

YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday, the 16th of May 2019, 06:00 UTC. On our call today on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard, Holly Raiche, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Manju Chen, Ahmad Alsadeh, Yasuichi Kitamura, Ali AlMeshal, Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi, Suhaidi Hassan, Amrita Choudhury, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Eranga Samarathna, Jahangir Hossain, Mili Semlani, Sneha Tambe, Gunela Astbrink, and Cherie Lagakali.

We don't have anyone listed on our Chinese channel, and we haven't received apologies for today's call. From Staff side we have Silvia Vivanco, Siranush Vardanyan, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar present on today's call. Our Chinese interpreters are Ray and Sandy. And just before we start, just a kind reminder to please state your name before speaking not only for the interpretation but also for transcription purposes, as well. And now I would like to leave floor back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Yesim. Satish for the record. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the May 2019 call of APRALO. As you are aware, we are now preparing for next month's ICANN meeting at Marrakesh, Morocco. We are also preparing for other events and activities, including the ATLAS III Summit that is coming up. There is a whole lot of preparation that is going on, there is a lot of community participation. So with that, I would like to welcome all of you to this call. I also realize that many of our colleagues are

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celebrating Ramadan and best wishes to all of them who are celebrating Ramadan. With that, we will get into the agenda.

The Membership Matters is first. As of now, we have two applicants who are institutions applying to be At-Large structure of APRALO. These are the Internet Governance Institute from Nepal and the China Internet Development Foundation. So these two applications are currently undergoing the due diligence process we hope to hear from them soon. We also have an individual member applicant, Namrata Khetrapal, and that application is also under process. We are almost through with the process and shortly will be able to admit this new member, as well.

So that is the summary of the present membership pipeline. We now go on to Agenda Item #3, which is the At-Large Review Implementation working group, The Next Steps in the implementation of the review. So to Maureen and/or Cheryl.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Satish, I think I can jump in here. Just to give you a brief rundown on what has been happening with the ARIWG as it's affectionately called, the working group that has to do with the review of the implementation. We've got these eight teams and we are preparing, the leads in each of those eight areas, are preparing documentation of the status of each of those items of which they are in charge, in preparation for a report that At-Large is securing for the OEC, which escapes me, Cheryl will remind me.

But anyway, this is a group that we are actually answerable to, to make sure that the progress that we're making, that we promised the Board

that we would do, that we're actually doing it. So you can see on the screen five of the eight items, and they all relate to issues that were raised within the review that was done a few years back, and we're working on basically improving our system to make things easier for us, basically to carry out the work that we do within At-Large.

So, what is happening now is the thing that we're working towards is developing a report, that's sort of like a mid-year report, it's an initial draft, it has already been prepared by Cheryl, which is an excellent start for us, and so all we need is the leaders to finish off doing a status report and we can update the main report.

For the next six months we'll be continuing on doing a lot of work that has been happening, and you're welcome to have a look at the progress that has been taking place. Somebody will be able to put it into the chat, who you can get to this particular page, and just see what's happening. And if you've got any comments to make, please contact the work track leaders and make your comments known, you would be very welcome. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Cheryl, do you have anything to add?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

The only thing I would add with regard to what Maureen mentioned about the reporting, this is an interim report we are required to report every six months by calendar date to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee, that's the OEC Maureen mentioned. Our drop dead date

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for that is the 6th of June. But what might be a good idea is once that is finalized and approved by the ARIWG, Maureen and the ALAC has seen it, so it's in a final draft, it would be a good thing to send out to the different RALOs and from our RALO's perspective, it would be wonderful if the rank and file membership, either individual or through the ALSes could have a good read of it, because it will have links in it to all of those pieces of work, the work tracts that Maureen mentioned and they will eventually need to be affecting each of our activities within ICANN, so I suggest that might be a good opportunity and if need be, at that stage Maureen and I could do a slightly lengthier presentation on what will then be the first of the interim report. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Cheryl and Maureen. Satish again for the record. So we would be happy to review the records among our members and also to elicit feedback for the support, and we will see the progress. We now move on to Agenda Item #4, which is the ALAC Policy Update. I don't see Kaili on the call, but we have Holly and Maureen here, so it's over to both of you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay, can you hear me?

SATISH BABU:

Yes.

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HOLLY RAICHE:

Good. We meet monthly with the working group, the policy working group meets every week. The latest, we started the EPDP which is the policy development team to address the GDPR, which is the European Policy document. The first phase of that has been completed and that working group is now starting on the second phase. They just started meeting again this week, so we didn't hear an update from them, but they are working through the issues that were set aside to initially address just compliance with the GDPR and I know a lot of related issues, one of them is going to access to data issues. So we will hear more about that and I can update later.

The big, big ticket item that we had discussion about this morning, it's evolving ICANN's multistakeholder model and what Marita did very nicely, is there are a number of issues that are raised by that topic, she put them into four areas and we had a good discussion around them in terms of the sort of ways in which we can improve the stakeholder model, and I suggest everybody have a look. It was a very useful discussion and we certainly need to understand where people stand on the various issues. And the four are going to make a comment because they have asked to comment as the result of the discussion across ALAC and APRALO and other RALOs.

The next one was actually the process for streamlining organizational views. Now we don't have someone to draft at the moment, but there are a number of longstanding members, I would say Cheryl and Alan stand out, but Maureen, given her experience on the ALAC review is getting some insight too, so we have to work through who is going to be starting the drafting, but we're going to actually probably start with a Google doc to have some initial thoughts on how to actually streamline

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and have more effective organizational views, because they obviously take a long time.

In Marrakesh what we will be doing with the first session is simply going to be all of us getting together and divvying up who is going to be in what, attending what groups, with report back, which is something that we haven't officially done before, we're going to do now. And it's a way of having input ourselves as to the issues that are out there and what we can address.

The other half of that issue, which maybe Maureen can talk to, is that we have been working with other SOs and ACs for the hot topics that will be discussed in Marrakesh, and Maureen, if you want to go through those, or if people are interested, that would be fine. Any questions? And I note Cheryl and Carlton and others have been involved as well. Maureen, do you want to talk about the hot topics before Marrakesh?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Well, I'm not prepared for that. Just mentioning that there are going to be four topics, and I know that universal acceptance is one. There is something on basically a review on the EPDP phase, so that should be a good one. What were the other two? Yeah, and DTOH, whatever that is.

HOLLY RAICHE:

And they do ask in the discussion of the multistakeholder model the important discussions, I'm not sure what that question is getting at.

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MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, I don't know what that means, either. The multistakeholder model is not included in the ARIWG, that's not one of the things. The multistakeholder model is ICANN and At-Large, and so we were fully implementing the multistakeholder model, so that never came up in the review.

NADIRA ALARAJ: Can I make my point across? This is Nadira for the record. Yesterday I attended the meeting and I thought there is some of the components that At-Large, that the RALOs can adopt at the same time why we are implementing the implementation of the RALOs. At what stage are we in the ARIWG? Can we put something to such, more to multistakeholders?

HOLLY RAICHE: Let me take that, Holly here. The issues that are being raised that we are looking at in the multistakeholder model are some of the across the board, across all of the SOs and ACs, the difficulties in the aspects of the multistakeholder model and making it work.

Now, in discussing those, there are lots of good points that are being made, which of course we can adopt in the course of the discussions, but at this stage we're trying to identify the sort of issues that ALAC has in terms making the multistakeholder model more effective for ALAC, and of course, identifying the issues that we have in trying to participate in discussions, clearly some of those issues that we talked about today, the fact that everybody is a volunteer, that we are taking time out of

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other things to participate, that the time zones get in the way, that some of the expertise that isn't there gets in the way.

So, all of those sorts of issues are things we can raise when we comment on this particular policy issue. We certainly did discuss some of those issues this morning, but as we talk about them, of course we can start to address the things that we can, just as improving our own processes. Does that answer your question?

NADIRA ALARAJ: Yes.

SATISH BABU: Right, this is Satish again. Are there any other questions for Holly?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: My hand is up. Thank you, Satish; Cheryl for the record. Just on that point that Holly was responding to, Nadira's question. I think it's important to recognize that ARIWG has very specific mandates, it is implementing their recommendations that have been approved in our plan against the issues that we agreed on, and that's kind of it. Is there a nexus between some of the things that are going on in the evolution of ICANN multistakeholder model and that work?

Yes, absolutely, so there can be learning and sharing, and in fact if we do our job well in ARIWG, we will probably be in a very good position if some of the more probable recommendations end up coming out of the next step in evolution. But what this particular phase of the evolving



ICANN multistakeholder model is up to and what this public comments is about is take the 27 identified core issues at the moment and whittle them down, recluster them, repurpose them somehow, try and find themes, et cetera, et cetera, so that in response to the community to all of them, Brian by the 12th of June can publish a more concise, it will still be a living document.

We're not even up to the solutions conversation. CCWG did go down the rabbit hole any number of times today into solutions mode and I guess that's okay for us to do that, but that's not what this particular stage of the resolution of the multistakeholder model is even up to, but we'll be well prepared when the rest of ICANN gets to that. Thanks for indulging us, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Cheryl. That was illuminating. So we certainly expect some kind of alignment between both these streams, but ARIWG is our own [inaudible] decided point that we are kind of trying to implement, but the other one, the evolution of the ICANN model is much broader, because ICANN level and [inaudible] slightly different issues perhaps. Noting the time, I request any further questions on this to be raised on the email list. Thanks once again to Holly, Maureen, and Cheryl for the policy updates and also to Nadira for the question.

We now move on to several updates, and the first of these is on the APRALO elections which are current proceeding, and we go over to Silvia.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello everyone, thank you Satish. The topic of elections of APRALO, according to the timeline, is the following nominees who have accepted the nominations. For ALAC Member, Maureen Hilyard. For APRALO Vice-Chair there are two nominees, Lianna Galstyan and Aris Ignacio. For ALAC Member (NomCom) Amrita Choudhury.

The next stage in the process is to call these candidates. The timeline is from May 20 to May 22. The next stage is then the elections which are from 23 May through 30 May. And all the people who are elected in May, they will take their seats following the close of the Board meeting in Montreal on November 7, 2019. Are there any questions?

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Silvia. I have a couple comments. One is that for the different positions, the nomination period is over on the 10th. There will be no more nominations, then it is at this point clear that Maureen is elected by affirmation, she's the only position for this position, and on behalf of all of us, I'd like to congratulate Maureen.

Now, we have to decide whether we need to call for the APRALO Vice-Chair position, since there are two candidates, Lianna and Aris. Now we can have a call to listen to Lianna and Aris and this will need to be around the 20th to 22nd of May, which is next week. So, does anyone have any objections to having a call to the candidates? Does anybody feel that we should have a call to listen to both candidates? So, I see that Mili is good to have a call. The question was if we should have a call or some interaction with both the candidates for the position of APRALO Vice-Chair.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Satish, this is Silvia, Justine Chew has his hand raised.

SATISH BABU: Yes, go ahead Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW: Sorry to interrupt, I think Silvia has called upon me. The discussion about the call for speaking to the candidates for APRALO Vice-Chair, could I also ask that you address the issue of the individual members who represent [CROSSTALK]? Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Justine, I'm just coming to that. There is one more point before I get to that. So on this point, we will have a call during the 20th to 22nd, we need to ensure that both the candidates update the SOI and put out a statement for the community, these are good practices.

Now the next point, I'd like to raise as a comment is that we have Amrita who has also nobody to run against her. However, since the NomCom position is an ALAC position, we will have to forward that to ALAC and they will have to formally decide on this. So, I am requesting Staff to forward Amrita's name to ALAC for the next step, and then ALAC will get back to us.

Finally we come to the other aspect of the election which has not been so public, which is the selection of the individual member

representative. Now, the list of individual members will be online, and just try to be as gentle as can be, we have identified Justine as well as representative, currently we have to elect for the next term, so that process is also on.

A couple observations on that, one is that that process is restricted to the group of individual members, it is not a public process. The nominations also can only be provided by the members of that group and Staff. The second point is that there was a request as to why we are not announcing the position with all the others. Actually, reflecting on the question, I don't see any reason why we cannot add this also to the list of positions that have been elected, so I will request Staff to consider adding this, this time is nearly over now, but next time onward, put this along with the other positions so that we are aware.

Otherwise, most of our members may not be aware of this. We have to realize that there are some differences in the way multiple RALOs handle individual members, so some aspects of the individual members process needs to be further refined. But current the process of identifying the individual member representative is on, and Staff will be managing this process. Does anybody have any questions about individual members or the selection process?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Satish, just to let you know this procedure that you just described is in accordance to the APRALO rules of procedure title 27, if any member wishes to review, that this be treated as a group and they shall be responsible for selecting a representative, and this representative has

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the rights and obligation to vote if there are any votes that are held in APRALO. We can also open a wiki page as you have expressed a wish to have more concerns for this process. So we can go ahead tomorrow to the wiki page and post the relevant information regarding the selection of the representative.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Silvia, Satish again, for the record. That sounds good. Are there any further questions? If not, we will move on. If there are any questions down the line, please direct to Staff or to the leadership team, we will be happy to respond.

The next update is on the planning for the next face-to-face general assembly. Now, during the last ICANN meeting at Kobe, we had started a process of planning for the next meeting. The last one was a couple years back in Abu Dhabi. The next one, in the interim a review took place, and the review also suggested that why don't we collocate the RALO [inaudible] with the regional meetings, such as the APNIC meetings or Asian Pacific regional meetings etc.

So accordingly we had a group discussion at Kobe and we talked to the representatives of the [inaudible] as well as APNIC, and the general consensus was that it would be more beneficial to add to our ALSes and member group to collocate the [inaudible], and the likely period that was suggested after the discussion was 2022, five years after the 2017 GE. So, currently we will be discussing with the Asian Pacific regional [inaudible], their leadership team, since they don't plan ahead for two or three years, it's mostly year after year kind of planning.

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So we do not know where it's the venue, the location of the 2022 regional IGF but we will plan discussions with them to get their feedback and then go to the community process to co-locate on a trial basis one event in 2022. So this is for your general information. We will get back to you with more details as we have some feedback on the AP regional IGF and we start the planning particularly for this [inaudible]. Right, so that is the update on the General Assembly.

Next is the Central Asia IGF. They are technically part of Asia but functionally they are Russian speaking. They are well aligned with the EURALO and the Russian part of ICANN, but after we discovered that these are actually Asia region itself, we have been trying to build bridges with them, and Lianna, since Lianna is also a Russian speaker, is a natural pick for reaching out for the group. She had attending the IGF for the last two days, so it's over to Lianna for a brief update on the Central Asia IGF. Lianna?

YESIM NAZLAR:

Satish, if I may, this is Yesim. I'm just checking the room participants list and I'm afraid I don't see Lianna present on today's call.

SATISH BABU:

Oh, that is surprising, because we had discussed this, maybe she dropped out last minute, because the Central Asia IGF was yesterday and the day before, so she could be traveling or at a location where there is no internet. So we will come back to the update on this one maybe at the next meeting.

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So, the next update is another very important update that our community is probably looking forward to. This is the ATLAS III update, and it's over to Maureen for the ATLAS III update.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you again, Satish. If you don't mind, I would just like to thank all my APRALO friends for their congratulations for what really is an honor for me to serve APRALO on the ALAC. And of course I'll be putting my hand out again, because the ALAC Chair is selected each years, and I'll be putting my hand out because there's quite a bit of work still to be done, and I'd like to be able to continue with it, so I'll be seeking their indulgence again this coming.

I also just wanted to make mention, I noticed on the list is June Choi who has joined us, and June is actually a member of ISO Korea which has actually just reestablished itself and is a member. So I just wanted to say hi and thank you for coming. Now, let me get back to what I'm supposed to be doing, sorry Satish. The ATLAS III update.

Now one of the things that's been happening since the last meeting is that we actually have appointed a selection committee which is going to be doing all that hard work of evaluating the comments that people make in their application forms regarding their demonstration of what sort of working groups they have attended and how they participated in those activities, because one of the things about the ATLAS applicants, one of the things that they have to be able to demonstrate is that they have been active participants in At-Large and that they can actually demonstrate and write down exactly how they have participated. One

of the things, too, the selection committee itself, one member from each RALO has been selected, and of course your representative for ARPALO is Holly Raiche.

Now, the five members, we had a meeting last week and I had to explain what their role was and they had a bit of a training session on what is, I think, is fantastic, because I don't really understand it, because it's a mathematical thing, it's a scoring matrix which is actually going to automating, it's actually automated quite a bit of the scoring of everyone's applications as they come through.

So, this was explained to the selection committee and also how their scores can be added into the scoring matrix, and eventually, with a bit of magic, I have to say, Justine Chew had a lot to do with it, and it turns out all the numbers and the data, and the names of those applicants who are going to be successfully among the 60 chosen ones to be attending ATLAS III in Montreal.

But the selection committee didn't come along just to get training. They also were given homework, and on Friday we will be meeting to show me their homework, and the homework is actually related to the rubric, the guidelines to how they will score the actual criteria that they will use in the 1 to 5 rating for each of the questions. So they have all been assigned questions and we're going to be discussing those rating criteria, so that they can be used as guidelines and we have consistent evaluations across all the applicants.

So it's sort of like there is still a lot happening at the moment, and of course, applications, I'm hoping that there are lots of applications

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coming from APRALO because I know that there have always been lots of active participants from APRALO in our working group and I hope you have been remember what they were and how you actually made a difference, and get those applications in, of course, by the 31st of May. Then the doors are shut, and the selection committee will be going through those applications and scoring them accordingly. And you will know before Marrakesh, I can't remember the date, the 24th or something of June, which will be the day of the announcement. So, it's going to be good.

If there are any questions or queries, that's what Satish and Ali and Lianna are for. So see them about anything that you have any concerns that you might have and if they have too hard questions, no doubt they will come to us. So, I think that's about it, unless someone has got questions that they would like to ask now. Is Heidi on? She's probably got an idea of how many applications.

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia, I think I can tell you that there are over 40 applications so far.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Forty applications and we've got two weeks to go. Okay, that's good, that's great.

SATISH BABU: Thanks Maureen, Satish again for the record. Two quick points, one is best of luck to Maureen for the ALAC position again, as APRALO we will

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be very happy to have you back in the feed, so best of luck for that. The other is thanks very much to Holly for taking on this workload. It's not going to be pretty but we need a person to do this, and thanks very Holly for the workload that you're taking. So, anything else? Any further questions, please direct them to us, the leadership team, we will be happy to refer it to the appropriate person to get it answered.

Next is Agenda Item #7, Member of the Month, I don't think Lianna is in, but we have Prateek and Sneha from the ISOC India Mumbai chapter. You have the presentation which will loaded shortly by Staff. Keep it 5 to 6 minutes for your presentation.

PRATEEK PATHAK:

Hi, this is Prateek here from ISOC India Mumbai. I hope you can hear you.

SATISH BABU:

We can hear you, there is a little bit of a choppy audio, but please go ahead.

PRATEEK PATHAK:

Okay, thank you Satish. So today I'm going to talk a bit about ISOC India Mumbai Chapter which just recently got added as an ICANN ALS. I have Sneha on the call, she is also an ICANN member from India. So if we go onto the next slide, this is what the presentation is going to be. I talk about what is the agenda of ISOC India Mumbai, our membership criteria if you want to be a member of ISOC Mumbai, and finally about how we plan to reach ICANN. [AUDIO BREAK]

YESIM NAZLAR: Prateek, I'm sorry for interrupting me. Prateek, can you hear me? This is Yesim speaking.

PRATEEK PATHAK: Yes.

YESIM NAZLAR: I'm sorry for interrupting, but you're breaking up, we unfortunately cannot hear you, cannot understand. Is it possible for you to share your phone number so we can dial out to you maybe? The audio on Zoom is really bad.

PRATEEK PATHAK: Where shall I share my phone number? If you can let me know, I'll share it.

YESIM NAZLAR: You can private chat me as well, send me a private message as well through the Zoom chat.

PRATEEK PATHAK: Okay, I will do that.

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SATISH BABU: Prateek, just to save time, is Sneha with you? If she has a connection, she can try.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you Prateek, we are now dialing out to you.

PRATEEK PATHAK: Am I audible now?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, you are, thank you.

PRATEEK PATHAK: Okay, thank you, Satish. This is Prateek here. [Inaudible] on this call. We have been recently accredited as an ICANN At-Large structure just a month ago or so. [Inaudible] So as our presentation, [inaudible] we are going to cover four points. First is what are envisioning [inaudible] about some of our activities. Then I will talk a bit about our membership criteria if you want to become a member, and finally I would like to cover how we can possibly [inaudible] with other ICANN ALSes.

So [inaudible] that I would like to tell you an interesting story about how we came up with [inaudible] when we were thinking about [inaudible] I was in New York at that time, [inaudible] had already brought up something about the ISOC and you know, I just heard about it and [00:50:10 - 00:56:45 poor audio, inaudible]. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Prateek, for a very interesting presentation. I wish you had a little more time. Satish here for the record. And I do apologize for not doing justice to the kind of activities that you have done. Welcome to the APRALO community, and hope to see you and your members working closely with us for the future.

With that, looking at the time, we have only two minutes left. Over to Nadira, Nadira please stick to just 3 minutes, I'm sorry to cut off 2 minutes from your time. Please go ahead.

NADIRA ALARAJ:

No worries, Satish, thank you. This is Nadira for the record. And lucky me, I don't much today. We had the first face-to-face intercessional where we reduced the number of candidates from the 128 applicants to 68 candidates. The 68 applicants are divided along what we call a deep dive scene and in the deep dive scene, we are currently reviewing the candidates and we are developing a report and this report we will be meeting online, to reduce the numbers to another cut.

This cut will be discussed thoroughly and a final decision will be taken [inaudible] for everybody. But the final decision will be moved to Marrakech. So, another cut we will have in what we call the second intercession. So there is a kind of [inaudible] and I'm happy to say, everybody whom we reviewed or selected, they are very competent, so we are doing a good work as the NomCom. Thank you.

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SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Nadira, for the update. I just have a very brief mention to be made of the NomCom review presentation working group, this is just like our At-Large review presentation working group. We had a specific request for feedback and we have the document online, the letter from Robert Heath, so please anybody who is interested in the NomCom, please go to this and provide feedback. I don't have time to go through this letter now, so please go through the letter, it is #9 on the agenda, and if you are interested, please submit your feedback to this working group.

So, with that, we come to the end of the meeting. I apologize for the minute past the deadline. Once again I would like to thank everybody for joining this call. Thanks to Staff, thanks to the interpreters, and it is back to Yesim to formally close the call.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you all for joining today's meeting. This call is now ended. Have a wonderful rest of your day. Bye bye.

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