaza Herradura for the wonderful facility to hold this event.  Special thanks are given to Stephanie Roncallo, Lucia Bolanos, Luis Bustos Valerin, and Andrea Munoz.

STEVE CROCKER:     Thank you.  And, as I've said before -- and I think we all share it -- the staff that you have has been just enormously energetic, hard working, and unfailingly good natured and very appreciated.

And I'd like to move to 1.13, thanks to local hosts, and ask Gonzalo Navarro to read this one.

GONZALO NAVARRO:     Thank you, Steve.  I didn't know I was selected to do this.

[Laughter]

So, of course, you can understand that I want to do a quick introduction in Spanish.  You can read it on the screen, or you can use the headphones.

The truth is that it is very hard to thank -- to completely give thanks for the great meeting you have organized.  I am proud, as a Latin American

person, to know and enjoy the warmth and hospitality of the Tico people. It is a meeting that you have made everything available for us. The great workload of the whole community has come to a good end. So I thank you for it.

Very personally, now, I would like to say that, listening to the words of President Chinchilla, one of the best speeches I have seen and had the pleasure to listen to. Thank you so much. This speech will be in the collective assets of this community for a long time.

Before we go too far, I will thank you for the hospitality. I am going to read in English, and I will do my best to translate what is on the screen.

The board wishes to extend its thanks to the local host organizer, NIC Costa Rica, the National Academy of Sciences for their support. And special thanks Dr. Gabriel Macaya Trejos, Dr. Guy de Teramond, Jessica Calvo, Karen Gamboa, Lewis Diego Espinoza and Allan Campos, University of Costa Rica: The board extends thanks to president of the Republic of Costa Rica, Mrs. Laura Chinchilla Miranda, and Minister Alejandro Cruz from the Ministry of Science and Technology for their support and participation during the meeting. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Gonzalo, I apologize for laughing. I thought you asked why you had been selected, not that you had been selected. I thought it was completely obvious, as you fully demonstrated here.

GONZALO NAVARRO:     Perhaps because of my accent.  I don't know.

STEVE CROCKER:     I can't understand what you just said.  No, I got it.  I got it.  We're done.  It's amazing.  Uh-oh.  We're not done.

That's right.  We need to call the vote.  Yeah.  So excuse me.  So I'm getting ahead of myself.  So that was -- so that's the end of the consent agenda.  We're going to take a formal vote here.  Let me ask for a show of hands.  All in favor.

Thank you.  Any opposed?  Any abstentions?  Excellent.  So we have unanimous passage of the consent agenda.  And that does complete the work of the -- that's in front of us for this board meeting.  And I bring to a close this meeting of the ICANN board at the 43rd meeting of ICANN in San Jose, Costa Rica.  Thank you all.  And I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Prague in roughly three months.  Thank you.

(Speaker off microphone.)

-- I'm been asked about timing of conflicts.  We have a number of things in motion, which we're working on very actively.  And you should expect to see proper posting and notices of meetings and results on a continuous basis.  We're -- we're not quite in continuous session, but it feels like that.  And I don't know.  Is there more that we should say?  I

don't think we need to say more.  Thank you.  You wanted to make a comment, Andrea?  Turn on the microphone, there.

ANDREA GLORIOSO: Yeah.  My apologies to the board and to everybody for keeping you here.  Perhaps the chairman has already answered.  But I don't see it in the transcript, so I would like to make sure that is on record.  And my question is, in fact, a request for clarification.  You remember that at the meeting in Dakar in its resolution, the board did indicate quite a precise timeline for the adoption of the conflict of interest policy, which proved in the end to be too ambitious.  And I would like to know whether there is an indication to indicate formally what would be the timeline for adoption of the conflict of interest policy.  Thank you.

STEVE CROCKER: I don't think we have any more information to supply than we have said so far.  We haven't forgotten about anything.  We're not ducking.  We're just moving as fast as we can.  Thank you.

I know this is going to cause great consternation and confusion because we're a half hour before the time we're scheduled to end.  But this is now free unscheduled time.  Please talk amongst yourselves.

[Laughter]