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KATRINA SATAKI:

Hello everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the ccNSO Council meeting and for the first time, we have an open call, meaning that everyone who is willing to do so can join. Normally when we meet face-to-face, those Council meetings are public. All other cases we had; they were closed. We have a call and then the calls are recorded and then published.

But from now on, to ensure more transparency and accountability, the proposal is to have Council calls open to everyone. Of course, that might mean that it's a little bit more difficult to identify whether we're quorate or not but I hope that the secretariat will manage to do so. If not, we will have to think of some other ways to identify whether we are quorate or not.

So, let's move forward. You see the agenda in front of you. This time our agenda is not very packed—unusually unpacked I would say. So, minutes and action items, minutes were distributed a couple of days ago so I'll say they had been approved, therefore they'll have some more days until next Wednesday for councilors to comment.

One thing I would really like to ask you is to mute because with so many people on the call it's really very important that we don't have any background noise. Thank you.

Other to dos that we have here. We still have one pending, it's an email to all working group chairs, committee chairs, to review their charters and this is really something pending and we are still working on that. The other three, as you can see, they have been completed.

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They had several intermeeting decisions. We have adopted the report from the nomination manager. We have also confirmed the decision to nominate Patricio to the Board seat 11. Congratulations to Patricio. I saw him on the call. So, excellent. Thank you very much, Patricio, for stepping forward.

Then we also had to invent a procedure on the fly with nomination secondings and voting on chairs and vice chairs. We'll deal with that later today on this call as you can see on the agenda.

But another thing that we did, we canceled, or significantly limited, all ccNSO related sessions at ICANN 67 as it turned into the first-ever virtual meeting. We had to set a separate call for that as you'll remember. This is something that we'll need to discuss in more detail just to make sure that we are in a position to react quickly if the need arises in any future circumstances. Probably we'll deal with that again a little bit later.

So, ccPDP3. Maybe I'll give the floor to Stephen, who is the chair of ccPDP Working Group, to provide a brief update. Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

Thank you, Katrina. In a nutshell, the actual policy language is pretty much locked down. There's one last little round and a second read on a couple of small sections. So that's in pretty good shape. And with regards to getting the review mechanism underway, as you know we've got a membership that's fairly locked down. I've got a couple of requests for additional participation by community members which I will run by Council as soon as Council meets to appoint. And we have a

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tentative date for the organizational meeting and that will be really just administrative stuff and then we will get underway on a rotating two-week schedule, six-hour staggered meetings as we do with the Retirement Policy Group. So, any questions, I'll be happy to entertain them. And Bart, if you have anything further you wish to add, by all means. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Yes. Thanks, Stephen. What I want to add is effectively some of you will know that we've conducted a webinar for GAC membership. So, representatives who are interested. And Katrina sent out invites to the GNSO and ALAC and the GAC.

At the webinar, we had 23 attendees and that's prior to even starting the working group. So, I think that's good and that played out in the sense of we got three volunteers from the GAC, so they have been added and will be added shortly to the email list. And we have one member or one participant from the ALAC as well. Still waiting for the GNSO if they're interested. Once we've got that locked in, we'll send out the Doodle poll and kick off the Review Mechanism Working Group.

One of the first things they need to do is to nominate a chair which will then be appointed by the Council, who will then be appointed of which who will be appointed by the Council and go over the rules of engagement and a little bit of work plan and an introduction of the topics themselves. So, there's still work ahead before the real meeting and the real meat is on the table for the review mechanism. Back to you Katrina.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. Any questions from other Councilors?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: And if you have an interest in joining the Review Mechanism Working Group, by all means, speak up or send me an email. Also, I would like to point out that we had a fair amount of overlap from, with regards to membership, from Retirement Working Group into Review Mechanism Working Group. We're grateful for that. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. If there are no further questions or comments, let's move to the next agenda item which is IDN ccTLD related work items and ccPDP4 and progress on the draft issue report. Bart, I'll give the floor to you.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes. Thank you, Katrina. So just for the Councilors, the Oversight Committee has been consulted on the text of the draft issue report with the exception of General Council's opinion which is necessary. The draft was, I would say, after some clarifications, etc., it was finalized and is now with ICANN's General Council's office to seek the opinion of General Council and what is needed and is required on Annex B of the bylaws is that the General Council needs to share his opinion whether the topics are within the scope of the ICANN's mission and the ccNSO. So, that's the first step.

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And, if they are, whether there is a lasting policy and it adds value. And I don't foresee any issues there because it's replacing the ccPDP2. But it's a matter of logistics and I can imagine the General Council's office has other topics on their plates as well. So, it's pending. I expect that the council will be able to vote on this at its April meeting. Back to you, Katrina.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. Any questions or comments regarding this? No. Let's move forward then. Update from Empowered Community Administration. Stephen, anything that you'd like to highlight here?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: During our last call we were in the midst of the Rejection Action Petition Period for the IANA Budget for FY21. That concluded on the 20th of February. No petitions were received from any of the SO/ACs, so that rejection action process terminated on the 20th. And at the moment everything is quiet with the ECA. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. Customer Standing Committee. Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Hi, everyone. Well for the month of February I am very pleased to tell you that the PTI met the Service Level Agreements at 100%. So that's always super good to hear. Also, there is the amendment of the SLA for the ccTLD Creation and Transfer Process that

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has been sent to us and to the GNSO Council for approval. And the next meeting will be next week. And that's it for me.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Thank you very much. As you can see in the chat window, there is one more thing that ECA did. They did confirm Patricio's election to the Board seat 11. So, thank you very much ECA for that. Any questions on agenda item number 6 either regarding ECA or CSC?

No. Then let's move forward. I will just recap what normally happens and what happened this time. Normally we do elect chairs and vice chairs and also distribute roles among councilors to make sure that we have this balance in workloads and we do it during the first meeting of the year, the first face-to-face meeting of the year. This time, it was not possible being that the meeting was canceled and we are not sure about the future and therefore we had to invent a new process. When we do it face-to-face, we take nominations. If there are competing nominations for one seat, then we can have a vote that uses ballots for that.

This time we did not have this opportunity to meet face-to-face, so we asked for nominations in advance and we also left one week for voting in case there are several competing nominations for one seat. That was not the case. Nevertheless, I think we still need to go through proper process.

We have agenda item number seven that's for ccNSO chair election. For that I will give the floor, so to speak ... The chairpersonship will be given to Alejandra as acting vice chair. That's for agenda item number seven,

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and then it will be back to me for ccNSO vice chair selections. So, Alejandra, I'm giving the microphone to you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Katrina. So, for this item on the agenda, you can see the draft resolution but I need to confirm first with Katrina if she is still okay with this nomination and can do this thing?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes, I am. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. Do we have a mover? I see Stephen and Pablo as a seconder. Thank you very much. Do we have any comments or questions at this time? I don't see any. Okay, then let's vote. Do we have any objections? No objections. Any abstentions? No, then it is all approved. And since we are not there in the room, let me give a clap Katrina. Congratulations. And back to you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Alejandra. Thanks a lot to the councilors for supporting me. Well, it's an honor and really a very rewarding experience for me. This is my last year on the Council and I promise to do my best during this year to make sure that we have all materials written down as much as possible to make sure that we have all this knowledge base—start building a knowledge base of course with a lot of

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help for the secretariat and other councilors. So, this is going to be a tough year for me and thank you very much again for your trust.

With that, let's move to the next agenda item which is ccNSO vice chair selection. So currently we have vice chairs Alejandra and Byron. Their term ends just right after ICANN 67.

Byron, many years ago, he said he wanted to step down but we convinced him to stay on and his experience and guidance was very valuable. But now he really wants to give some new opportunity to other councilors, new blood wants to make sure the ccNSO Council moves forward. So, I'd like to thank him very much for his service. I think first, he was a councilor then vice chair, chair and then vice chair again. So thanks a lot, to Byron.

We received two nominations. One was for Alejandra from LAC region and another, Pablo, from the North American region. So, as you know according to our guideline, we try to make sure that all three so-called ccNSO leaders, chair and the vice chairs are from different regions to ensure this different perspective on things. So, from that perspective, both are excellent candidates. Not only from the regional perspective but from any other perspective. So, you see the decision in front of you.

So, the ccNSO selects and appoints Alejandra Reynoso from DotGT and Pablo Rodriguez from DotPR as vice chair of the ccNSO for a one-year term starting at the end of ICANN 67 and again a big big really great thanks to Byron for his services.

So, anyone would like to move? Demi. A seconder? Stephen. Thank you very much. Any questions? Any questions to our distinguished



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volunteers so to speak? Oh no, so sorry, I have to ask them whether they approve it. So, Alejandra, do you agree to stand as a vice chair?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes. Thank you very much.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you, Alejandra. Pablo, do you agree?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I do.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Pablo. Now, are there any questions to these two brave people? No. I don't see any. So, let's go to the voting then. Anyone object? Anyone abstains? So, everyone is in favor. Thank you very much. Thank you and now applause and big thanks to Alejandro and Pablo and of course Byron for working many years of service. But that's not all. As you know we have a list of other roles and responsibilities that we need to perform. So, could you please switch the screen? Yep, here it is. So, we're done with chair and vice chairs.

Next one, Triage Committee. So currently we have Laura, Jordan, and Nick. Members of this committee are appointed for a one-year term and can be appointed for three consecutive terms. They are served their first term so they all can be reappointed if they wish to do it for another year. So, are there any other volunteers? Okay, Jordan already agreed

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to do that. Thank you, Jordan. Anyone else? Laura also agreed. Thank you. So, we need a third member. And Nick also agreed. So, thank you very much. Any other volunteers? If no we go forward with these three. Thank you. Thank you for your willingness to continue in this work. It's really very important because you help us prioritize our work.

Travel committee. Again, members are appointed for a one-year term. Maximum of three consecutive terms. Alejandra can serve for one more term and then we have Laura and Biyi. So, anyone would like to already come forward? Biyi is happy to continue. Thank you, Biyi. Laura. Excellent and Alejandra. So, we have the travel committee fully set. Thank you very much.

ccNSO Membership Application Oversight. We don't have any term limits. Souleymane, would you agree? Excellent. Thank you very much.

Our representative to the Empowered Community Administration, according to our guideline we can appoint, it doesn't necessarily have to be the chair. So, we have Stephen. Stephen has served for three years. We have no term limits there. So, Stephen or anyone else? Jordan hopes that Stephen continues. Stephen, is your hand up or are you just raise your hand because you agree to be our member?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: That was stepping forward when asked to do so.

KATRINA SATAKI: Excellent.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: So yes, I can do it another year. I would like to begin bringing somebody else within the community, within Council, into the loop on how the ECA actually runs. But I am happy to continue to hold the pan on behalf of the ccNSO community and also on behalf of the entire CC community since I'm the one who does all the correspondence. All right, thank you, guys.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you very much. Here we have Stephen agreed to continue. Thank you. Thank you. And I agree it would be good if someone else also understands the entire process. My proposal is that someone either Rejection Action Petition Manager or Rejection Action Petition Review Committee member learned more about the process and sees how ECA works from the inside. But that's just a proposal. We will get back to that later.

The next two positions are our liaisons. Liaisons here it says they have no term limit which is I think not entirely true because we updated our guideline and there are term limits. Term limits had been introduced there and I think this year it looks like we don't have to deal with it yet. But liaisons that's a different story, we will get back to that on the mailing list.

Then we have ALAC ccNSO Agenda committee. I think we'll see it, normally it's an ALAC liaison it was chair, I think it's not been formalized. It's really very informal so far I think we manage that.

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ccNSO GAC Agenda committee. From GAC, I don't know if they are going to appoint another person, it's fair. From our side, it was Giovanni, again it's not a formal but it's something that we do to make sure that our agendas are interesting to both sides. And I see Giovanni is happy to continue. Thank you very much. So, Giovanni will do that.

Currently, we have Annebeth on ccNSO rep NomCom Rejection Action Process manager. Not much to do nevertheless we need this position to be filled in. So now, Pablo, would you like to continue? Yep. Okay. Pablo will continue.

And then we have Alternate manager, Demi, and two members Young Eum and Ajay. So, Demi, Young Eum, Ajay would you like to continue? Others? So, step forward? Any comments Ajay. Ajay is happy to continue. Good. I don't know if Young Eum is on the call. Young Eum, you are, excellent. And Demi? Yep, Demi, you have your hand up? Yep, so Demi also agrees to continue. So, thank you very much. That's excellent. Fantastic.

Approval Action Process Manager. Any would like to step forward? Okay, Abdalla agreed to continue. Excellent. Thank you very much.

Here we have a list of Councilor liaisons to our working groups, Tech Working Groups. Stephen, was it an emoji study group? I think it's closed so we don't need anyone there.

Customer Working Group Auction Proceeds Stephan and Meetings Programme Committee Alejandra. How do you feel about continuing work here?

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STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'm happy to continue. I'm happy to continue in both the Tech Working Group liaison role and the Auction Proceeds liaison role.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. And I see that Alejandra agreed to continue with the MPC. Excellent. Thank you very much. I hope that the Auction Proceeds Working Group will eventually come to a closure.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: We're seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. We're not quite sure what it is yet though.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. So, I heard. It could be the train.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Exactly.

KATRINA SATAKI: But let's hope for the best. Okay. Next one ccNSO Community Onboarding Programme Selection Committee, we have Alejandra, Laura, and Biyi. So, any comments from this group on how the work is going there? Do you need new blood or you're ready and willing to continue? So, any comments on that? Okay. Alejandra can continue.

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Biyi, ready and willing to continue. Excellent. Thank you. And so is Laura. Thank you so much. Excellent.

Ethos Award committee. Currently, we don't have to worry about that because we will need to do our new appointments at the end of the year.

Then we have the Council Customer Standing Committee Selection Committee. These are those six people who vote on the full slate on behalf of the full Council for the sake of efficiency. It's really not an efficient thing to do if we have to organize another call for that. We have no term limits there. However, I see that Hira will step down and Jian is also is not with the Council anymore. So, the principle here is that we have one Councilor per ICANN geographic region and we have one NomCom appointed Councilor.

So, Marie-Noémie maybe you would like to take Jians seat on this Council CSC Selection Committee. Great. So, Marie-Noémie agrees with that. Excellent. Thank you.

And then we'll need someone from Asia/Pacific region to step in for Hiro. So, Ai-Chin, I see that you are on the call. Yeah, Hiro already proposes Ai-Chin take up this role. Ai-Chin agreed. Excellent. Thank you very much. So, we're done with that.

ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee. Pablo served for one year. So, Pablo, any comments on the work of this committee. How much time does it take?

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PABLO RODRIGUEZ: [Inaudible] Katrina. To be honest with you, there are times where there maybe three, four hundred applications. There are other times where it's not that busy. So, it is manageable. There may be two to three meetings when there is a selection through the selection process but it's not an exorbitant amount of work. And I think this is very important, I am completely convinced this is a very important position because we can help out to bring new blood into ICANN. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. So, what's your feeling? Would you be willing to continue or would you rather want out?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: I don't have any problems. I would like to continue.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Excellent. Thank you. That's good. I think that's it. That's the end of the table. Not that scary at all. We will fill it in with the results of our really very quick table and it will be sent to you for the final confirmation. Hiro, I see your hand is up.

HIRO HOTTA: Thank you. I think there's another committee, maybe it's informal, but it's Oversight Committee for ccPDP4. Consisting of several Council members from all the regions of which I am a member.

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KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. Did we have one per region? Yes, Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, we had one per region and one NomCom appointed Councilor. Maybe we should add it on a structural basis. Although this committee will be done by April. But if you think it's valuable, we'll add this and list the people who are on it now because their work is effectively done with respect to PDP4.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Thank you. Hira, do you still have a question or comment? Your hand is up. Okay. Good. Excellent. So, we're done with that update from Liaisons can be written.

Meetings. Yes. So, now we should talk more about meetings. So, we're still in the middle of, maybe closer to the end, but still, we're talking during ICANN 67 first-ever virtual meeting. We decided to cancel all our sessions because there was not enough time to work and make those sessions that we had on our agenda to make them interactive and useful and interesting and to make this virtual meeting.

I don't know if any of you had participated at any of those virtual ICANN sessions. So far from my experience and I participated in a public forum and some others. I also gathered information and feedback from those people who attended some of the sessions. I must say that the value of this virtual session very much depends on the time and effort that are put into preparing this session. That's one thing. Another thing, you can't run this virtual session the way you do with a face-to-face session.



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For example, what really struck me was that during a public forum when people start well clearly read from a paper. It's not easy during a face-to-face meeting but I think during this virtual meeting it's even more difficult to get what's being done there and keep your attention especially when you have one with slides in front of you. But at the same time there were some sessions where people really really put effort into structuring, and to preparing them, into finding the right people for panels and so on. So, it's not so easy to have a virtual meeting. And that's one of the things that I learned from attending those different sessions. But apparently, we'll have to start thinking about it.

At the moment we have no idea whether this meeting in Kuala Lumpur will take place. It's up to the Board. The Board will decide, I think after ICANN 67. But what we need to think about, and if we have enough time, we have to think about holding ...

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