

TRANSCRIPT

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Bart Boswinkel: Good morning, everybody. This is the IDN Working Group 1. I don't know; it looks like it's just a staff meeting. Naela, are you there?

Naela Sarras: Yes, Bart, hi. I'm here.

Bart Boswinkel: Hi, Naela. We have two Working Group participants; in fact, one and one observer, I guess, yes. So I think what I'll do, just for the record, I have some slides. I will send them around to the Working Group itself. It's just a procedure update, because we're right in the middle of a public comment period, so I've looked this morning at the latest public comment periods, and so it shows a way forward and what's to go into the next steps of Working Group 1. And if there are questions, et cetera, please don't hesitate. Presumptively, we can educate everybody now.

Okay, let's go. Update. Public comments, the public comment period is open until today. And now, say, as of tomorrow we go into the reply period. It is clear, my understanding is that we can anticipate the submission of At Large. They had a meeting yesterday. They're finalizing their submissions that will be part of the reply period, so at least we've got--although there are just seven, then, anticipated, we've got at least some submissions. That's already something. So of the six, one is Spain, and five are substantial. Four are generally in support with some--good morning, Cheryl.

So four are generally in support, say, from Europe, the Greek government, Urinac from Bulgaria, and Predco Koloff (ph). So, as I said, we anticipate a

submission from At Large. And in the public comments received to date, a couple of issues were raised, so I just highlighted them.

One was the application, nominating that we automatically grant other cases, and I think this is from the Serbian registry. In my view, but I'm not sure, but that's maybe something for discussion this morning. It is, in fact, it's a variant issue. Say, the evidence in support of the claim was that it's all about geographic names, not country names. And if you look, for instance, to the Serbian IDN CCTLDs, it is an abbreviation of Serbia itself. So I don't see how this would work in cases of abbreviations that you automatically grant any other cases as named. Say, the list is about (inaudible) and other elements which will change when it becomes, takes another form.

So I think in that sense, my advice will be to the Working Group to consider this out of scope, and if not out of scope, it's part of the variant issue management, which will be revisited at a later stage when it's clear what are the policy implications of it. We're not going to wait for it. So that was one comment.

The second one was from Europe, and especially in the two, in the panels, timeframes need to be included. I think that's a reasonable comment. However, at this stage, because they're just high-level principles, it's more a matter of implementation. Once we know what the methodology, et cetera, will be and the criteria will be of the panels itself, and then you can start thinking about timeframes, because then all the logistical issues can be included as well. So it's more a matter of implementation, a safeguard. As you may know, one of the recommendations is that the implementation plan needs to be endorsed by the CCNSO so there are no surprises there. That's the main element of it, the main reason to include it.

And then the final comment I've seen, and that's from two submissions, is that the language on the transitional arrangement needs to be clarified. I think if we carefully, it's only one interpretation, but if it's unclear to people who read it, then we need to find and improve the language.

So that were the main comments to date. As I said, all of them, all four say more general comments were greatly in support of the methodology designed by the Working Group. So I think that's a good thing, including the comments from the Greek government. So that was received yesterday.

The next one, the next steps in the whole process itself on the IDN PDP. First of all, it's finalization of the draft policy, so that's the work of the IDN Working Group 1, to produce a final report. I'll go in more detail in that one with this next slide. Once that's done and published, the issue manager of the whole process will combine the overall policy, so that's one part of it.

And the second part of it is on the inclusion of IDN CCTLDs in the CCNSO. There is already a draft report out. That report needs to be finalized, will be sent to the Working Group, and then it's published and submitted to the Issue Manager as well. And then it will go into the Interim Report, which will be published for public comments. So then you have an overall view of the results of the two working groups.

So that goes out for public comment. Again, comment and reply period, and I still need to seek out the schedule. I've been looking into it, but the intention is to have a final report for the CCNSO Council to be submitted two weeks in advance of the Beijing meeting so they will have time to look at it. We have a session in Beijing to explain to the CCNSO members and other interested parties to provide an overview and ask questions for the overall policy itself, so inclusion of both. And then, hopefully, at the Beijing meeting, the CCNSO Council will vote for and

adopt the recommendations. And that's the first step in a very formal voting process.

At the same time, once the Chair of the CCNSO Council has received the final report, she will send it to the Chair of the JAC (ph) to seek formally advice and/or comments, and these will not be for the community, but will be directed at the Board. That's the way the policy development process is defined.

So after Beijing, we go into a CCNSO methods vote. And again, there is, hopefully this time, and this is a concern for me. It's we have to date now 134 members by that time--hopefully, a little bit more. But there is a quorum rule in the policy development process that at least 50% of the members need to vote, so that's going to be a difficult item.

Unidentified Participant: (Inaudible - microphone inaccessible.)

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, but that's why I wanted to use the CCNSO meeting in Beijing to mobilize people and send out the pre-warnings, et cetera. So that's roughly the overview. And once the CCNSO members' vote is completed, it goes back to the Council as a due diligence check, and then it will be finalized, including all the votings, et cetera, and then it will be submitted to the Board, hopefully, by Durbin (ph). So then it should be completely done after four years.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Then we heave a big sigh of relief.

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, but you never know what's coming up. Okay. In more detail, finalization of the current draft of the report. As I said, the comment period closes today, and the reply period starts tomorrow and closes on the 9th of November. As I said as well, we anticipate in this period at least one comment from At Large. And after the 9th of November, there will be a summary and analysis. I've got it all ready for the five ones, the substantial ones we received. And we'll update the current draft final report to include some of the comments, like clarification of the transitional arrangement.

I will send the updated version around the 16th of November to the Working Group in order for them to sign off on the final report, say, by the 30th of November. And once that's done, the final report is completed, and it will be posted just as it is, so with no public comment, but just to inform the communities that this Working Group has concluded its bit, moving on to the overall policy.

And then, as I said, going back, then, the interim report will be published around that time, and then moving ahead.

That's all I had to report to the Working Group. Are there any questions at this stage? No? Naela?

Naela Sarras: Sorry, I was on mute. But no, thank you, nothing from me.

Bart Boswinkel: Okay. Then if there are no questions, remarks, et cetera, thank you for your attendance. You can go back. That was, we close the meeting.