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Coordinator: ...started.

Stephane van Gelder: Thank you very much, (Jim), please give us your update on the IRD, Internationalized Registration Data working group if you will.

James Galvin: Thank you Steen and thank you to all the members of the Council here for the opportunity to present this update. I've got a feeling this is going to be relatively short; there's not a great deal to say since the last time. I'll do a quick intro and background just to remind folks as to what we're doing and why we're doing it and then a short update and plan for what we expect to accomplish here in the near future.

So by way of introduction the group was created because there are guidelines for internationalized domain names but we don't have guidelines for the submission and display of internationalized domain registration data and so this resulted in this group being created with the purpose of studying precisely that: the feasibility and suitability of introducing submission and display specifications for internationalized registration data.

I'll point out here that I share the chairmanship of this group with Edmon Chung who's the GNSO representative and I'm representing the SSAC. It's a joint working group between those two bodies.

Major milestones in this group since it was created in 2009, I'm going to jump right down to the interim report that we had published last November. Key

part of that interim report was we had at that time within the working group proposed four models for how to go forward with recommendations for creating guidelines for internationalized registration data.

And then we had published that and put it out for public comment and made presentations, etcetera and exposure during the San Francisco meeting with the intent of trying to determine if we could get any kind of consensus from the community at large with respect to those four models.

And so we kind of took a step back and looked at those comments. And we actually now have just begun drafting the outline of a final report. Our original intent was to choose one of those models and then build everything around that as the recommendation.

But what we have learned from the comments that came in is we didn't get a clear consensus on a choice of model which was fine but we do believe that we've listened to the community and heard what was said there in those comments. And we think instead that the right thing to do is there are a couple of issues that we will instead propose should be considered further by each of our respective groups for both the GNSO and the SSAC.

And that ultimately is what we'll be documenting and producing in the final report; the recommendation of a couple of few specific questions that deserve further consideration and consensus by the full bodies.

So our next step of course is to finish this report. We had hoped that we might have something more formal for this meeting but we don't. So the plan is to have that together in time to come to closure in time for our fall ICANN meeting. And so that's our target at the moment and that is my update.

Stephane van Gelder: Thank you very much, Jim. Are there any questions for Jim following that update? Andre.

Andre Kolesnikov: Yes, this is just short information, short message I just got from my Moscow office. We got a court hearing about (1-May) two days ago and the resolution of the court saying that we won't accept this data because it's written in Latin.

So I don't know how it works. I mean, I can think about it and I never had mentioned this might happen so this is for me kind of new thing. I think for the overall discussion about internationalized registration data it might be useful because I believe in other countries can be also law requiring the data in the local script.

Just for your information I repeat that for the Russian domain names for IDNs and for the (unintelligible) which is ASCII there is a requirement required by our registration rules that the data must be in Latin script so we have to switch it to the local language; now it's a requirement.

Stephane van Gelder: Just to make sure I'm clear on what you're saying there's a disputed domain name and the courts in your country have said that they can't deal with the matter because it's not in Cyrillic?

Andre Kolesnikov: That's right.

Stephane van Gelder: Interesting. Thanks for bringing that to our attention. Any further comments or questions? Okay thanks very much, Jim. And thanks for updating us. This means we can break slightly early and we will break until quarter past 4. Please be on time so we can start a one-hour session on the UDRP issue report that the Council has initiated and requested staff to do.

And we will then have another short break leading us into our session with the Board. And I'll bring your attention to the fact that I sent an email to the list with the updated topics for the Board discussion so please have a look at that. If you have any comments, edits, please turn that around as soon as you can.

Thanks very much. Operator, this session is now ended. Thank you. Please stop the recording and see you all at quarter past 4:00. Thanks.

Coordinator: Thank you all for attending today's conference. You may now disconnect.

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