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CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Good morning, everybody. Thank you for taking your seats. Welcome to ICANN and GAC 57 here in Hyderabad. I hope you had a good journey to come here. And you're ready for a number of issues -- to discuss a number of issues that will keep us busy for the next, not only days but maybe weeks and months to come. I'll start with the usual, try to make each other understand who we are and why we are sitting which is always a challenge because we do not have number plates on -- nameplates rather. Number plates is for cars, not for persons. I'm sorry. It's still early in the morning. So we do not have nameplates, so I'm trying to note where you are sitting and who you are. And I hope that that will help me during the week to remember you and not take you for somebody else, although it might happen occasionally. And I start with asking people on this panel to present themselves so that we know who they are.

There's no women first because there are two men on the edges, so I start with experience first and go to Olof. Thank you.

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OLOF NORDLING: I was going to say, age before beauty. My name is Olof Nordling, at least last time I checked my passport, and I'm responsible for -- for ICANN staff support to the GAC, but I'm certainly not alone in that respect, and I'm relying heavily on Julia Charvolen, who you would see at the back end. So a little bit of exercise now, turn your head to the back and there you have Julia. And we have Gulden Tepe as well.

So that's done.

Please turn to your -- your left, my right, and we have Fabien Betremieux. All of the Public Safety Working Group members will recognize him since quite some time nowadays.

Okay. Thank you.

TRACEY HIND: Good morning. I'm Tracey Hind from the ACIG GAC independent secretariat.

OLGA CAVALLI: Good morning, everyone. My name is Olga Cavalli. I am the GAC representative of Argentina.

TOM DALE: Good morning. My name is Tom Dale. Like Tracey, I'm with the ACIG GAC secretariat. And if I could just make a very strong plea

now that should any of you have any questions, queries, complaints, or even congratulations, please do not hesitate to talk to either Tracey or myself or the ICANN staff who Olof referred to. A GAC meeting can be a little intimidating if you haven't been to many, and we'll be very, very happy to meet you, to talk to you and to help if we can, please.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Thank you. My name is Thomas Schneider. I'm from Switzerland. I am chair of the GAC since 2014, so for two years.

GEMA CAMPILLOS: Hello, I'm Gema Campillos, one of the GAC vice chairs.

WANAWIT AHKUPUTRA: Good morning. My name is Wanawit Ahkuputra. So I'm the -- one of the vice chair of the GAC from Thailand.

HENRI KASSEN: Good morning. I'm Henri Kassen from Namibia. I would have loved to say I'm with her on the GAC as GAC vice chair, but now he sit next to me so I'm with him as GAC vice chair.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Please continue on this side, the gentleman, with presenting yourself. Say your name and where -- the country that you belong to.

Thank you very much.

>> John Carr. I'm with the European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online, which is based -- run by Save the Children Italy, although I am British, and I work with the PSWG.

>> Alice Munyua, African Union Commission.

>> Good morning. (Saying name) Chapman from the government of New Zealand.

>> Good morning. Nicola Treloar, government of New Zealand.

>> Good morning. Cristina Monti, European Commission.

>> Good morning, everyone. I'm Megan Richards from the European Commission as well.

>> Good morning, everyone. Nicolas Caballero, GAC Paraguay.

>> SENEGAL: (Introduction in French) Senegal.

>> Juuso Moisander, government of Finland.

>> Good morning. Milagros Castanon from Peru.

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- >> Good morning. Miguel Munnoz from Mexico.
- >> Good morning. Christian Singer from Austria.
- >> Yes, my name is Hubert Schoettner from Germany.
- >> Good morning, everyone. Pedro de Silva from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil.
- >> Good morning. Carlos Fonseca, Brazil.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name), Russia.
- >> Yulia Elanskaya, Russian Federation.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from Cote d'Ivoire.
- >> Good morning. Modibo Samake, also from Cote d'Ivoire.
- >> Good morning. Kavouss Arasteh from MICT Iran.
- >> Good morning. Peter Major from Hungary.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from Singapore.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from Singapore.
- >> Good morning. Raphael Koffi from ECOWAS, Economic Community of West African States.
- Thank you.
- >> Good morning. My name is (saying name) from Thailand.

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- >> Good morning. Brian Beckham from the World Intellectual Property Organization, and I would also like to point out that I'm here this week on behalf of a number of intergovernmental organizations who could not make it to the meeting.
- >> Good morning. My name is Ndordji Nazaire, and I represent Chad.
- >> Good morning, my name is Par Brumark representing Niue.
- >> Good morning. My name is (saying name) from China.
- >> Good morning, everyone. I'm Nigel Cassimire from the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, observer member.
- >> Good morning. I'm Joseph Nsongan representing Cameroon.
- >> ... from Denmark.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from Italy.
- >> Good morning. Manal Ismail from Egypt.
- >> Good morning. Jorge Cancio, Switzerland.
- >> Good morning. Stephane Bondallaz Switzerland.
- >> Rafael Perez Galindo, Spain.
- >> Mark Carvell, United Kingdom.
- >> Good morning. My name is Ornulf Storm from Norway.

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- >> Good morning. My name is Elise Lindeberg, also from Norway.
- >> Good morning. Thomas de Haan from the government of The Netherlands.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from the Ministry of Modernization of Argentina.
- >> Good morning. Ministry of telecommunications, Argentina.
- >> Hong Kong, China.
- >> Good morning. Tony Kwong from Hong Kong.
- >> Good morning. We are from Japan.
- >> Good morning. Shin Takamura from Japan.
- >> Good morning. (Saying name) from China.
- >> Hello, everyone. Guo Feng, GAC representative from China.
- >> Good morning, everyone. My name is Jesus Rivera from Venezuela.
- >> Good morning, everyone, Andreea Brambilla, government of Canada.
- >> Good morning. My name is Bo Martinsson from Sweden.
- >> Good morning. My name is Claudine Kariger from the Luxembourg government.

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- >> Good morning. Hirsto Hirstov from Bulgaria.
 - >> Good morning. Ashwin from Indonesia.
 - >> Good morning. Blaise Azitemina, GAC representative from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
 - >> Good morning. Alan (saying name) from Palestine.
 - >> Good morning. Bo-young Kim from Korea.
 - >> Morning. Wahkeen Murray from Jamaica.
 - >> Good morning. Joseph Kihanya from Kenya.
 - >> Good morning. Annaliese Williams from the Australian government.
 - >> Good morning. Pua Hunter from Cook Islands.
 - >> Good morning. Jaifa Mezhe. I am the GAC representative of Colombia.
 - >> Good morning. (Saying name) from China.
 - >> Good morning. I represent Burkina Faso.
 - >> Good morning. (Saying name), China.
 - >> Good morning. I'm (saying name) from Malaysia.
 - >> Good morning. I'm (saying name) from Malaysia.

>> Good morning. Stephan Hankins, International Committee of the Red Cross.

>> Good morning. (Saying name) from Zimbabwe.

>> Good morning. (Saying name) from the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization. Can I also take this opportunity to invite stakeholders to the Commonwealth GAC meeting tomorrow at 5:00.

Thank you.

>> Good morning. Ana Neves, the Portuguese delegate to the GAC.

>> Good morning. I represent France.

>> ... the Czech Republic.

>> Good morning, everyone. I am Morris Lin from Taiwan.

>> Good morning. I am (saying name) from Taiwan.

>> Ryan Carroll, United States.

>> Good morning. Ashley Heineman from the United States.

>> Good morning. My name is Francis Olivier Cubahiro, GAC representative of Burundi.

>> Good morning. Justin Rugondihene from Rwanda.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Thank you very much. I think there is a huge diversity in this room today. We have people -- It's very good that people from the various continents are coming around and sitting not one beside the other but mingling around. So it's very good to have all you here.

Now the people from the secretariat will give you some information. And before that, I will tell you that we have a new GAC member. We have Nepal as new member.

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And 35 observers.

The floor is to the secretariat who has a few things to inform you about.

France.

FRANCE: Dalila from the French government.

TOM DALE: Thank you, Thomas. It's usual practice for the secretariat to give you a brief overview of the meeting arrangements and the schedule and agenda, as you may have noticed over the last 12 months there was no such thing anymore as a standard ICANN meeting or indeed a standard GAC schedule because the

changes in the ICANN meeting structure, the three different types of meetings over the one-year period, have meant quite a number of changes, which I think is still a work in progress. But I'll do my best to give you a very quick overview of the -- of the GAC meeting and where it fits into the ICANN meeting here during Hyderabad. And please use as a more detailed reference the agenda which was circulated to you in the briefing pack which was sent on -- about between two and three weeks ago. You should also look at the ICANN meeting page schedule which has a very detailed breakdown of rooms and things like that. And also there is a -- a smartphone app for GAC -- sorry, for ICANN 57 which is available and which you can use if you wish.

But for the GAC's purposes, very briefly, the ICANN meeting here in Hyderabad is the first of the -- in the cycle of the so-called C meeting. A, B, and C meetings now. This is the first C meeting. It is slightly longer than whatever a traditional meeting is now. It includes the ICANN annual general meeting which is later in the week. It is also intended to have a showcase focus for ICANN to explain its work to a wider audience.

For the GAC, the work is -- is divided into the GAC working groups which as you may be aware met here in this room yesterday and which will be reporting to the GAC later in the week. The GAC will have a number of plenary sessions starting today. Those are in detail in the schedule. The meeting -- the

ICANN meeting this week also has a large number of high interest topics. These are cross-community sessions in which all elements of the community, including the GAC, will participate. The GAC made a number of suggestions and has a particular interest in I guess the sponsorship or hosting of three of those high interest topics which are on your schedule for the next few days. One dealing with domain name abuse, one dealing with WHOIS issues, and one with issues for underserved regions.

Finally, there are a number of other sessions in which GAC members may well have an interest that are conducted across the community as usual, and we circulated in the briefing material a short guide or summary to those external meetings. And again, I'd urge you to look at the broader ICANN schedule for those.

A couple of things very quickly and specifically. The elections for the next round of GAC vice chairs will be held on Monday. Tracey, my colleague, will speak about that in a moment. The communique drafting for the GAC, because it wouldn't be the GAC if we didn't draft a communique, of course, will be held on Tuesday in the afternoon. So next Tuesday afternoon. Just a note, I did circulate to the GAC list recently a so-called zero draft communique to start discussion. There were no comments received on that from the GAC, but there have been a number of developments since then including over the last few days which

means a revised draft will have to be prepared to take account of some changes, and I'll endeavor to have that circulated to the GAC as a -- I guess a zero plus one draft or something by tomorrow, taking into account the GAC's work today.

And finally, please note that there are some important sessions on the final day of the ICANN meeting and the GAC meeting. That's next Wednesday. And they go all day. They conclude with some further outreach activities sponsored by our Indian hosts and also a number of GAC-specific sessions which are quite important. So the meeting goes through -- the GAC meeting and the ICANN meeting both go right through to the very end. That is Wednesday next week. With that I'll hand over the floor to my colleague Tracey Hind to talk about elections and I think also our famous door prize. Thank you.

TRACEY HIND:

Thank you, Tom. Yes, good morning, everybody. I want to talk about two things. One's elections and the second one is attendance. This year, we -- as you all know, you've been sent a number of procedure documents and also emails by our colleague Michelle Scott-Tucker who's back in Melbourne. There is an election which is currently open for GAC vice chairs whose terms will start in Copenhagen. There are six candidates for five positions. The voting by email or electronic voting

commenced on Monday, the 17th of October. It closes today. So midnight tonight is when the electronic voting period closes. So if you wish to vote electronically, for those who are here and for any GAC members who are remote who have not yet voted electronically, you need to do that by midnight tonight. A reminder that electronic vote is -- a vote should be sent to Michelle, michelle@acig.com.au by midnight tonight.

Voting in person, for those who choose to vote in person, that will take place at 9:00 a.m. or 8:30. Sorry, 8:30 a.m. on Monday the 7th. So -- today's Friday. Saturday, Sunday, Monday morning 8:30 is when the GAC elections will take place. We will have a physical ballot box which will sit in front of Tom, my colleague. I have a list of all the GAC representatives who are eligible to vote, and you will come up to me on that day and receive a ballot, have your name ticked off the list to indicate that you have voted. Vote in secret and place the ballot in the box that will be in front of Tom. But I'll re explain that on Monday morning. But if you do wish to vote in person, and you haven't already voted online, don't be late on Monday morning because it will be 8:30.

After that election period finishes, 8:30 to 9:00 on Monday morning, I -- we at ACIG will count the votes. We will determine and announce the contest winners, and there's a space in the updated agenda for that just after lunch on Monday. If -- and we

truly hope this isn't the case, but if there is a tied number of votes for that fifth position, there will need to be a second ballot, and we have come prepared for that. We hope it won't happen, but we have come prepared. And we'll announce instructions in that scenario for you, should it occur.

Just briefly, just to remind you, the GAC members are eligible to vote. GAC observers are not eligible to vote. Staff and secretariat are not eligible to vote. The current GAC chair and vice chairs are all eligible to vote. So that's your eligibility. Some member nations have two or more listed representatives, but only one from each country or distinct economy may vote. So just a reminder for that. So I will have the list of who has and hasn't voted here, and when you come up, we'll tick your name off. And if somebody else has already voted from your country, I'll let you know. I think that's all on elections.

The other thing I wanted to talk to you about was attendance. My colleagues from the GAC support staff will be circulating an attendance list. In fact, I can see it going along the front row of tables now. If you could please include your name in that. The other thing we do to gather attendance data or attendance information, the last few meetings is we've been asking people to put their business cards into this bag which will be on one of the black tables down the back in front of the interpreter booths. It helps us to get accurate details for attendance. It's

very valuable validation of record. It also -- it also serves as a record for those who are not here at the point where the attendance sheet goes around. So if you miss that attendance sheet, your attendance will be validated by you placing a business card in there. As an incentive to place your business card in, as usual we do have a door prize. I'm not sure if you can see it, but everybody who I've spoken to has liked it so far. It's a very beautiful piece of Indian artisan work, I guess. It's a brass tray. Somebody asked me what it was for. I guess you could put anything on it. You could put jewelry. Personally my favorite is I think it would look great with chocolates. But that is the incentive door prize. We'll announce that at the -- on Wednesday in the wrap-up session as well.

One final thing, I just wanted to point out, I have put a number of copies of this document down on the back table down there and will print some more. This is a document just to share with you the key GAC contact points for a number of the important PDPs and CCWGs and so on and so forth that are around. These are the volunteer leads that we called for some time ago. So just that you have a written record of who to talk to about that. I think that's all I needed to say.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Thank you very much, Tracey. Any questions on these more logistical, organizational pieces of information? If you don't have question now but later, of course, we're all here, happy to answer your questions and help you. So don't hesitate to come up to any of the chair, vice chair team, leadership team, or to any of the secretariat and support staff. Or to your colleague sitting next to you. Thank you.

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