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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much.

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everybody. And welcome to the GNSO Council meeting, part 2, on the 27th of October 2021.

Would you please acknowledge your name when I call it out.
Thank you.

Antonia Chu.

ANTONIA CHU: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Maxim Alzoba.

MAXIM ALZOBA: Here.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. And my apologies, I forget to introduce our incoming councilor. Antonia Chu is our incoming Registrar Stakeholder Group councilor. Welcome, Antonia.

Sebastien Ducos.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Sebastien has been re-elected for second term as Registry Stakeholder Group councilor. Kurt Pritz.

KURT PRITZ: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Greg Dibiase.

GREGORY DIBIASE: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Greg has been re-elected after completing Darcy Southwell's council term for the Registry Stakeholder Group.

Kristian Ormen.

KRISTIAN ORMEN: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Desiree Milosevic.

I don't see Desiree in the Zoom yet.

Marie Pattullo.

MARIE PATTULLO: Here. Thanks, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Marie. And Marie holds an approximate at this for Mark Datysgeld who has sent his apology for the second part of the council meeting.

John McElwaine. I don't see John on the call yet either.

Flip Petillion has sent his apologies and has assigned as IPC councilor Susan Payne as temporary alternate.

SUSAN PAYNE: Thanks. Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Philippe Fouquart here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thomas Rickert, incoming ISPCP councilor.

THOMAS RICKERT: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Wisdom Donkor.

WISDOM DONKOR: Here.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Stephanie Perrin. I don't see Stephanie in the Zoom room yet.

Farell Folly.

FARELL FOLLY: I'm here. Thank you, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you, Farrell. Has been re-elected for a second term as NCSG councilor.

Also adding for a second time, Tomslin Samme-Nlar.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Present, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Manu Chen, incoming NCSG councilor.

MANU CHEN: Here. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Juan Manuel Rojas.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Here. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you.

And our incoming NCPH NomCom appointee, Paul McGrady.

Paul, you may be muted.

PAUL McGRADY: Thank you. Paul McGrady's here. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you.

Olga Cavalli. Olga mentioned in the chat that she didn't have access to a mic, but I do see she's in the Zoom room.

Jeffrey Neuman.

JEFF NEUMAN: Would not miss this for the world.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. And our incoming ALAC liaison to the GNSO, Justine Chew.

JUSTINE CHEW: Present, thank you, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much.

Maarten Simon. I don't see Maarten in the Zoom room.

We also have ICANN policy GNSO support staff in the Zoom room.

I'd like to remind everyone here to please remember to state your name before speaking for recording purposes. We are in a Zoom Webinar room, so all councilors are panelists. You can, therefore, activate your microphones and type in the chat once you set your chat to everyone instead of the default "host and panelists" for everyone in the room to be able to read the exchanges.

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PAM LITTLE:

Thank you, Nathalie. Hello, everyone. This is Pam Little for the record. You guys probably thought you got rid of me at the part 1 session. I'm still here I have been given the task of chairing the first part of Part 2 GNSO Council meeting at ICANN72.

We will just go with the agenda. 1.2, statements of interest, are there any updates to the statements of interest of councilors or liaisons?

Seeing no hand, we'll move on.

A warm welcome, indeed, to all the incoming councilors and those returning or existing councilors. And this is a new dawn, a new term, beginning of a new term.

Just wondering whether -- this is the first time our new incoming councilors -- their first meeting. Would any of the new councilors would like to give a brief self-introduction? It's not compulsory, only if you care to do so.

So I just pause there and if you would like to say a few words, please raise your hand. I see Paul, your hand is up. So over to you, Paul.

PAUL McGRADY:

Thanks. Pam. Paul McGrady here.

So I am recently appointed as the noncontracted party house nominee -- I'm sorry NomCom appointee.

I reached out by email to as many people as I could figure out how to reach to that comprise the noncontracted party house expressing my interest in meeting with each of you and hearing what you have to say.

I did hear back from the IPC, and I heard back from the BC substantively. I heard back from one other group, not with any real information but just, you know, an acknowledgment of my communication.

I'll be able to do my job best if folks tell me what's going on in their minds. So I encourage everybody in the sound of my voice, even if you're not in my house, I still would love to hear from you about what's going on and how we can build bridges and how we can get things done on council. Thanks so much. Pam, thanks for the time to say that.

PAM LITTLE:

Thank you, Paul. Indeed. It's wonderful to see that you're taking such a proactive outreach engagement effort in order to reach out to other councilors on the council.

Anyone else would like to say a few words? Seeing no hand -- oh, Thomas. Thomas, go ahead.

THOMAS RICKERT:

Yeah. This is just to say hello to everybody. I'm actually on council for the second time.

I've served two terms as a NomCom appointee from 2011 to 2015. And I'm now the incoming councilor for the ISPCP, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you. As we've heard earlier, I think it's great of the NomCom appointees to reach out to folks inside council for collaboration. And certainly we will pick you up on that one. Thanks so much.

And back over to you, Pam.

PAM LITTLE: Thank you, Thomas. Welcome back.

Any other incoming councilors? Seeing no hand, I'll move on to the incoming liaison. We welcome Justine Chew who will succeed outgoing liaison Cheryl Langdon-Orr. And I'd like to again express our appreciation for Cheryl's service.

I don't remember how long Cheryl was on the council. I've been there for four years. I thought Cheryl was supposed to be there permanently, but obviously it's not the case.

[Laughter]

So very warm welcome to Christine. Christine, I see your hand up. Would you like to say a few words? Over to you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Yes, thank you, Pam. This is Justine Chew for the record. Firstly, I'd like to -- on behalf of the At-Large and ALAC community to acknowledge and obvious appreciate the work of my predecessor, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. She's been an effective and valuable conduit between council and the ALAC for a number of years as you've correctly pointed out there, Pam.

And, secondly, by way of introduction, I think -- well, I certainly had the pleasure of working with some of you in past PDPs and obviously, namely, SubPro and RPM. Well, that was in my individual capacity, of course.

But I am also working -- or participating in some of the ongoing EPDPs as an ALAC representative. And by way of that, I have also come to know some other councilors like Farrell, for example. In essence, I very much look forward to working with everyone on council to build on the work of Cheryl and ensuring that there's ongoing solid communication channel between council and ALAC. Thank you.

PAM LITTLE:

Thank you, Justine. And welcome, again, to the council. We are delighted to have you. And I'm sure the councilors look forward to have you there with them and working through some of the exciting projects.

Anyone else? If not, we'll move on to the next agenda item, which is 1.3, review the agenda. So today, as you can see, we have a rather light agenda. We'll be electing the chair of the GNSO, also the chair of the GNSO Council, and there will be Item 3, election of the council vice-chair for the next year. And we have an AOB. And if we have time, we might have an open mic session, if we have time.

So let's now move on to Item 2, election of the GNSO chair.

So you might have seen, councilors, an email sent out from Tatiana on behalf of the two of us, actually about how we will conduct this election of the chair given we are in a virtual format rather than in a face-to-face meeting. In the past, we were able to have paper ballots to cast our votes, but we're not able to do that. So our suggestion was to have a simple roll-call vote for the chair. And we didn't see any response, objection, other concern raised. So I propose we go ahead with a simple roll-call vote.

This year we only have, again, one candidate, Philippe Fouquart, who served as the chair for the last year. And as you know, the council chair term is for only one year.

Philippe did circulate a very comprehensive candidate statement to the council list earlier this month. So I hope everyone has had a chance to read that -- read his statement. I thought it was very comprehensive and a lot of food for thought as well going forward.

So with that, can I hand it back to you, Nathalie, to help us conduct the roll-call vote?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Pam.

So for the election of the GNSO chair, we need to have a 60% support per house. We'll be doing voice votes. And so if each councilmember can please reply to his or her name by either "Philippe Fouquart" or "none of the above," that would be perfect. Thank you ever so much.

So, Stephanie Perrin. Stephanie Perrin does not seem to be in the Zoom room at this stage.

Moving on, Susan Payne for Flip Petillion.

SUSAN PAYNE: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Maxim Alzoba.

MAXIM ALZOBA: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thomas Rickert.

THOMAS RICKERT: Yes, Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Juan Manuel Rojas.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Paul McGrady.

PAUL McGRADY: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Antonia Chu.

ANTONIA CHU: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Kurt Pritz.

KURT PRITZ: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Tomslin Samme-Nlar.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: John McElwaine.

JOHN McELWAINE: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Greg Dibiase.

GREGORY DIBIASE: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Marie Pattullo for Mark Datysgeld.

MARIE PATTULLO: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Marie Pattullo for yourself?

MARIE PATTULLO: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you. Philippe Fouquart.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Farell Folly.

FARELL FOLLY: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Kristian Ormen.

KRISTIAN ORMEN: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Desiree Milosevic. I believe we have Desiree on the phone. I will circle back to Desiree. Desiree, you are muted.

Sebastien Ducos.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Wisdom Donkor.

WISDOM DONKOR: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Manu Chen.

MANU CHEN: Philippe Fouquart.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Stephanie Perrin. I don't believe we have Stephanie yet.

Desiree Milosevic. Desiree, you are muted on the phone and on the Zoom end.

So at this time we have neither Stephanie Perrin nor Desiree Milosevic. But I can announce that we have six votes in the contracted party house and 12 in the noncontracted party house. We have Philippe Fouquart as GNSO chair. Thank you ever so much.

PAM LITTLE: Thank you, Nathalie.

So with the election results, we have a chair! So congratulations, Philippe. And thank you for your service last year and your willingness now to serve for another year. The council is all yours.

[Laughter]

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: All yours, I'm not sure. Thank you. Thank you very much again. Really appreciate it. And thanks again for all you did the past year. We'll meet again.

So thanks. Thanks, everyone. And thanks for the attention paid to the pronunciation of my surname. I appreciate it.

I'm obviously really grateful for the honor and the responsibility. I have to say even more so after a year, that was no easy task. But I'm glad people will have me for another year. Certainly the challenge will come in due time, I'm sure. But my only wish at this point is that we meet again reasonably soon and that I do not go down in history of the GNSO Council as the virtual chair, but so be it for the moment. We'll have to make do with it.

Thanks, everyone. Thanks for your kind words in the chat.

And with this, let's move on to Item 4, that's the AOB. As you would recall, we need to confirm the GNSO chair as interim GNSO decisional participant representative to the empowered community. And just for the record, the process of the selection of that representative was adopted in 2017.

And before we decide on this, the GNSO chair is confirmed by council upon election as the representative to the EC admin until we decide on a permanent rap for this.

So, again, for the record, any concern on this?

Okay. Okay. Seeing none, we'll duly record this.

Before we go, we have a group photograph.

Did I -- I want to make sure that -- oh, I'm sorry. I was so into it that I missed -- thank you. That I missed our vice-chair election. So I think we need -- we need that. I will definitely need a -- maybe the reason for that, the leadership team was so -- was so robust last year, I didn't want them to leave, maybe. But so be it. We'll go through item 3 and the election of the GNSO Council vice-chair for this year.

Almost, yes, John.

So, Nathalie, I think we'll -- you will help us go through this?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Philippe, it's not so much an election, that's misleading. It's simply a recognition that the Non-Contracted Party House has appointed Tomslin Samme-Nlar as NCPH vice-chair and the Contracted Parties House appoint Sebastien Ducos as CPH vice-chair.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you. Thanks, Nathalie. So we will acknowledge, duly acknowledge that Tomslin and Sebastien are elected as vice-chair for this year. I'm really delighted to have you, both guys, as vice-chairs for this year. I'm sure that's going to be challenging, just as challenging as last year's was. But I'm sure that's going to be brilliant. And again, my apologies for the hiccup.

So with this, I think we -- congratulations to you both. And we can then move on.

So we did the AOB already. I think we need to -- There's a group photograph at some point. And we have time for -- for an open -- open mic. So we'll probably take the picture after the open mic? Would it make more sense?

Nathalie, can you help me with this? How do we proceed?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: That's absolutely fine. And having the 2021-2022 councilors give a little bit longer to be camera ready, seems like an excellent idea.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Sure. So if you need to grab a comb or something, please do. And before that, we can have an open mic for questions, if there are any. Any questions either for...

I see David. Good evening, good afternoon to you, and welcome. You have the floor.

DAVID OLIVE: Thank you very much, Philippe, and members of the GNSO Council. And while people are preparing for that beautiful Zoom photo, I would just like to thank you for your kind comments about the policy and org staff support for the GNSO Council. And we welcome the new members and the new leadership team. And we thank you to provide again the continuous high-level of service we offer you. It will continue under the new leadership as well.

So thank you so much.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you very much, David. And, indeed, even more so these days with our working methods and our virtual meetings. I think the support from staff is not only outstanding but it's necessary, and we couldn't do anything without them. And so thanks again. We can't thank you enough for the support that you provide us with.

Any -- Any other comments?

John?

JOHN McELWAINE: Thanks, Philippe. I was wondering, are we doing the AOB from Part 1 during this meeting or is that going on in another time? Is that the wrap-up?

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: It was intended to do -- to be done during the wrap-up tomorrow. There's nothing formal that we need to discuss but feel -- if there's one -- well, if there are any items that were under AOB that you'd like to discuss, I think you feel free to do so.

JOHN McELWAINE: No. I mean, if we're going to handle all of those under the wrap-up, I'm happy to do it then.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Okay. So let's do it then. Thank you. Thanks, John.

Any more questions? Comments?

Okay. Seeing -- seeing no hands, then I think we can put our camera on, and -- cameras on, respectively, and we'll go for the picture.

ARIEL LIANG: This is Ariel Liang from the staff. I will help with this picture, and if all councilors can look directly into your camera and hold your smile for just a few seconds, and I will be able to capture a screenshot and try to put a collage of all of it together. So I will say three, to, one, cheese, and then please hold your smile, and then we'll do up this photo.

So three, two, one, smile.

Please hold.

And please hold for a little longer, I want to make sure I get a couple of copies.

Okay. I think we have it. Thank you very much.

PHILIPPE FOUQUART: Thank you, Ariel. And with this, I think -- I think this concludes our meeting Part 2 of the council meeting for the AGM. Again, thanks again for your support. Congratulations to the vice-chair. We'll get on board very quickly.

And have a nice rest of your day. Rest if that applies. And speak to you very soon, then.

Bye, all.

MAXIM ALZOBA: Bye, bye.

THOMAS RICKERT: Bye, everyone.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Bye, everyone. Thank you for joining today's GNSO Council meeting. This concludes the call. Have an excellent rest of your days, evenings. Take care, everyone. Good-bye. Please stop the recordings. Thank you.

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