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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon ICANN 64. [Inaudible].

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So good afternoon. (Voices speaking in many languages).

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EISAKU YAMAJI: everyone does not remember me. Yes, and as far as I remember, it's a fringe benefit of GAC member is have a chance to go abroad. Unfortunately, we can't enjoy that benefit because meeting was in Japan, but we are very happy to host this meeting and welcome all of you, and I hope we will have constructive and good group discussion here in Kobe. We Japan would like to continue participating and contributing GAC activities and let me introduce Kobe. Kobe has been a major international port city for more than 800 years, and has one of the oldest hot spring, ARIMAONSANG, and Kyoto and Osaka are not far from Kobe. I do finish we can finish tough discussion smoothly, and you can get out from this meeting room, in very small island and enjoy Kobe, especially famous Kobe beef. And this is household housekeeping notice. On Monday, March 11th we will have GAC night

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[Applause]

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Thank you very much Japan, and thank you for the excellent organization, and the generous hosting, and thank you for accepting to provide a welcome address to the GAC as a new tradition. Thank you very much.

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MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So do we have any more GAC members or observers who haven't introduced themselves? Yes please.

[TOUR DE TABLE]

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So to those at the back, if you can take seats with microphones if you wish would be good. Yes.

[TOUR DE TABLE]

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So thank you everyone, and especially warm welcome to our first timers, I hope you had a good session this morning, and you enjoyed



the social gathering afterwards. So, I will start by going quickly through the agenda, which as I mentioned, has been organized slightly different, so we tried to organize the sessions by blocks, and we gathered sessions that are can fit under the same team, so after our plenary opening, we're having a quick discussion on GAC goals for 2019, and our Work Plan and also follow up on ICANN63 action items. Then we have after the afternoon break we are having topics that belong to follow up under follow up on previous GAC advice, so we have the 2-character codes. We have the IGO's and the .amazon and a few administrative issues. We have the NomCom working group meeting and then proposal and quick discussion on GAC's standards and work processes overview as well as GAC advice and how we compile our GAC advice. Sunday morning we are starting with the underserved regions working group meeting and then the Human Rights and International Law working group meeting, and after the morning coffee break we're having the geographic names working group meeting. And along with discussion on subsequent procedures, Work Track 5 discussion.

After the lunch break we're having the WHOIS and data protection policy and we are meeting with the registry stakeholder group of the GNSO and then meeting the GNSO after the coffee break followed by a meeting with the registrar stakeholder group, at the end of Sunday we are having the auction proceeds, and the subsequent procedures discussion. And as you can see, we have also highlighted other parallel meetings that may be that are ongoing in parallel to our meetings but may still be of interest to GAC colleagues here in the room. On Monday, and as usual we try to free as much as we can, our Monday so that



people can attend the opening ceremony, which starts at 9. And then also we have a high interest sessions and cross community sessions first of which is the high interest session on strategic planning where the Board will be there will be a discussion, I'm sorry, on the strategic plan of ICANN 2021 to 2025, which I think would be of interest to GAC colleagues.

After the lunch break we have 2 sessions, one to prepare for our meeting with the Board, and followed by a working group meeting of the Board GAC interactions group.

Then a cross community session on next steps on ICANN's response to the GDPR followed by the public forum and the gala dinner at the end. On Tuesday we have the public safety working group meeting, and then we will continue discussion on WHOIS and data protection policy. Then after the morning break, we have subsequent procedures, and the CCT review the review on the review mandated after the new gTLD introduction which stands for consumer choice and consumer trust if I'm not mistaken. After the lunch break we have the cross-community discussion on cross community working group accountability recommendations followed by discussion on ICANN reviews, and then we have an open slot more 30 minutes which we can use as we wish, if need be, then a meeting.

Our meeting with the Board for one and a half hour, and then review of ICANN64 draft version of the communique, and then we start our communique drafting.



We will get into more details on the communique drafting, but just to let you all know that the draft the venue here has strict rules regarding the closing hours, so I think 8PM is our latest, so we have so many incentives to finish early.

On Wednesday we will be receiving reports from our liaisons and again we have an open session that we can use if we wish, and then we have our bilateral meetings with the ccNSO and with the ILAC. After the lunch break we start our communique drafting sessions throughout the rest of the day, but I hope we will, we will be presented a process for the communique drafting so that we can do this as efficient as possible.

Thursday, we have the GAC operating principles evolution working group meeting, and then again, a few administrative issues including travel guidelines and other internal matters.

And this would end our GAC meetings, but there are still the other sessions of interest. There's the cross community [inaudible] as well as part 2 of the public forum. Then the public Board meeting, and the wrap up cocktail.

So, this is what to expect throughout the week, I'll stop here, and if there are any comments on the agenda this is our first meeting without the independent secretariat, our support staff are doing an excellent job to catch up with everything, and to make sure everything is in the right place, so we would appreciate very much any feedback on how things are going, what's going well, and what's what needs to be enhanced. If there are no requests for the floor, I can proceed quickly with a quick report from yesterday's meeting. So yesterday there was a meeting



between the CEO of ICANN, Göran Marby. It's a meeting that he usually holds at the beginning of every ICANN meeting, not every ICANN meeting. The first and the third because the middle one is really short. So it's a meeting between the CEO and all the chairs of the SO's and AC's. I think it was an excellent opportunity, and also the meeting was attended by the chairman and vice chairman of the Board. Cherine and Christa, and discussions mainly revolved around priorities of the different issues but of AC's but also the strategic plan of ICANN and the need for community input on this. The meeting is held under Chatham house rules. So we're allowed to convey what has been discussed without any attributions. Of so first of all, for the ccNSO the priorities were PDP on ccTLDs and the policy review, also under priorities is the retirement of ccTLDs and the IANA function review team and the need to change the bylaws, so per the bylaws, the IANA function review team should include three members, three ccTLDs, employee members representing the ccTLD, 2 of them the members of the ccNSO and one nonmember of the are ccNSO. There are very few members of nonmember of the ccNSO and they were trying to reach out to the different nonmembers, but they are not active and unfortunately, they couldn't find someone to be the third representative. So it's either being represented by two, and this is not in conformance with the bylaws, or finding a third representative from the ccNSO which again does comply with the bylaws so that's why they were requesting a bylaws change and I'm highlighting this because I mean throughout the discussions other constituencies as well highlighted things that needs the bylaws to be changed and this would ultimately come here to the GAC as a decision al participant in the empowered community. So they



also mentioned that they are trying to increase the engagement, and trying to start closed laptop sessions, so we will see how this works. I'm sorry, I'm just checking my notes. I didn't have a chance to clean them up. Okay then moving on to the RSAC and discussion again was about also trying to change the bylaws from co-chairs model to a chair and vice chair, and this is something also requires bylaws changing. They also talked about the reviews and finishing the reviews, and other ongoing activities with specific highlight on RSA C 37 and 38. For the GNSO the maintaining that was the approval of the EPDP Phase 1 final report stressing the community success to finalize this in a timely manner under severe tension and very tight time frame. And it was also mentioned that focus in Kobe here would be on what comes next in terms of phase one implementation but also Phase 2 and how to structure the group that will work on Phase 2 timing process finding a new chair as well, because the chair of the Phase 1 has already resigned. And recognizing all the deferred work from phase one, and I know this is of specific interest to GAC colleagues here because much of what of what we asked for was not addressed in phase one. So we're all looking forward to Phase 2. There was mention of the sense of urgency which I think is good for the GAC to hear, and commitment to ensure that things would move in a timely manner. There was also mention that also during this week there are discussions on PDP's on subsequent procedures, on the 3.0 PDP 3.0 which targets to enhance the PDP process, and with the objective of having better and more active engagement. For the GAC, I have reported our priorities as follows. First, the GDPR and the importance of having an expedited discussion on development of policy recommendations associated with the



unified access model, and also the importance of having a... conclusion date so that the discussions doesn't take forever. And also importance of having everyone constructively and actively participating in Phase 2, similar to what already happened in Phase 1. I also mentioned the IGO's and the INGO's and the progress that's been made. And the new gTLDs in general including the subsequent procedures that geographic names, and the CCT review. And also mention the .amazon. Again despite not being discussed here, it's a topic of interest to the GAC. It sets a precedent for us here, and we all we are all looking forward to have this issue resolved soon, and on the administrative side, I mentioned the review of the GAC operating principles, the independent secretariat conclusion of the independent secretariat and how we are trying to manage things with the GAC support staff. Also, in the new leadership team and the new vice chairs whose terms will start by the end of Kobe, we have Argentina and Canada. And finally, the work that is going on through the Board GAC interactions working group. For the NRO's they also mentioned a need for the bylaws to change as they are looking into changing a few things in their operating procedures and they also are having public consultation to determine the 5 ... and also discussions on relationship between the number's community and the ICANN and that this should be maintained but main simplified in terms of dedication and participation in things that might not be of interest to their community. And the on the SSAC they mentioned the EPDP and the reviews were similar to the GAC views on this, and also, they have among their priorities the name collision analysis project, and looking forward they will be looking on evolution of DNS changes and impacts how does the future look like? This will be the upcoming topic, and



again, they would like to have change in the bylaws for the SSAC chair to be limited. So this is another constituency that will be requesting the bylaws change soon. So very quickly on the last constituency on the ILAC, they mentioned that they now have a more inclusive leadership team coming from the members. They are preparing for their summit that will take place in Montreal during the Montreal meeting and also focusing on outreach and engagement activities encouraging engagement and getting more people involved as well as their efforts for capacity building and relationship building. From ICANN side, the GDPR of course was mentioned but also the filing. ICANN has filed a request to be a member of ITUD, and the decision will be after June. The membership is going to be waived the membership fees is going to be waived, and they were specifically pleased with this as the ICANN will be now represented under their own name, and they will not have to join other delegations at this important venue. Also the security of the DNS and promoting deployment of DNS SEC and the need to work together to solve attacks hitting different parts of the DNS system, and finally the strategic plan the input needed from the community and the strategic plan has 5 fillers strengthening the security of the domain name and the DNS root server system. Improving the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance, evolving the unique identifier systems to continue to serve the needs of the global Internet user base, addressing geo political issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single and globally interoperable Internet and finally ensuring ICANN's long-term financial sustainability. So there will be a discussion on the strategic plan as I mentioned during the schedule overview. It's it will take place on Monday at 10:30 to 12. And also it has been among



the questions that we received from the Board. They were sent to all SO's and AC's including the GAC. So I hope we can all participate actively at the session as well as during our joint meeting with the Board on Tuesday evening, so I will pause here for any questions or comments? This was just a quick overview of what happened yesterday during this meeting, and as I mentioned it was a heads up on priority issues to other SO's and AC's but also things that we may receive shortly like the bylaws changes and so on. So, if there are no requests for the floor, then Rob, I'm sorry, I believe I'm not following the slides right.

- ROBERT HOGGARTH:I think you're doing a great job, Manal. Just the next one or two slidesGultenyou were not ahead at all. You were right on track.
- MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Thank you Rob. So, yeah, this is quickly to brainstorm on what may be our goals for 2019, and our Work Plan, and thanks to support staff for helping putting here a process that would guide our work, so, an orientation towards annual goals and expectations can help the GAC operate more effectively and efficiently, and so energies and limited committee member time can be focused in the right place, so we can focus here on the substance and try to make sure that other administrative things are right in place and taken care of. Also the GAC intersectional work and the time commitment demands I'm sure you already feel that this continues to increase, so we want to check what we really want to get involved in, maybe things could be delegated to the leadership for example. Other things that could be delegated



maybe to support staff, and they can brief us on any submissions, so we need to brainstorm, and agree on what works best for us. So here are also a few things listed that we requested to comment on, and they are in addition to the GAC advice, there are ICANN policy implementation matters operational matters, the reviews, things like the strategic plan, things like the fellowships, the planning for the ICANN meetings, and several things that you may have come through. So, the GAC leadership was trying to discuss a Work Plan that would focus more on operational improvements to help free GAC members to focus on advice and to inform our work priorities. Of so Rob, would you like to speak more about this.

ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you, Manal. Yes, just the three bullets at the bottom of the slide reflect some of the work that the leadership has already directed or set into motion in terms of efforts to realize some operational improvements from a committee wide perspective in addition to just basic operational processes that we are engaged in meeting preparation. Advice development and processing of Board feedback, are areas that based on our research we identify were potential areas for process work to be done. You had mentioned delegation, Manal, I think that there is a recognition that there's the policy advice that the GAC members work on, and then there are a raft of administrative responsibilities that you find yourselves as the leadership that are handling. And finding the right balance for that is very important. In particular, in terms of just the interaction with the Board, as that relationship has improved substantially over the last couple of years on



a number of fronts, what's something that is still looking for support I think is a mechanism for being able to take the feedback that the Board provides to the GAC and find some means to assess it, to determine whether it was responsive to the GAC's request and the like. In terms of the operating principles, that's an area that we have two of the cochairs of that working group here at the head table. Par and Feng working on that and a very active and involved group of volunteers from the GAC membership who are contributing to that area. I would note that in Barcelona there was a warning from the floor that the evolution of the GAC operating principles would be a long-term process, and I think you folks are starting to appreciate that. That's almost a standing working group of work for the couple of years depending upon the pace and the consultation with the membership. And you know the bottom line to all of this I think I can only emphasize in addition to what you've already said Manal that the input from the GAC membership in terms of feedback to you as a leadership team certainly us to as a staff from an operational and functional perspective is very important. And that's something that we continue to strive to improve on. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Thank you Rob. So before moving on, if there are any immediate reactions to this, or comments? Okay if not, then maybe we can proceed with the following slide on the Barcelona action items, and what we have achieved there. So this is a very quickly on what happened in Barcelona, and how this links to our work here, so we had the substantive of course we had the high-level governmental meeting, and the post meeting report has been out. I'm not sure



whether it has been circulated to the GAC, but it has been out and public and posted on website. Also, the substantive matters that were discussed in Barcelona, the GNSO EPDP so we have some focus discussions on this during this meeting, so many developments, and as you all know, the final report is out and preparations for implementation of phase one and preparations for Phase 2 are ongoing. For the CCT review the Board has already submitted their comments, or resolution on the recommendations of the CCT review, which again we will be trying to compare the what the Board submitted versus the GAC views and see what could be our next steps on this topic. On the IGO, and IGO curative rights we have 2 tracks here. We have significant progress in terms of the maintenance of the IGO and IGO list, so we have initiated a 3-month project with ICANN org to work on the development of this list, and on the access to curative rights mechanisms. We are having again, discussion on this with the GNSO later this week, but inter-sessionally we had very two very good two calls, and a very constructive dialogue with the GNSO, so we hope also to see some progress on this. There are also the cross community working group accountability Workstream 2 and the auction proceeds, and again, for the auction proceeds we need to pick up where the discussion is because we are a chartering organization of this cross community working group and at some point in time we will be asked to approve whatever final recommendations they reach, so we need to be up to speed on where this process is going. For the .amazon we will be receiving a brief here, and there are recent updates that we will go through, I believe in the coming session, and finally, there is also the ICANN operating plan, and budget. Which went out for public



comments, and again with the help of support staff, and GAC underserved regions working group we have been submitting a few comments. So, this is in short, how things progressed since Barcelona, and again, trying to link with what we are going to be discussing here in Kobe. So moving on to the following slide, also we have our bilateral relationships with ALAC. We have assigned the point of contact for the ALAC, so Portugal is our point of contact. I have to say they are doing an excellent job inter sessionally. We will be having a very, I hope interactive discussion. We have an excellent agenda for the meeting, and I look forward to our bilateral with ALAC. And also, the GNSO, they have a new leadership team, and we have a GNSO liaison to the going. We also have an ALAC liaison to the GAC of course and we have a GNSO liaison to the GAC and again we try to have a point of contact here from the GAC also to the GNSO which is Ghislain from France, and also for the ccNSO we have Par, as our point of contact and Feng is our point of contact with the SAAC so we are trying to maintain our bilateral relationship with other SO's and AC's so they help with preparing joint agendas for our meetings here, and also doing any needed inter sessional work. On the operational side, as you all know we are we have launched in Barcelona the operating principle evolution working group, and it will be meeting here in, on Thursday. This is co-chaired by Par from Niue and ... from China and I hope we can have a good discussion and it's a long exercise that we need to take piece by piece or step by step because we need to review the whole operating principles of the GAC. We have been doing capacity building workshops as you all know, and this is the time for assessment. So we will be discussing the evaluation report that came out of the previous phase,



and as I mentioned earlier, the transition from the independent secretariat function support to a secretariat fully provided by ICANN support staff, and finally, the GAC travel guidelines update, so this is also something that took place inter sessionally and we will have this discussion on Thursday. So this is quickly to start from Barcelona and try to link to what we will be discussing here, and also a brief you and give you a quick update on work that took place inter sessionally. So I will stop here for any additions from other GAC leaders ship colleagues? Support staff? Or any comments from GAC members and observers? So Rob?

- ROBERT HOGGARTH: I'm reluctant to speak before a GAC member or one of the other vice chairs speaks so I will hold off and ask to be in the queue, thank you.
- MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So any comments? Ideas? Suggestions? Anyway, this will be an ongoing process we are trying to improve how things are working, and I think we are open to comments at any time. Doesn't have to be now, but yeah, if you have any feedback, or any comments on what is working and what's not working so that we can improve things, so I think Rob, if you would like to chime in now.
- ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you, Manal. Just a couple of question observations to share in addition to your comments, and just to add one or two points from an operational perspective. First, is that one of the other areas that the



GAC membership encouraged us to explore and to work with a leadership on was improving the onboarding process for new GAC members. As some of you have heard me state in this venue and in other places, you've reached about a 25, 26% annualized change right among GAC participants. That's a reflection of people changing jobs, retiring, moving on to other responsibilities, in their government and so with that recognized turn over, if you will, of participants, we are asked to explore different ways to perhaps improve the onboarding process, or otherwise to provide tools and resources to new participants. We had just a couple of examples of those today, and I know that you know some of you were still arriving, so you didn't get an opportunity to experience them. But earlier today, the GAC staff offered a first timers' session for those of you who were new, to an ICANN meeting. Not necessarily new to the GAC, but that this was your first time at an ICANN meeting. It's always encouraging when we do that to see some experienced GAC members attend and indicate that they'd like a refresher and it was encouraging to see we've already heard from some of the remarks this afternoon, to have some previous GAC representatives and participants returning again so clearly there's interesting work here in terms of bringing you all back in some way shape or form. The other new element that we were strongly encouraged to consider, a number of you experienced just on this side of the room, a shortly before the lunch break and that was the newcomers welcoming reception. I would like to thank Julia Charvolen for partnering with Laurent and members of our GE team on really pulling off I think what was a very successful event. It was just nice to come into the room. I arrived a little late and just see the spirit and the



opportunity that you were all taking just to connect and get to meet new people or otherwise renew old acquaintances. And I think that's a sign of a successful endeavor. So with your approval, if not, no objection we'd like to make that a regular feature along with the first timer session on the first day of an ICANN meeting. Again because not all of you come to every meeting. Based on the numbers that we have been maintaining, in addition to the participant turnover rate, we've also observed that at any given meeting about 35 to 40% of GAC member delegations actually are able to participate in person, at the ICANN meeting. Which means that, and the numbers seem to reflect this this is a rotation in some way, shape or form based upon the region where the meeting is being held. So it is you an opportunity to give these sorts of program elements an opportunity to spread throughout the GAC and to have more of you experience that, and to see more people. The other element of this I think is when you look at the interest level of various participants. We have seen recently an increase from the number of you volunteering for different efforts. We've observed over time that most of those volunteer efforts are a result of interest in the topic, and most of the participation ends up being observation, but that's an important and helpful way that we see increased participation by members of the GAC. So another area that is quite encouraging madam chair in that respect. A couple of other things to identify. One, from a process standpoint. The other more functionally. You are talking about the great improvements that we've seen from a liaison or point of contact perspective. It's interesting, there are liaisons from other ICANN communities who have reached out to the GAC and who are playing a more involved role with the GAC



leadership, and in participation at face to face meetings. Later this week you will have an opportunity to meet the GNSO and ALAC liaisons and it's interesting for me, difference in terminology where the GAC has not liaisons to the other groups but you made it a point to emphasize this to me points of contact with other members of the community, and for the first time I think you've got coverage of all of those other communities through the leadership of the GAC. With some upcoming changes in the leadership, and interest levels from all of you might consider joining or partnering with some of the current contacts if you have a particular interest in another community within the ICANN multistakeholder environment. And then finally just from a functional standpoint. It was very helpful and it's always very interesting from staff's perspective to experience and record the tour de table, there are a couple of reasons for doing that. One is obviously to take attendance. But the tour de table is not the only means we have used neither the past or in the future tore taking attendance. In the past we've had a paper sign-up sheet that goes around the room. We pass it around every day. Because some of you are also involved in other activities within ICANN. There is still a number of GAC representatives who are not here in the room at this moment because they are participating in other cross community activities. So what I'd like to encourage you all is two fold. If you came into the room a little bit later and I think we had a number round of arrivals Manal. We might want to ask those who have come in and who have not had an opportunity to introduce themselves, and then secondly, we are going to continue the circulation of something for you to record your participation. Because we don't do a tour de table every day. And in addition to the paper we are



employing an experimental methodology I see some concern faces for this meeting. In which we are also partnered with our IT and engineering team to actually have an electronic device. We have an iPad, and we'd like to ask you as fellow experimenters with us you aren't required to do this but as the sign-up sheet and iPad get passed around, if you could take the opportunity particularly if you're an early adopter. To experiment with it, please indicate you're sign in and give us feedback, and then also again based upon your comfort level, also write you know in paper, with INK with your information as well. So we will be doing that throughout the week because sometimes people with travel difficulties don't make it the first day one we want to make sure we're taking good attendance. So I'll stop there, Manal. We will make an announcement when we've got the materials to start handing out. But if you'd like to give new individuals who came in a little bit later to identify themselves that would be really great. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Sure. Thank you, Rob. And thanks for the heads up. So any one who came late and was not did not have the chance to introduce themselves. Yes, please, go ahead.

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MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Yes please.

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MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Thank you. So any, anything to raise before we close this session? Oh yeah, I'm sorry, so, we have a quick announcement from UK, so Paul employees go ahead.

> U.K. I think many people here will know and remember Mark CAVEL who was the U.K. representative on the GAC for many years, and also served as vice chair, and in 2 weeks' time he is going to retire, so I brought with me a card, and I know that he would be really pleased if many of his friends and former colleagues on the GAC were able to sign a retirement card for him. So I will leave it on the front, on the left-hand side, and if people want just to come and write a short message to Mark I think he would really appreciate that. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): Thank you very much, Paul, and thank you for bringing this to our attention. I mean, Mark has been a long-standing colleague here at the GAC, and a tremendous help for the GAC work, and he served on the leadership team as you rightly mentioned, so I'm sure he has many friends around the room, and everyone would be excited to leave a word to him in the card. Thank you. Anything else? Okay. Yes, Par, please?

PAR BRUMARK: Maybe it's too early but I have a question about the IT membership? Do you know more about it? You mentioned it before?



MANAL ISMAIL (GAC CHAIR): So, all I know is that the ICANN has supplied for a membership in ITUD, I understand that this needs a council approval, and the council meeting is in June, so the final approval should be announced in June, again, my understanding is that they applied for waived membership, I mean, ITU attends the GAC as observer. They are observer to the GAC. They don't pay membership for this, and I mean, it's only fair to have this in return, so any specific questions? I don't know much but this is as much as I know. I hope this answers your question. So anything else. Okay. If not, then I think we have a longer break than scheduled, which is not bad at all, so can we start Rob can we start a little bit earlier, or do we have to so it's the remote participation. Okay. So please be back at the room in time for us to start at quarter past 3. So 3:15 back in the room, please. Thank you.

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