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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Kim. Welcome, everyone, to our Council meeting 203. I would like to ask, especially councilors, to join the Zoom meeting. We have lots of decisions to make. And don't forget to add to your Zoom ID "ccNSO Council" to be able to see you more easily. I will also put in the chat, as usual, the wiki for today's Council call with the docs for the meeting.

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Kim, as protocol, may ask you if we're a quorum?

KIMBERLY CARLSON: This session is quorum.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. With that, let me give some remarks. We do have one hour for our meeting. And we have seven topics that we must discuss and decide today. One is the chair, vice chair election, the roles and responsibilities, the discussion and adoption on ccPDP4, the adoption and advice to ccTLD that it's also in the ccPDP4 Report, adoption of the timeline for the voting on ccPDP4. We have in Any Other Business a letter regarding the ATRT4, and the thank yous that correspond to this session. We also need to discuss the next steps on the outcomes on the World Café and the open space sessions that were in charge of the GRC.

As we only have one hour, I do propose that we focus on the must-dos first today, and if time permitting, then we'll do the other topics for discussion and decision. I also propose that we take items two and eight that it's the working group and liaisons updates from the meeting. As to item nine, that is the OISC Review. I've been informed that the draft findings are under discussion by the review team, and once agreed, they will be sent to Council for decision making, preferably online.

As to item 10, that's the website. I want to inform you that the small group is working closely with the ICANN team on the details on the design of the templates for specific areas. We meet every second week

and on the small team itself once a week. So with this, I'm covering many items at once. I just want to know if you agree with this approach. And if so, if we can continue then with item 11. Do we agree? I see nodding in the room.

I do want to note that we do have some remote councilors. I see Olga. I'm not sure if Ali is online yet, but just to note that they might be remote.

With this, I would like to move to the update on Statements of Interest. Does anyone have any update on this? Ai-Chin?

AI-CHIN LU: My name is Ai-Chin Lu. I'm happy to update a Statement of Interest. I had moved from Taiwan Network Information, also called the TWNIC but to continue work in the Asia Pacific community. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Ai-Chin. Anyone else? Yes, Joke?

JOKE BRAEKEN: Thank you. Maybe you can add to that that several community members from the AP region have expressed our explicit support for Ai-Chin to continue on the ccNSO Council. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Noted for the record. I don't see any more hands up for these particular items. So with that, we are moving to item 11.

So this is the update on chair, vice chairs, councilors, and regional organizations, and the secretariat. And the first item in that one is the in-person roundtable that happened on Friday. We discussed there the risk management framework of ICANN, which was also part of the discussion that we had with our Board members Katrina and Patricio. So I think that's covered. We also discussed in the roundtable the WSIS+20 efforts of ICANN. If you were in the previous session as this one, it was the Geopolitical Forum. It was at length, this has more detail than in the roundtable. We had it also in the ccTLD News discussion and also with our Board members. So it seems that this is going to be a continuing topic to be had. So by now I would suggest that we as a community have more time on it in the next following ICANN meetings. So starting in Kigali. We also talked about the Grant Program and proposed changes to the CCWG Auction Proceeds Recommendation 7. We got a letter from Tripti that was circulated to the Council mailing list. Biyi, would you like to add anything to that?

BIYI OLADIPO:

No, I think you covered it all properly.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you and I do want to continue now with the update from councilors on various sessions that were attended during the ICANN79, especially those that need to be brought right now to Council. We do have the Google Doc where we were putting notes. But in particular, I do have two sessions that I would like to have a brief summary on them. One is the initial meeting that we had with the

Registry Stakeholder Group. Chris, would you mind giving a brief summary on that?

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Yes. I mean, sorry. No, I wouldn't mind. Yes, I'm happy to. On the meeting with the Registry Stakeholder Group, so a small number of us met with Registry Stakeholder Group with Sam Demetriou and Beth. Anyway, yes, a small number of people. And we talked about the closer relationship between the Registries in the ccTLDs and the Registries in the gTLDs. I think there's an appetite on both sides of the fence for us to actually do that. So we're going to—I can't remember what exactly the action items are. I was too busy talking. You were busy listening. So it's probably better if you report on what the action items were.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Okay. The action items were that we were considering making at least the mailing list with the people that were sitting on the table so we can continue communications properly. Also, we have upon ourselves to discuss what we want to discuss and preferably already in Kigali and separate a lot of time in Kigali for, let's say, a bilateral between the Registry Stakeholder Group and us. And we take it from there, because again, this was just an initial meeting. So we need to discuss more maybe in this mailing list. Yes, I think that's it.

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Thank you. Yeah, you're absolutely right. I think, basically, the intention is that we build slowly over the next few meetings to work

more closely together to see where it leads us. We're not saying right now there should be a huge registry building somewhere in ICANN or anything like that. But we are saying we think it will be worthwhile working together more closely, feeding information across registries, because some stuff is relevant to both and it's important. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Chris. The other session that I would like a summary on is the Registrar Stakeholder Group initial meeting. And for this, may I ask either Biyi or Jordan to give a summary?

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. I'll be happy to. We met with them. The outcome was also similar to what happened with the Registry Stakeholder Group, which is "Let's identify the areas of synergies and where we could come together." One of the main item action items is that would have some sort of liaison, maybe not official liaison, but some sort of liaison between us who would come up with things that are of interest, and then we'll continue the discussions as we go forward.

JORDAN CARTER: We also noted that there's quite a lack of knowledge about how each group works on the part of the other group. So we thought there might be a bit of initial, like, how do we work? What do we do? How do we discuss issues in order to discern what the topics of discussion might be in the future?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. And with this, are there any other urgent updates on the sessions that we had at ICANN79? Yes, Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. This is Irina speaking on behalf of SOPC, just to bring to your attention that there was announced a timeframe for the next Five-Year Strategic ICANN Plan to be set for public comment in June. But also ICANN Planning said that they will probably be able to make public earlier like drafts already in April. So I just suggest we all keep our eyes on. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Irina. Anybody else? Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you. I attended the presentation that ICANN Org gave with regards to the Strategic Plan and Irina has pretty much captured it. Our next opportunity to input will be the Public Comment period, which I believe is the April. It's right around ICANN80, it starts off around that.

JOKE BRAEKEN: June.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: June? That's it. Thank you. I will be sending out a written summary of my notes on that meeting to Council.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. Anyone else? Yes, Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER: Just very briefly, a reflection on the Geopolitical Forum. I guess I don't want to be at all unkind to anyone, but it was a little bit underwhelming overall. The way the info was presented, it felt a little bit defensive. I think if we're interested as a community and pushing some collaboration with other parts of the community, good attendance and involvement at things like NETmudial+10, we're going to have some work to do together. So just a reflection. We're really short on time so we can't really have a proper discussion about it. Just sort of note that.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. We'll need to dig a little bit into that then. Anyone else? Okay, seeing none. We are now going into the administrative matters and decisions. As we say colloquially, we're going to the meat of the meeting. So first, we have the chair and vice chair elections. And after explaining the process again, for the record, I will hand over the chairmanship to Jordan.

So the process is that councilors may nominate a candidate, then we require at least one secondment. The chair of the session needs to ask the candidates to accept the nomination. If only one candidate, we take a public vote by raising our hands in Zoom. If two or more candidates, we'll do a Mentimeter poll, which is anonymous, and we'll circulate the details of the Mentimeter through our WhatsApp alert group. So it's just councilors that have that information. And the

candidate who has received the most votes is elected as chair. The newly elected chair takes the seat after the conclusion of ICANN79. And I would like to make a note that the resolutions were adjusted to this because it said after the end of the Council meeting but it's actually after the end of the ICANN meeting. And with that, I will now hand it over to Jordan.

JORDAN CARTER: Thanks, Alejandra. As interim momentary chair, I'll not repeat the process explanations you just gave, but I will ask for nominations for chair of the Council of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization. The first hand I saw go was Pablo. Would you like to nominate someone Pablo? Are we in Puerto Rico, Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: As the official representative for ICANN79, I'd like to nominate Alejandra Reynoso.

JORDAN CARTER: Thank you. And I heard Stephen Deerhake immediately there to offer a second. That's Stephen, representing .as. Oh, I'm on the wrong screen. I've forgotten what to do, Alejandra. Are there any other nominations at this point? I'll actually ask you if you'll accept the nomination first. Do you accept the nomination?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I do accept it. Thank you.

JORDAN CARTER:

Excellent. So we have one accepted nominee. Are there any other nominations? There are not. So for the formality of it, I'm going to call for a vote, which the Council members need to do in the Zoom if you are in favor of Alejandra Reynoso being the chair of the ccNSO Council. Please use a green... Oh, okay. So we're voting on the resolution. Okay. Yeah. I thought we were taking a vote and then discussing resolution, but we'll do it that way. We need a different mover and a seconder for the resolution confirming this decision than we had for the actual decision. So I had Tatiana as the mover and Sean as the seconder. So this is for resolution. Can we have it on the screen with Alejandra's name? It will be added?

So the resolution will be that in accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice chair is included in the guidelines. Alejandra Reynoso is duly nominated and seconded as chair of the ccNSO and accepted her nomination and the ccNSO Council elects Alejandra Reynoso to serve as its chair—I'm going too fast—starting at the end of the Council meeting of ICANN79 until the end of ICANN82. The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary accordingly and post an announcement on the ccNSO website. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

So we've had the mover in the seconder for that. I've read it into the record. Council members, can you please vote, if it's in favor with a green tick, if it's against with a red cross. And if you want to abstain, which would be bizarre, you can use the gray slow down arrow. You can have said that. That would not be bizarre. I can only see green

ticks in the Zoom Room. I can see no crosses. So it is my pleasure to declare that resolution carried unanimously. Congratulations. And now I throw the chair back to you. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you all for your continuous support in me. I'm very delighted to continue in this role. With that, we need to move along. Now we need to elect our ccNSO Council vice chairs.

So I will explain the process again for the record. Now that we elected a chair from the LAC region, councilors may nominate candidates for the two vice chair positions already but not from the LAC region. We require at least one secondment per candidate, and we will ask the candidates to accept the nominations. Only two or more candidates from one region will be—I'm sorry. In my notes, I have it a little tangled, the text. If we do have more than one candidate for a region, we need to elect from the region first, and then we have the, let's say, valid candidate for the role of vice chair afterwards. So if there are only two candidates from different regions, then we will take a public vote by raising hands in Zoom. If we have three or more candidates, then we will do a Mentimeter poll that will be sent to the WhatsApp group that is only for councilors. The newly elected vice chairs take the seat after the conclusion of ICANN79.

So, with that, I'm going to ask for nominations. I saw Tatiana raise her hand really quickly in the room and in Zoom.

TATIANA TROPINA: Thank you very much. I would like to nominate Jordan Carter from Asia Pacific region for the vice chair. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. Okay. I saw Sean. Sean is seconding the nomination. Wait a second. I'll do as Jordan did. Do you accept your nomination?

JORDAN CARTER: I will accept the nomination. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. I saw Irina raise her hand. Yes, Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. I would like to nominate Biyi from African region for the position of ccNSO Council vice chair.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Irina. I saw Pablo's hand in the Zoom Room. Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: I'd like to second Biyi's nomination.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Pablo. Biyi, do you accept your nomination?

BIYI OLADIPO: Yes, I do accept the nomination. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. Do we have any other nomination? Okay, seeing none. With that, I would like to ask to insert the names of Jordan Carter and Biyi Oladipo to the resolution. I will ask for a mover and a seconder. So I will say Jenifer is the mover. Just to give everyone a chance, Stephen, I'll give Chris the opportunity to second. Thank you very much to both of you.

So we have a decision in accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice chairs as included in the guidelines ccNSO Roles and Responsibilities adopted on the 26th of February 2018, Jordan Carter and Biyi Oladipo were duly nominated and seconded and accepted their nominations. It is noted that the chair and vice chairs are all residing in different ICANN regions. The ccNSO Council elects Jordan Carter and Biyi Oladipo to serve as its vice chairs starting at the end of ICANN79 until the end of ICANN72. What did they say? Okay. 82, sorry.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Sorry to interrupt. I have a point of order, just for order. Actually, it should be two separate resolutions, because you might want to vote for one vice chair and not the other. So putting them in the same resolution is probably—it doesn't matter for today. But just as a general principle, it should be a one resolution for each vice chair to allow for you to vote for one and not the other.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. What do we do? We continue?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I think we can continue, but for the future.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, for the future, noted. You're completely right. Okay. So that's noted. The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary accordingly and post an announcement on the ccNSO website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

So with that, we need to take the vote. Again, use your green ticks if you approve or your red crosses if you abstain or are objecting. Okay. Going quickly. You used another symbol, Jordan. What does that mean?

JORDAN CARTER: That means I'm abstaining for myself, but I'm not understanding for Biyi.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay, good. Thank you.

JORDAN CARTER: I didn't know what to do.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay, okay. That's creativity. Very good. So with that, I see mostly green ticks. So, this resolution passes and we can now congratulate our vice chairs.

After that, we now go to the next one. It's adoption of assignments of roles and responsibilities of Council members. And now that we have elected chair and vice chairs, the roles and responsibilities will be updated accordingly with this information. So do we have any questions or comments regarding this document? This was the one that was discussed during the Council Workshop. I don't see any hands up. So we do have a resolution in front of us. May I have a mover and a seconder in Zoom? Okay. I see Pablo as a mover and Demi as a seconder. Thank you very much.

The decision is the ccNSO Council adopts the March 2024 overview of roles and responsibilities and their assignment to councilors, including those of the Council chair and vice chair as decided under 12A and 12B above. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Do we have any questions regarding the resolution? No hands up. So can we please vote? Again, green ticks if you're in favor or red crosses otherwise. I would like to remind that the voting is only for councilors. Okay. I see only green ticks. So with that, this resolution has passed. Thank you very much.

With that, let's move on now to the discussions and decisions related to the ccPDP4. So we have discussed this topic extensively during the meeting and the introduction in the agenda has my summary of the

process to date. I would like to note that during the update that was given during the meeting, those present in the room supported the outcome unanimously. Also, I would like to note that in the Final Report, there are some typos and missing text that need to be inserted. These will be updated before circulating it to the Members Report. Also, let's remember that there are two parts on the report. There is the policy itself. That's Part A and Part B. It's the advice to the community. So we'll make a decision on each. May I ask Bart in his capacity as issue manager to add anything to this?

BART BOSWINKEL:

No. Thanks, Alejandra. I have nothing to add.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you, Bart. Are there any questions on this topic? I see none. So we do have a resolution. So, in Zoom, may ask for a mover and a seconder? Irina moves and Jordan seconds. Thank you very much. I will not read the whole draft resolution but the decision. So moving to that, the ccNSO Council adopts the recommended policy as contained in the Final Report of the ccPDP4 Working Group Part A as submitted to the chair of the ccNSO Council on the 23rd of February 2024. The adopted recommendations shall be conveyed to the members of the ccNSO as the Council recommendation to vote upon. The ccNSO Council recommendation addresses the issues as identified pertaining to the introduction of a review mechanism as identified in February 2017 as adopted by the ccNSO Council in March 17.

BART BOSWINKEL: Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes? Go ahead, Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL: Please read this as the Issues Report from 2019 on the ccPDP4. So you can see this was a reflection that's incorrect in the resolution itself.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. I do notice that we have a date wrong, but can you please type it in the chat? I noticed your observation that we have a date wrong. Can you type it in the chat?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, I will.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Oh, now I see. Thank you, Bart. So yes, what we have wrong in our resolution is that we are referring to the review mechanism instead of the IDNccPDP4. And if I'm not mistaken, then we have some dates that we need to update. Yes, Irina?

IRINA DANIELIA: Probably in the first paragraph, Part A is also not necessary.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: The part A is just the policy. Part B is the advice.

IRINA DANELIA: Oh, sorry.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No problem, Irina. So Bart, we need to adjust it. Okay. So the suggestion is to go to the next item while the previous resolution is being adjusted. Are we okay with this? Okay. Thank you for that. So we will go to the support of advice to ccTLD managers with respect to registrations of variants at second level under management and on IDN tables. So this is the Part B of the Final Report. Do we have any questions regarding this topic? I see none. So we do have a resolution for this. In Zoom, may I ask for a mover and a seconder? I see Jenifer and Chris. Thank you very much.

So, that decision says the ccNSO Council adopts Part B of the Final Report of the ccPDP Working Group and supports the recommendations contained in it. The Council requests its chair to inform the ccTLD community accordingly of the advice. The membership of the ccPDP4 Working Group is thanked wholeheartedly for its work to prepare and provide the advice containing ccPDP4 Working Group. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective seven days after publication.

Do we have any questions on the resolution? Seeing none. With that, may ask councilors only to vote in Zoom Room, please, with green ticks as approved or red crosses otherwise? Okay. I see only green

ticks. Thank you very much. This has passed. And I will continue to the timeline unless we have anything from Bart. I don't see it.

Okay. So let's move to number three, it's the timeline. Adoption of the timeline for members vote. This was also presented to us during the Council Workshop. We do have a resolution. So, in Zoom, again, may ask for a mover and a seconder? The first hand in Zoom is Tatiana, and Wafa is seconding. Thank you very much. With that, we have the decision.

In accordance with the proposed timeline, the Council sets the starting date of the ccNSO members vote on the Council recommendation to start on Wednesday, 27th of March, I would say, 2024 at one minute past midnight UTC and end on Wednesday, 27th of April 2024, one minute before midnight UTC. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken as voting process manager and request her to take all steps necessary to organize the members vote and report on the results of the ccNSO members vote to Council by the 23rd of April.

Any questions on this resolution? And we will make sure that it's 2024. I don't see any in the room or Zoom. With that, may we go to the voting? As you know, green ticks for approval and red crosses otherwise. Okay. I see only green ticks. This has passed. Thank you very much.

Now we do have the second paragraph of the resolution and the decision and the policy ready. So I will start from that second paragraph. It says the ccNSO Council recommendation addresses the issues as identified pertaining to the deselection of IDN ccTLD strings and related matters as identified in the 2019 Issues Report and

requested by Council in 2022. The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the members and other participants of the ccPDP4 Working Group for their hard work and prolonged effort to conclude the ccPDP4 policy endeavor and propose the overall policy for the selection and deselection of IDNccTLD strings and their variants and related matters. In particular, the Council thanks the chair and vice chair of the working group, Kenny Huang, Anil Kumar Jain, Svitlana Tkachenko, and Dennis Tan as chair and vice chairs of the subgroups. The Council also expresses its thanks to Kimberly Carlson and Joke Braeken for their unwavering support and hard work.

The secretariat is requested to inform the working group membership and broader community and prepare and conduct the required membership vote. This resolution becomes effective upon publication, and the issue manager is requested to compile the Members Report as required under Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws.

Any questions on the updated resolution? Seeing none. So with that, please let's go to voting on the Zoom Room. I see only green ticks. So with that, this resolution has passed. And I would like to please give a round of applause to the group that has done such a terrific job that it's been a long time.

Okay. With that, we will move now to item 14. It's the decision on next steps of the outcome of the World Cafés. This one was presented on the Welcome session. Do we have any questions on this topic? Okay. I don't see any. We do have a resolution, so in Zoom, may I ask for a mover and seconder? I see Wafa moves and Pablo seconds. Thank you.

So the decision is the ccNSO Council adopts the report and the proposed manner in which the Council is expected to handle the suggestions from the World Cafés. The ccNSO Council thanks the ccNSO 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee for its report, and again thanks the members of the committee for organizing the two World Cafés and other activities. The ccNSO requests the secretariat to post this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution will become effective seven days after publication.

Any questions of the resolution? Seeing none. Let's go to the vote, please. Okay. I see only green ticks. So with that, we have approved this decision and we can move on.

We have the discussion and decision on the output on the open space sessions and GRC/Council Workshop on Continuous Improvement. For this may I ask Sean to provide us a brief summary?

SEAN COPELAND:

GRC sessions, as you guys all know, took place live in Hamburg and then ritually in February. The Hamburg session was well attended, which was very exciting. The virtual session, not as well. However, it did run well. We got some really good results out of it. When we took all of the notes and documentation that ICANN staff presented to us, we ended up finding that there were three principal areas of concern for the membership, and they're listed right on the document, which is, of course, the engagement and participation, knowledge sharing and communication, which I think you guys all know is a subject in GRC 2.0 is an area of concern, and process and structural improvements. These are things that we're going to be working on and

looking at within the GRC as a thematic oversight, if you will, to the regular work items that we are getting so that we are able to implement and bring in the continuous improvement processes. Secondary to that, Irina and I are on the CIP-CCG Cross-Community Working Group with ICANN. I am happy to say that some of the other groups do find that we are pretty far ahead of them and are inspired by what we are doing. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you, Sean. Well, since we had the workshop here, now there is the suggestion that we should experiment with the chosen methodology model, as we want to call it. Are there any questions on the topic? Okay, seeing none. In Zoom, again, may have a mover and a seconder for the decision that we have in front of us? I see Pablo moves and Wafa seconds. Thank you.

So the decision reads like this. The ccNSO Council supports the suggestion of the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) to experiment and test with the proposed continuous improvement method by using the framework and related template to plan and document the improvements of the ccNSO members voting process. The GRC is further requested to report to Council at its meeting in Kigali. The Council thanks all participants in the Hamburg and virtual open space session and the organizers of the sessions and requests them to publish the rough notes of the sessions.

Any questions on the resolution? Okay. So with that, can we vote again in Zoom? Green ticks. And noted in chat that Sean is abstaining since it's an item related to the GRC. Okay. I see only green ticks in Zoom.

Thank you very much. This has passed. Exciting times with experiments.

Okay. So now we have the discussion on next steps on GAP analysis. For this, Jordan, do you think you can give us a brief summary?

JORDAN CARTER:

Well, I can give a brief summary of what happened. I can't really give a brief summary of the feedback, though, which is interesting. We're looking for sort of two-minute version of this, yeah? 32nd version of this. It was an engaged, lively discussion, which clearly got people thinking about why it is a very abstract title of policy gaps. And both the method that we use to draw out that insight and the topic will be probably back on the agenda in the future. There's nothing that I've heard since, whether anyone in the small group has shared to suggest that we should change what had been proposed as the follow-up actions. So I guess the small group will convene after all recovered from this week and carry on orienting itself with reports back to the next Council meeting.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Yes, Biyi?

BIYI OLADIPO:

I just would like to say that that session actually went very well and it was something that got people thinking about where we're going to. I would also like to say—but I'm looking at it from the participant's point of view, not from the point of view of the guys who moderated

and the person who chat. Chris and Jordan did a very good job. Chris was quite interacting and he helped people to think through things and the issues that were raised. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you. I agree. It was a very good session. And I've heard lots of feedback regarding it, as in people liked it. The reason we have a decision today is because this small group was tasked with doing this until this point, and now we need to decide whether we want them to continue doing that, and that's why we have this decision here. So again, in Zoom, may have a mover and a seconder? I see Tatiana moves and Wafa seconds.

The decision is the ccNSO Council requests the Council members of the ad-hoc group to continue its work on the GAP analysis and report to the full Council regularly on its process. This resolution becomes effective on publication as it is an administrative Council decision.

So please now go to Zoom and vote with green ticks if you agree or red crosses otherwise. Okay. I see only green ticks. So this has passed. Thank you to the small team for their job until today and we look forward for more in the future. Thank you.

With that, we reached the Any Other Business. We do have two letters here that we received. One is from Theresa Swinehart on the deferral of the ATRT4 that we need to give a response by the 22nd of March. This letter is about whether or not to defer the ATRT4 process. According to the Bylaws, it will need to be launched. However, we do have the current organizational review cycles deferred because we are working

on the Pilot Holistic Review and we're also working in the Continuous Improvement Program. So we don't need to decide it today and we can discuss it further online. But if anyone has any comment already, it's welcome. Yes, Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA:

Thank you, Alejandra. I hope I will not take too much time. You asked me to report from the review session, which I attended. And I thought that instead of reporting, I'll just make a few remarks here when we are discussing this letter. So the consideration for deferring these reviews is obvious. I know that some people would interpret it differently, but the ATRT3 Recommendation 3.5 already has it inside that while the Holistic Review is going, all other reviews should not be deferred but suspended, which hints us. Then there is Holistic Review, volunteer capacity issue, and also continuous improvement. I just wanted to say that while we are responding to this, I want to provide a bit of overview of considerations that were raised on that call. And many of them were sort of okay, understood. There is a capacity issue, there is the suspension issue. But some people raised also the issue of ATRT, Accountability and Transparency Review, being this bottom-up review that's at the core of what ICANN is doing. So this is maybe something to take into account, although frankly, and here I'm on my personal capacity, how I see the situation, I just do not see these three reviews going on at the same time. So if we go for Pilot Holistic and we go over it in April, the call for volunteers is going to be launched. If we are going with the continuous improvement framework, there is absolutely no chance for this review to go on the top of all these. So basically, whether we have any considerations about accountability,

transparency, and bottom-up community approach, it's just a capacity issue. So I just don't see how we can say no to not defer it. That's my personal view. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Tatiana. I hear you and I feel the same way, with resources are limited and we cannot stretch them that far. Chris?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Thank you, Ale, and thanks, Tatiana. I agree with you. All I wanted to say was it's not the only reason. Yes, it makes no sense from a resources point of view. But it's not the only reason. It just makes no sense. If you've got a Pilot Holistic Review going on, the last thing you need is another ATRT review. We should wait until the end of the pilot. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I'll go to you in a minute, Tatiana. And yes, Chris, this is correct. And this is happening with other reviews that recommendations are under implementation, and then the next ones are appearing in other processes as well. So this is another one that is not, let's say, in schedule with that. So recommendations should be finished first and starting the new review. Yes, Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA: Thank you. Chris, you're absolutely right. And I didn't want to go too deep here but there is also a point that in June, I think it's in June 2025, I think it's in June, the Board will decide looking at the Pilot

Holistic and the Continuous Improvement. What to do with ATRT4? I think there is not a slim chance that maybe we will even remove the ATRT as a theme if community decides to do so. So this opportunity is also on the table and we don't know yet. And Chris is absolutely rather this is not the only reason, there are plenty of them. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. Taking with these initial remarks, I think it would be a good idea to draft the simple letter on the path of asking for the deferral of this process. We will continue this discussion online with the small draft, and if anything, we will need to decide it before the 22nd of March so we can send it on time. Yes, Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA: Again, if I may say, they are asking you to defer it. I think you can just say we are supporting instead of asking. So let's not make it active. Let's make it sort of support, taking into consideration everything else.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Sure. So, this is how we will move forward. The other is the letter that we received from Tripti regarding the amendment of the Recommendation 7 of the Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group. For this, we have more time, so I don't want to spend more time on it today.

What I would like to take for the record is the next Council meetings. We don't have dates here in the agenda. But please do take note that the suggestion would be to have the next meeting on the 18th of April

at 12:00 UTC. That's how it goes with our regular schedule. And the next one will be on the 16th of May at 21:00 UTC. So it gives us time to prepare for Kigali.

With that, now I will move on to the thank yous and welcome. Yes, and welcome. Thank you .pr, .au, .us, .ca, and Identity Digital for the outstanding ccNSO cocktail that we have. It was an amazing time. Thank you.

Thank you, David Olive, for all the amazing job put into having a very nice relationship with all the SOs, ACs leadership. We really appreciate all the work that you have done. We will miss you dearly. So thank you, David.

DAVID OLIVE:

Thank you. You are too kind. Thank you very much.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you, Irina Danelia, for your great energy and your good work during your time at the ccNSO Council. We really appreciate everything you have done, in particular your keen eye for detail and keeping us on track on many things. So I thank you dearly. We appreciate that you would like to continue to contribute to the work of the ccNSO as a member of the SOPC GRC and IDNccPDP4. So thank you very much, Irina.

As it is tradition for outgoing councilors, I'm going to give a little present to Irina. It is the folder of the evil plans another step for your future endeavors. Thank you, Irina.

With that, we do welcome Peter Koch as the new councilor for the European region. So, welcome, Peter.

Thank you to all the volunteers for organizing all the high-quality sessions, including all the fun ones that we had. Thank you.

Thank you to the secretariat and the extended ICANN staff for your incredible efforts and support before and during this meeting. Without you, none of these would be happening. So thank you very much.

Thank you to the interpreters for your hard work and for keeping up with us that sometimes we forget to speak slowly and for allowing more participants to engage in the ccNSO activities.

And finally, thank you all for participating either in person or remotely. The meeting is adjourned.

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