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THOMAS SCHNEIDER: I think we're approaching the end of this here. One last call to -- whether we have something for GAC that is important. Australia?

AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Chair. Just before we close up, just to clarify what I understand I'm going to be doing.

So I'll be continuing to encourage participation in the principles exercise with a view to getting something agreed as -- you know, as an ongoing live drafting document relatively soon. And, as I understand it, I'll be reaching out to Thailand and Norway about coordinating that stream of work with the more detailed work that they're doing in the CWG. So that's what I understand I'm doing. Please someone tell me if that's not correct. But otherwise that's what I'll be doing straight after this meeting.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: I won't tell you that this is not correct. Let's see if somebody else does. No. Then it must be correct. Okay.

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Anything else? U.K.

UNITED KINGDOM: Do we have a deadline in mind for the principles document? Maybe we ought to set a deadline now, yeah? Maybe Peter would like to set a deadline.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: You mean for the adoption of the principles? We can give us a deadline as a target so that we know what we're talking about.

Any proposals, Peter?

PETER NETTLEFOLD: Thank you, U.K. That's an excellent question. And I had a chat with Norway yesterday trying to see if there was an obvious external deadline which would help guide us so we didn't have to pick something arbitrary. As outlined by Thailand this morning, my understanding is this is basically weekly meetings.

I sort of thought in an ideal meeting it might be early or mid-November when there was something and we could aim for that. But basically it's ongoing.

So perhaps -- I don't know. Is two weeks -- Everyone is going to Busan, or a few people are. So I'm mindful of imposing something, as I've already said regarding the broader time frame,

that sets up for failure. I don't want to suggest a deadline that we can't meet.

So two weeks? Three weeks? The week after Busan ends?

I'll look to the chair for guidance. I'm not sure what's reasonable. But the sooner the better is obviously useful.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER:

Thank you, Australia. If I look at what are other notes that I made, there is this meeting of the ICG and the CWG on 15th of November. Would that be a milestone that we should try and see to get this out before their meeting as a tentative date? Knowing that this is quite -- doesn't leave us much time after Busan, but as a target date. Before that meeting? Is that something we could agree on?

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From what I understood, concept of having a principle is for two of the GAC member to work. And we have six weeks starting from next week.

So even if three weeks, you will lose a lot of subjects.

For example, next week, (indiscernible) because that out of rhythm of what they propose. Next week we talk about accountabilities for the administration of IANA function, perform administration, associate with the root zone managements. With

some I have GAC consensus, GAC advice in the past that we can work through. But without that, so, we cannot make any comments at all.

So the later the principle is, so that will be a problem for the people who represent GAC in the CWG as well. So we just sitting there, listen.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER:

Thank you. But I think we really have to do this in the understanding we do our best to be as quickly as possible, but we are no -- what's the word in English?

Miraculeux. We cannot just bypass time and go to a parallel universe whether they have 75 hours. This is not feasible.

So let's try our best, and whatever we come with this, we come with this. And whatever they did before, and that goes for the whole process. If things are too fast for us, let's say this but continue work as we can, and that's it. And be transparent about it and say this is what we -- this is our input at the time we can give it. We try our best. This is our input, full stop. There's nothing else we can do. We can't -- We can't...

Yeah. Australia.

AUSTRALIA:

Thank you, Chair. I agree. And thank you for that useful clarification that -- which I hadn't appreciated, to be honest, that your work stream is looking at issues as you go rather than being - - moving along as one unit. So the longer we are, whole issues may be missed, if I understand what you're saying.

So we'll take this off-line. As soon as I get home, I'll start a discussion on this. I think the mid-November deadline is useful.

In reality, a lot of the principles that we have to date are more about accountability, to be honest, than they are about the IANA transition technical details. So it may be that we can -- I can try to do a first cut at separating some of those and try to do some prioritizing.

I'll take on board all these comments and I'll circulate something to the GAC and try to get it moving as quickly as possible.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER:

Thank you. I think that makes sense. And I think when you send out the next version, remind all of us that we can only succeed with this if we are really willing to focus on the key principles and that we are flexible in language. That we have no time to work on commas forever. So we need to do in the spirit of really focusing on something that goes in the right direction, because otherwise we won't be able to have an influence in this because we will be

definitely too late if we fight on every word, like this happens sometimes.

So we really need -- And please remind everybody that this is in this spirit that we try to make a contribution. And if we work on that, maybe we'll also communicate the result of this in this spirit that this is how we work, because otherwise we will probably not get anywhere.

Thank you. Sweden.

SWEDEN:

Thank you Chair. Just briefly. And may I also suggest that we work on track changes and not just send messages with opinions or precisions but work on track changes and possibly comments.

Thanks.

THOMAS SCHNEIDER:

Okay. Thank you. That's a good point, I think.

Any other thing?

If not, I would then say that this is the end of it today.

Yes, Spain.

SPAIN:

Does the deadline of 15 November stand?

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: I would say as a target date. Whatever we are there before is fine, whatever we are there later is probably reducing the value of what we're doing. So let's -- This is a target date. Okay?

All right. I see no more comments, and we need to leave this room to -- I don't know who is coming next.

So, yeah, we do as we agreed. I will be there tomorrow for this ICG meeting. And I'll be around until at least Saturday morning, so if any of you has a question or something that he or she wants to tell me, you know how to reach me by email. That will be a challenge to answer them because I'm getting too many for the time being, but I'm here in the hotel. Don't hesitate to contact me as long as I'm here if you have something that you would like to communicate to me or to somebody else of the team. And that's it. Thank you very much. I'm looking forward to hard but hopefully constructive work. And, yeah, have a good trip home. Enjoy the rest of your stay here and see you at the latest in Marrakech.

Thank you very much.

[Applause]

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