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CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Okay. Anything from the secretariat, staff, whatever side to, to --

TOM DALE: The slide is coming up.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER: Okay.

TOM DALE: While the slide is being loaded, which Tracey will speak to concerning planning between now and the Copenhagen meeting, one item, very specific item which is not on the slide concerns the planned call between the GAC and the Board within four weeks of this meeting. A definite time for that has not been scheduled, but as you have been aware in discussions with the Board and as was done a few weeks after the Helsinki meeting, there is agreement to have another call like that. So that's all of the GAC are invited and encouraged to that and all of the board members. As soon as a definite date for that is set, the ICANN staff will keep working on that with the board operations

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staff, and obviously the more notice that is given to the GAC the more notice that you will have time to prepare.

But just please be aware that a lot of issues raised with the Board and raised about the Board by the GAC, that that call obviously will be an opportunity to raise things again directly with board members. And as soon as staff are able to agree a date, then -- then the GAC will be advised of the date of that call.

Thank you. I think Tracey has a planning slide to speak to, then.

Thank you.

TRACEY HIND:

Thank you, Tom. Yes, this is just a very brief statement. You can see the slide up there in front of you on the screen.

While it seems like a long time between she is ICANN meetings, it goes very, very quickly. In fact, for those wanting to get travel support for the next meeting, the deadline for that is the first week in December. So that's less than a month away.

This is not a timeline of work for the GAC. I am going to try to produce something like that that has the substantive -- any of the substantive deadlines that came out of ICANN 57 in relation to particular PDP processes, public comment processes, and so on and so forth, between now and Copenhagen for you, as GAC

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members, that relates to your work. We will try to get something like that out to you very quickly.

This is more a high-level administrative planning timeline. We aim to have the minutes out to you well before the -- well before mid December. They have to go through a filtering processes management first.

The important thing that I wanted to draw to your attention today is that we do -- we would really like you to start thinking about what you would like to see, what topics you would like to discuss in Copenhagen, and go back to your ministers, your colleagues back at home and get guidance from them on what you would like to see on the agenda and discussed at Copenhagen fairly early in the piece.

We will be having, as Swiss calls, the consultative telephone calls with you to help determine that agenda in all likelihood prior to Christmas. Sounds awfully close, but if you have a look at the slides, you can see why. It's because if we count back from February when you need to have the briefings, the big briefing pack, you need it a few weeks ahead in order to be able to read it all. If you count backwards from that, that only gives a certain amount of time for those who need to write and prepare those briefings: the working group chairs, GAC members ourselves, and ICANN staff. Therefore, that brings us back to a

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pre-Christmas date to try to get, you know, 80% confirmation of what will be on the agenda.

That's really what I wanted to bring to your attention. Work stream be sending something out to you with dates of more substantive items where your feedback, as governments, will be specifically sought.

Thank you.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER:

Thank you. And this is -- What you see here is one of the tools that we're using in the leadership team to plan our work. And again, this is provided by ACIG. So you also see that for the leadership team, it is of essential importance to have this support because that is really something that helps us work in a structured and efficient way.

Questions, comments from the GAC side?

Yes, Iran. Thank you.

IRAN:

Not exactly on this, but same line. In our advice yesterday, we told the Board or asked the Board or advised the Board to be engaged with GAC and GNSO in relation with this IGO, and so on, so forth. How you treat that? Suppose that in four weeks the

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Board, yes, they want to engage you and GNSO. You will treat that within the management group or how to do the issue?

Thank you.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER:

Thank you, Iran, for this question. I'm having a meeting with Steve, with the chairman of the Board, later tonight. We try to meet once every -- at least once -- like, bilaterally, once every ICANN meeting. And I guess we will also touch upon this issue. Then I know that the GNSO is having discussions in their silo bilaterally with the Board. There are a number of informal discussions going on about this. I think everyone is trying to understand where we are, to digest, and think about a way forward. There are a number of informal channels.

For the time being, I do not have a clear view because, I mean, we have issued now our advice, and we'll have to have some exchange with the Board, for instance, at this telephone conference meeting that we've asked them to hold in the next four weeks, where we expect them to come back on this, maybe not with an answer, but at least with a....

So this is not entirely in our hands or my hands. Definitely not. But what is clear to me, that I think we are, and I personally am willing to engage in any process that everybody agrees to, which

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is what we say, but I cannot tell you what the next step is because nobody has defined that yet. But we'll keep you informed, of course, on what is going on. But so far, we have our advice. We've been all witnessing the discussions that we had, and we have to see how the others react to this, and then we take it step by step.

Thank you very much.

And that goes for all the issues that we have on the table, basically.

Any further questions on comments?

If that is not the case, I think we can move towards ending the meeting. So, yeah, everybody who knows that it's his or hers last meeting, of course you're free to wave goodbye so that we can thank you, or stand up or whatever. And that I -- I -- I would like to end this meeting with thanking you all for the constructive and respectful atmosphere that we are able to maintain and actually developing in a positive way in the GAC. I think this is a very positive experience. It helps us not just to -- to feel better but, also, I think it helps us to come to conclusions, to solutions and decisions and agreements, in particular, in a way that is more efficient, that is less burdensome for us all. So I would like to thank you all for the spirit that we are having in the GAC. I think this is not a given. This is hard work for everybody

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to contribute to that spirit, and that goes to everybody, equally, present here. And I just wanted to make that point very clear. And I hope we can all work in this spirit in the future.

And from my personal side, whenever somebody thinks that something is -- of course I'm always happy with receiving compliments, but if you think that something is not as you would expect it to be or you have ideas on how to do things differently in a way that you think would be better, don't ever hesitate. Come back to me or come to me and share your views. Or if you think there is something you need that is not taken care of, please get to me or to any other person in the leadership team, including support and secretariat, because we really try to do our best to make this work and to provide for equal opportunities to everybody to participate, to be a part of the GAC, and not just listening but also understanding and actually actively contributing.

So with this, I would also -- I would like to end the meeting. And of course also thank all the people that are working in the back or even in other rooms that are making this exchange possible: Technical support staff, interpreters, who play a very important role in helping us understanding each other, obviously. And everybody else, including, of course, the secretariat and support. I will not sing aloud any particular names, but this again is a team work across borders of organizations and

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constituencies and so on and so forth. So thank you everybody for this.

One last thing from Tracey. Then we'll end the meeting.

Thank you.

TRACEY HIND:

I just wanted to remind those people who are registered, and I do mean only those people who are registered, for one of the two outreach tours this afternoon, that they depart from 1:00 out the front of the convention center here. I know who you are. I've got your names. Look for me and I'll help you find the right bus.

CHAIR SCHNEIDER:

That actually brings me to what I -- I need to single out one particular stakeholder actively. This is the Indian -- our Indian host, of course. I think we should give them a final applause for all their efforts and hospitality. This is very much appreciated. Thank you.

[ Applause ]

INDIA:

Thank you, Chair, for your words, and thank you, all the members of the GAC. Thank you.



CHAIR SCHNEIDER: So the meeting is over. Have a safe trip, and I just ask the vice chairs to stay here for a few minutes with us so we can all get to know each other and quickly agree on the next -- on the next steps.

Enjoy the time and see you again soon.

Thank you.

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