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(David): Yes, so if we could (unintelligible) Marika? You were speaking to PDP improvement or is it policy implementation?

Man: This is (Scott) and (Chuck).

(David): We're policy improvement.

Man: That's up next.

(David): I wasn't quite sure how we rearranged the order. In which case, yes, J. Scott and Chuck.

J. Scott Evans: This is J. Scott. I'm taking this one because Chuck has kindly agreed to chair our meeting. So for everyone, you should know we do have a public meeting that will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to - I believe it's 6:00. I believe it's constellation. It's in this room so you'll know how to get here if you'd like to join us.

Most of the community active members are sitting in this room right now with us. I'm not going to belabor. I'm going to be very quick given the hour of the day so if we'll just go to the next slide. You have this information so it's in your deck. Go to the next slide.

I just want to quickly tell you where we are. Where we actually are is we had decided that originally work-to-work plan where we were going to do several of the charter questions in parallel in subgroups and then we were going to

bring them back. And then because of the level of participation was so high and good from those that are participating we felt like it was a much more productive exercise to do them linearly early together as an entire group rather than have subgroups do them.

So that's what we're and it's put us behind our initial schedule but our target now is to have a report - a draft report ready around February of 2015 so that's what we're hoping to do.

So we're now working on several of the final charter questions. They all were sort of interrelated so we're going to consider them more or less in a bundle and that is our hope.

The one thing I would tell you is each of you - either you're SO or - your sporting organization or your advisory committee should've received a communication from our group. We have come up with some proposed processes that we would like everyone to talk a look at. They're in this deck. I'm not going to go into them but they're in this deck in the annex.

So I'd like to call upon each of you to check with your group to see if they've looked at this. If they haven't, if not, if you'd share this deck and let them look at the two charts we've put in there because what we're trying to do at this point is get a gut check from the community on whether the work we're doing is headed in the right direction.

This does not mean this is the only time you'll have to input. You will have a chance to make all formal comments in any sort of comment period. But what we're trying to do is just make sure that we're headed in the right direction so as we get into the meatier topics we're not wasting anyone's time. If we've gone off course we'd like you to tell us now.

So if you would all do that for me this week, check in to see if they've got the communication from this group. If not, if you'd share those slides with them, it's just two charts for them to look at. It's got some color-coding. The orange

in the chart is where we're seeking to get some guidance. So if you see orange in the chart that's where we're wanting you to discuss with us and any of us.

We have a Wiki. Anybody can speak to any of us during the week and ask questions and we can explain. I just don't want to take anyone's time. It's a good group. We're working hard.

We're trying to get you something that we think will - it may not solve all the issues but it will give us a great laboratory to work through finding and refining them into probably a final solution and I think we're headed in the right direction. Are there any questions? (Chuck), do you want to add anything?

Man: I guess I just have a question. Are we going to put the charts up at all for the council?

J. Scott Evans I wasn't going to because we're so late in the day. I just think that everyone's tired. They're there. They have them. If they have any questions they can ask you, myself, Cheryl. (Alan) - Wolf is on the team as well. I think that, you know, you can reach out to us and we'll be happy to answer any questions. Edmon?

Edmon Chung: Edmon Chung here. Sorry I haven't looked at the charts yet but there's something that came out recent - a while back I think might be useful for this group to consider as well. We talked about policy and implementation and more and more I'm finding there's a difference between policy and implementation and then there's also a difference between implementation and execution.

I want to try to explain that a little bit more. Policy, you know, that the GNSO creates, we create a document and then, for example the AGB, that creates an implementation plan, you know, staff creates an implementation plan.

And then another group within staff to actually execute it and there's some differences between those two as well. How do we capture - do we even try to capture it within some of the discussions here?

J. Scott Evans: Funny you should ask. Staff has been developing a process whereby they are looking over at a more effectual way to transition from policy to the actual execution to the GDD. And we have been involved with the staff that is drafting that policy. We've reviewed it. We've discussed it. We've refined it so that we're making sure that what we're developing will slot in with that as well.

So we are taking a holistic look at all of that and staff is focusing on that. They have a process but they are refining that process and hopefully working out some of the glitches they've had in the past.

And a lot more bright line I would say in my history between the policy and the implementation within an execution standpoint, development and execution. It's been muddied in the past but I think now it's a lot brighter line and they're really working hard to get that put together.

Edmon Chung: But I guess the real point is, you know, we created the document policies and it goes into implement process and staff is, you know - for certain things there's an implementation plan, that's not quite considered policy already.

Like the AGB itself, that's a good example, right. The AGB itself isn't policy. It's implementation. And then the interpretation of that document to what's actually being done, there's also a discrepancy or different ways of interpreting it as well.

Man: Yes, we spent an awful lot of time talking about that stuff. And the title of the workgroup is still policy and implementation. However, we have some principles and the principles say that if the stakeholders are going to be impacted by a decision, regardless of when that decision is taken, the GNSO must be involved in the process.

So in the extreme case we're halfway through implementation. We said, OMG, we forgot all about this or the - what we have to do to implement, we have some real decisions to make.

We have to come back at that point and we're looking at a variety of fast path and other mechanisms by which that decision can be made involving the stakeholders, involving the community without severely impeding the implementation although it may slow it down somewhat because we blew it.

We forgot something that was really important. It doesn't matter what phase it's in. If it impacts people we've got to think about it from a stakeholder point of view.

(David): Marika?

Marika Konings: And just to add - this is Marika. Just to add to the comments that - the framework is already publicly available on the Wiki as well. So if you want to have a look at how we need to outline different stages of the implementation process but it's probably also that will be included in the initial report.

It is part of this overall discussion so if there's any further comments that people may have, you know, I think staff is looking forward to receiving those and addressing those as we can.

Chuck Gomes: Chuck Gomes. Just to add a little bit to that and the group that we've been consulting with on this framework that Marika just referred to is the GDD because they're responsible for implementations.

So we're not - we're working every day with policy staff, they're here, but we've also in the last - I guess about a month we've been working on this framework with GDD staff so it's not just restricted to policy staff.

Man: All right. I think that's it.

(David): Okay. One thing I'd add is just to let you know that your working group is mentioned in council discussions earlier today. The SCI that talks about council procedure, discussed the issue of revisiting GNSO policy and it was mentioned that there will be really - that process is already being discussed so no doubt we may end up talking to you in the SCI.

Man: Well I'd say the SCI - I would encourage you to show them the charts that we put together that are in the annex to the PowerPoint you have before you and I think you've received and look at that and give us your feedback.

(David): So do we have any further questions, policy implementation working group? Well, I think mostly this has given us some work to do which is great. In that case, I thank J. Scott and Chuck very much for - so that closes the session.