

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. This is the ALAC Executive Committee conference call on the 17th of January, 2013. The time is 16:05 UTC and the first thing we'll have is a roll call and apologies. Gisella, if you could, please?

GISELLA GRUBER: With pleasure – Gisella here. On today's call we have Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Alan Greenberg, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Evan Leibovitch, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Carlton Samuels. We have apologies from Julie Hammer. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Matt Ashtiani, and myself, Gisella Gruber. If I can also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you, over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Gisella, and our thoughts go to Julie Hammer for her husband's speedy recovery. Now, a review of action items from the ALAC meeting of the 20th of December, 2012. I invite you all to the Wiki page. We can pass by the in-progress, long-term goals – update required. What I will do is try to work with Matt to update these in time. We'll just look at the newly-assigned action items and note them, and not which ones have been completed.

So the first one is Olivier to send the ALAC Demarche to ICANN to the ICANN Board Chair – that has been done; Fadi Chehadé has been copied and the Chair of the PPC also has been copied. The second one is Olivier

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to contact John Curran on the At-Large Consultation on the IANA Secure Notification Process Workspace to see if a statement is necessary. In fact, those next three, which are the At-Large Consultation on Internet Number Resources Performance Standards Workspace and the At-Large Consultation on the IANA Customer Service Complaint Resolution Process workspace – I have contacted John and I've also contacted Louie Lee to find out if a statement was necessary, and all three of these I have not had any positive reply on that. So I think we can assume that those statements are not really necessary unless anyone here believes that we really need to file one?

And I don't see anyone jumping up and down so these three are completed. Next is Heidi Ullrich and staff to help organize at At-Large conference call on the World Conference on International Telecommunications Subject, inviting Nigel Hickson in January – and this has just taken place two hours ago and was just completed about 25 minutes ago or so. It was a very good conference indeed, a very good call, and our thanks go over to Nigel and also to the other panelists – Avri Doria, Bill Drake, and Andres Piazza who have all shared some of their knowledge on this. And for those of you who have not been able to be on the call you can actually download the recording from the relevant Wiki page.

Next, Olivier is to draft a statement of his experiences at the WCIT – that is still in progress. I've not finished drafting my longer report so I promise I will do this soon. Next, Evan Leibovitch and Jean-Jacques Subrenat are to lead the Future Challenges Working Group on a more extensive statement on the issues raised at the WCIT – that's compared to the At-Large Statement on WCIT Outcomes. But of course without

the first statement it's impossible to have the next statement afterwards so I gather this is still in progress. And finally, Silvia Vivanco is to work with the Secretariats to send the information on the New gTLD Applications and the filling of objections directly to the ALSes. We will speak about this... Oh no, no – sorry, this one I'm not sure. Silvia, can you say a few words?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, I've completed this action item. I sent the email with the information on the objections process to the Secretariat list as well as the At-Large worldwide list. So it has been widely distributed among all the ALSes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Silvia. And I do know that several objections, or actually comments were received by the Review Group and the Review Group is currently working on them. And that's all on their part of the Wiki.

Next we can jump over to the ALAC ExCom action items from our last meeting on the 21st of December, and there was only one newly assigned action item. That's for Olivier Crépin-Leblond with the assistance of Tijani to compose a letter on travel support issues. And this letter is to be sent to Sally Costerton, cc'ing the Public Participation Committee and Steve Antonoff. That has been done as well and we will be discussing this a little bit later in this call.

Any questions or comments? I see two people having put their hand up – Cheryl Langdon-Orr first.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Cheryl for the transcript record. Very briefly and to do with the post-WCIT webinar that was just held, I think it was such a very informative and I think a very excellent example of what sorts of webinars we should be doing. I'd really like to see it pushed out to the ALSes in some way, shape or form. I know many of the ALSes and indeed some of the regions and sub-regions were very involved in local activities in pre-WCIT.

I think it would be very good for those who may not have been able to attend, and I'm thinking obviously in my own biased way for Asia-Pacific area – not a friendly time. If we can somehow push that out... It was the reason I asked was it being recorded. Since it is recorded I think we should promulgate it and advertise it as widely as possible. I'm not sure if you might own that AI – it's probably something that ALAC needs to do as well so perhaps Silvia might need to think on how that can happen. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Cheryl. That's a very good point and perhaps once the transcript and the recording are up on that page perhaps there can be some kind of promotion sent to the RALOs and sent also to the At-Large list or the Announce list as well so as to give it the widest dissemination. And I may also add that maybe the other SOs and ACs might wish to be told about the recording once it's up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Indeed, indeed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Evan Leibovitch?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Olivier, this is Evan. You made mention briefly before of how there was an intention to do some follow-up work on this at the level of the Future Challenges Working Group. Is it your interest or intention that the FCWG sort of collect, try and collect some kind of feedback in order to present a statement? I mean I just wanted to get some guidance on whether or not you think the Future Challenges Group is where the follow-up on this is going to happen or will that take place elsewhere? Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Evan. I think that as a default we had said that it was going to be the Future Challenges since it usually is the Future Challenges that deals with the more strategic issues that fall outside the specific comment periods, etc., and outside other working groups. I wonder what others on the call feel about this. Carlton?

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you, Olivier, this is Carlton for the record. I'm wondering whether or not the post-WCIT and what came out of it, if that is really a future challenge or not. I mean forget the heat and all of the chat. If you look at what really happened, look at the facts, there's not really anything new about it you know. We don't have everybody marching to the same drum at the same speed – some have different views and this

is the old case. This is nothing new. I really don't see it much as anything. If you look at the real facts behind what came out of WCIT it probably could have been predicted – it was predictable. All the posturing aside it was predictable. I don't think that's anything about a future challenge. It is what it is, it is where we are. We live in this space, so be it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Carlton. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. Hello? Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I think that as Carlton said, it is something that is predictable. But still we have a challenge in this field. ICANN has a challenge. ICANN must be always present in those fora of ITU. ICANN must speak up in those fora. So the challenge is to make ICANN present, officially present and to make ICANN be represented by the whole constituencies so that the voice of this community will be heard there. This is a challenge for ICANN and I think we can include this in the R3. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Tijani. Evan?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Hi, thank you Olivier, it's Evan. I just want to follow up on what Tijani was saying and sort of as a partial response to Carlton in the sense that I fully agree with you, that the politics are whatever and are way, way out of scope of ICANN. But what is in scope is ICANN's engagement with the ITU and indeed the rest of the internet governance community, and that was a cornerstone of some of the components of R3. And I was thinking to that extent we should be following this in terms of trying to assist and help with ICANN's strategy of engagement as it tries to make sure that it stays relevant and a partner with the ITU, and becomes more of an insider and less of an outsider. So it's sort of my hope that within the Future Challenges we can deal at least specifically on the interface between ICANN and the ITU and the outside world; and indeed, maybe even the countries that would replace it with a governmental body. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Evan. Carlton?

CARLTON SAMUELS: This is Carlton for the record. I want to thank both Tijani and Evan for clarifying because I'm absolutely in agreement with their posture. It is a challenge for ICANN and it's about how we ensure there's articulation between the ICANN agenda and the rest of the world's, including the ITU. So thanks, Tijani, thanks Evan, for the clarification. I totally absolutely agree.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much, Carlton. I'll close the debate, or sorry, the discussion – there's no debate here – the discussion on this. I think that at this stage because we're still early on and we're dealing here with a long-term thing, I'd like to keep the ownership of this process into the ExCom for the time being for the simple reason that the follow-up is not going to only include the challenge for ICANN and the procedural challenge for ICANN, but it also is a challenge for us as far as our capacity building is concerned, as far as our inreach, as far as our outreach is concerned.

Now, the ExCom will have the ability to then allocate some parts of this work to the Future Challenges Working Group but also some parts of this work to the other working groups that are working on capacity building, that are working on everything else. Just punting this over to the Future Challenges Working Group I fear will narrow down the scope of the work that we have in front of us. Evan? Sorry, I see "What is the action item?" Am I...

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Oh sorry, I was on mute. Sorry, Olivier, I just wanted to ask then as a follow-up to what you're saying, it's my understanding that Jean-Jacques wanted to have WCIT-related issues put on the agenda of an upcoming Future Challenges Working Group meeting. Are you asking that we sort of lay off that for now or how would you like to proceed?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm not asking for us to lay off that for now, Evan – it's Olivier for the transcript. I'm basically just saying let's not just punt it just to this.

What we can do is to tell the Future Challenges Working Group yes, you will be able to work on that but I would like the ownership of this process at this very moment right now – so this call – to remain with us and with the ALAC until we know or we identify what we’re going to do; whether we’re going to send a part of it to the Future Challenges, a part of it to the Outreach, a part of it to the inreach, a part of it to Capacity Building, etc. I’m concerned that if we send it off to the Future Challenges Working Group the ALAC itself will forget about this and will not be dealing with it. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Olivier – that’s exactly what I think. The Future Challenges can only tackle the challenge for ICANN and for all the constituencies of ICANN, but everything which deals with capacity building, with outreach, it is to the working groups that are in charge of those items that we have to send it because this is not a future challenge for us or for ICANN. It is something that we have to do now and some things that we have to do all the time. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thank you Tijani. So the action item for the time being, and I can see agreement from Carlton – the action item for the time being then is for the ExCom to keep this. Let’s bring the discussion forward to the ALAC call next week as well and in the meantime I’m sure that there will be a chunk of this, a sizable chunk of this going to the Future Challenges Working Group but not just right now. It’s a little premature.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Absolutely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And perhaps let's put our heads together to think well, how are we going to divide the work because I think it will just be too much to chew for only one working group to work on. And I realize we are spending time on this so let's move on now to the items for discussion with the Policy Advice Development Page. We'll pass over the recently-approved ALAC statements although I do have to thank Alan in particular for all of the work that he has done into drafting a lot of these. Evan has given a lot of help before flying off to India for a well-deserved holiday and Alan, you've put your hand up.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: That was no holiday.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, Evan worked while he was in India vacationing also, so we should give him credit for that. [laughter] Just a very quick comment that we were the only ones to beat the deadline for the IGO/INGO paper and therefore we had a significant amount of discussion on it and review of it at the meeting yesterday – so more visibility than ALAC normally gets.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic, thank you very much, Alan. And I do have to also thank Jovan Kurbalija for having provided very interesting, very useful input on the issue of IGO/INGO Identifiers. Although Jovan is not part of an At-Large Structure, the typical input from someone outside who's able to bring

their input in and being able to rely on such experts is always an asset for our community.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, Olivier, I'll give us some credit on that one, too. I don't know whether he used an early version of our paper to input into his process or we just thought along parallel lines, but most of what he said we had already covered in significant detail. So regardless of which way it went it worked out well, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well done. Next, the statements currently being developed, reviewed, or voted on by the ALAC. There are a number-

ALAN GREENBERG: Carlton has his hand up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, go ahead Carlton, sorry.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you, Olivier, it's Carlton for the record. I wanted to endorse the input from Jovan and as Alan said, most of what he said we had already been on record for. But what his statement did for us is a real detailed step-by-step analysis that actually endorsed some of the positions that we took in even greater detail, and I was very pleased with it. So as Alan said yes, we thank him for making the additions and for giving

some more weight to some of the positions that were already previously engaged with by the ALAC. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Carlton. Evan?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Olivier. Actually his contribution is not over with. Based on the discussions that I've seen going on, both in the calls and in the email, the arguments and rationales being put forward by some of the IGOs and organizations looking for protection is extremely legalistic, extremely bureaucratic in that way. And while ALAC does not have legal experts that are capable of going over the kind of descriptions that the IOC lawyers and so on are putting forward, Jovan's discussions are dealing at that level. And while our summary statement doesn't go into all the legalistic details, Jovan's commentary is certainly going to be able to help us if pressed on some of the legal issues which I know are going to be put forward in response to our comment.

So there's going to be ongoing value to that. I don't think this is going to be the end of it. I think we're going to in fact need to rely on his background as some of the more legalistic arguments get thrown back at us. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Evan. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. May I suggest that we go to Points #4, #5 and #6 and then come back to Point #3 because we have only 33 minutes left and we have on the top of the hour another call? The three last points are very important so I suggest we go on past Point #3.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani, and I think I might actually take your suggestion because I am mindful of the time as well. So let's jump directly further down and then we'll continue with the Policy Advice Development page. I just note that most of the statements are well on track; we'll have to decide which ones we'll go file a bit later.

Agenda Items for the ALAC meeting on 22nd January, 2013: I see fifteen minutes, I don't even think we will need fifteen minutes. Heidi, any questions or suggestions for this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, this is Heidi, thank you Olivier. I think a key item for me at least is if we can get clarity from everyone on the Beijing meeting schedule. So there's a discussion in the next item on today's agenda but if we can just get clarity from everyone on that that would be important.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect. Any other suggestions for this call? Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay, thank you. Under normal circumstances the work groups don't speak unless invited. I would value a small amount of time, only five

minutes or so, for a little preparatory chat with the ALAC with the reporting in and status, where we're up to and what we think we will be giving them which is somewhat modified perhaps in terms of Rules of Procedure.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good point, thank you Cheryl. Any other working groups which any of you might think should make it? I mean do we need... I guess over the Christmas and New Year, over holiday time there hasn't really been very much work going on. Perhaps we can pass only with regards to the Rules of Procedure Working Group. I know that others are also advancing but I'm not sure that they'd require a full update. Perhaps maybe the Review Group to let us know what's going on – that's also very important for us.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Yes, yes. I would put the Review Group on the agenda as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, that's time critical for this month.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I know that I'm working on the Academy Report, the survey report. We have that report and we'll be sending that to Sandra this week so she may have a slight update, at least on the results of that survey and perhaps next steps.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Does she have all the answers by now? Because I think-

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: ...haven't even added theirs in yet.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry, Cheryl, go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's Olivier here. I have noticed that in fact some parts of the GNSO have not answered either.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so what we can do is maybe ask for her to follow up with the GNSO and then we can run the report again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I understand she is following up. Yeah, do remind her in case she has not followed up with everyone but she is hard at work in getting more in there. I'd really like to get moving... Alan, you've put your hand up?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, just quickly, there's a GNSO meeting later today and it's conceivable that something will come out of that that I'll need a few minutes for. I'm not sure yet, I'll let you know.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Perfect. Thank you, Alan. So now we move to the At-Large meeting schedule for the 46th ICANN Meeting in Beijing. #5A is the scheduling of ALAC and At-Large meetings. I invite you to this, to the Wiki page and you will notice staff has very kindly already started the workspaces for the meeting agendas. Heidi, shall I let you drive this and how long will you require for that?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I will go very quickly. Just again, we've sent out calls to the working groups and the RALOs for meetings. We're working with the APRALO Organizing Committee and I think there'll be some more discussion on that a little bit later today. So far if you click through the various meetings we've generally put in the main ones. The ALAC ones are again typical, the traditional ones on Sunday, on Tuesday, and then the wrap-up on Thursday. I have heard just yesterday from Diane [in Support] that Constituency Day for Beijing will remain the same, so we are tentatively scheduled to have a meeting before it at 8:30 on Tuesday.

We are again awaiting final discussions between Edmon Chung and Meetings staff on whether he's going to be sponsoring the APRALO Showcase and if so to what extent it might be a full welcome reception, so I think that's going to be very exciting if that pans out. ExCom, on the request of Olivier, that's now scheduled for three hours from 9:00 to 12:00 on Friday; and then various working groups have come back. We have working groups for the New gTLDs on Monday, the WHOIS on Monday, IDNs on Wednesday. Cheryl, ROP I'm assuming you'd like to have a session on that or... Actually no, you might not?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No, otherwise I would have said I wanted it. [laughter]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Exactly. Okay, and then may I assume the same with Outreach then?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah, let's skip Outreach on that one.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, okay. And I'll follow up with Sala, I have not heard back from her. And sorry, Dev, one Review Group which will be more of a training session and that's it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Good luck with that, getting in contact with Sala. Can I ask Olivier on that while I've said no for Rules of Procedure Work Group, there was a prior intention for there to be a whole of ALAC and its extended At-

Large conversation about the specifics of metrics. We had earlier on in the Rules of Procedure a Metrics Group that thought that Beijing might be a good opportunity for that. I'll leave that totally up to you and your agenda, but I would not lose any sleep over it if it didn't fit into a Beijing agenda because it is a very busy meeting and a very short one as well – well, for most of us it is anyway. So if we don't do it in Beijing though we want to do it as a particular webinar-type discussion separate from Beijing but not too far after it. That's the only thing.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I think it would be good to have it in Beijing, to have a face-to-face on this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, you put it wherever you want.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We'll put this on the side. We're still early on with finding out when we can see who and how, and I'm not quite sure... As you've heard, Tuesday as Constituency Day will remain but we don't really quite know what might happen on the Monday, the Wednesday, and the Thursday. So we'll just have to see. Carlton and then Alan – Carlton?

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you, Olivier. I don't know where we'll put this but I wanted to just bring it to your attention. There's been quite insistent talk about the Rule 27 issue of the election of the Board seat #15, and it's increasingly being said that the ALAC is trying to avoid a discussion

about it. I don't know where we're going to put it but I would strongly suggest that we give time for people to air their views on this so that we cannot be reasonably accused of shutting out opinions. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Carlton. And let me just ask Heidi, did we not discuss that this might be on the Sunday?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, this is Heidi. We discussed that, just the two of us, so if you want to elaborate on that now to everyone that might be useful.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Heidi. Well, I'm mindful of the discussion that took place on the ESADT yesterday and the frustration, the sense of frustration from Avri having to go from one group to another and being told that "This is not the forum to address this issue." I think that as you said, Carlton, it's certainly a case where At-Large has never avoided issues and I would really support that we discuss this in Beijing. I know it's a tricky thing but you know, it's one of these elephant in the room-type things and we are bottom-up, we are multi-stakeholder, we do listen to all the voices. And so having a frank discussion on this, even if it might just reiterate all of the points which were made – and I do believe a lot of points have already been made in this discussion – at least we will be face-to-face and we will have an expanded audience and we will be able to see the cringing on some of the faces and the happiness on some others.

I have Alan, Cheryl, and Tijani. If we can go quickly, please. Are all three going to speak on this subject or...

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: I can't speak for the others; I will. A couple of things: number one, I think we need to investigate. This meeting is not the right forum but we need to do it really quick because if nothing else Yrjö has an awkward situation on his hands for a meeting that will probably happen next week. Avri's claims that she's been trying to get this on the table for two years and you know, all of this was discussed – I can't remember whether Avri was a participant or not but this was discussed and it was settled. So her claims that she's been trying to get it on the table and being stonewalled, I would like to get some closure on with us.

I think it's bullshit but in her mind it's clearly true and number two, the business of she went to Cheryl and to Olivier and who else I don't know and they all told her to go to Yrjo's meeting to change the rules, I know that's exactly counter to what we've said many times and I'd like to understand that because she's using that as the ammunition of why this has to be discussed. Okay, that's point number one. I don't want to discuss that further.

Number two, I did the calculations and we need to have the Board member selected by April, 2014. That means if we are going to run the process properly which we didn't last time because of lack of time, we don't have an awful lot of time to change the whole procedure if we're going to do it. So I'm just alerting people that it's not years off. We have to start the process not late in 2013 if we're going to kick this off, and I think in the back of our minds we also have to keep in mind that if we change the rules at this point the Board may or may not try to intervene.

As Samantha pointed out, technically according to the rules they don't. The issue of a second Board member however is fully within their discretion. And I just remind people of that, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Because it deals with the appointment of someone to the Board there might be a hurdle with the Board on this.

ALAN GREENBERG: There might be but we've got to be careful what we say.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, excellent, thank you Alan. Next is Cheryl, Tijani, and Carlton. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, right. Very quickly, Carlton, thank you for bringing this up now – it is exactly what I'm planning on talking to you all about at the

meeting of the ALAC. When I indicated that I would like to be briefing the ALAC on what may be a minor adjustment on the Rules of Procedure that they will be delivered it was to make a recommendation to the ALAC that not the whole of Rule #27 by any stretch of the imagination but the single subparagraph which refers to the definition of “electorate” may be – if the ALAC believes it should be – wisely brought to the community’s discussion posthaste. And I’ll go into greater detail on that at the meeting.

But let me assure you, Avri has this particular topic as her bee in the bonnet at the moment. Much of what she says in terms of being un-listened to and banging on the doors and not being allowed in is both unfounded and un-factual, and I assured her during the meeting that Yrjö was running that we would be willing to go down this pathway to let the community decide. But there is only one section that could be, noticed “could be” reviewed. It will also be “be careful what you wish for because you just might get it.”

CARLTON SAMUELS: Absolutely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Cheryl. Next, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Thank you very much again, Carlton, but it was obvious for me because we have a session for the Rules of Procedure and it is a point of the Rules of Procedure. So it will be anyway discussed in Beijing

and discussed deeply because it will be the last step for the approval of the Rules of Procedure. So the issue is on the table; it will be discussed and it will be in the Rules of Procedure Working Group discussion in Beijing. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani. Carlton?

CARLTON SAMUELS: I'm lowering my hand, Chair. Cheryl and Tijani said exactly what I wanted to say. No need to [bounce the rubble].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Carlton. So with this can we move on to the next part of this agenda? Do you have anything else to add, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No. I think that you're planning on having an initial discussion on the APRALO OC or would you like Rinalia to give a quick update on that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think we're going to move on this but well, if Rinalia can provide us just with an update but then I'd like to move in camera for some few more discussions on this. "In camera" is when we have to get the recording to stop. But first a quick update from Rinalia on the APRALO Organizing Committee.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Well, okay. The APRALO Organizing Committee has been meeting regularly at least once a month and we've identified a list of activities that we should be planning. And I'm just going to go through the list without elaborating too much because I think that you'll understand most of it: basically the APRALO Showcase event; the APRALO Multi-Stakeholder discussion or roundtable; Capacity Building which would include the Fellowship Program, the Newcomer's Track meetings; the General Assembly for APRALO and essentially that's it. But I think that there's a new item that Hong had introduced very recently about a Chinese community meeting involving participants from greater China, and I think that we probably should discuss that and most likely in camera. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Rinalia. And I think that now I would like to turn the room in camera. I'm not quite sure how one gets the recording stopped? Heidi?

[recording is stopped then later restarted]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And I'm waiting for confirmation that the recording is back on?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, we're back on – this is Heidi.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Heidi. So thank you to all. We have discussed a number of matters in camera. The first one was to deal with the ICANN Beijing agenda with a number of meetings that needed to be discussed, and some of which has political sensitivities which are better left not on record for the time being. The next one was the update on the proposal of the At-Large Summit Plan. This was something which is also sensitive at the moment because it involves some budget items that we needed to discuss basically, and so we've left it off the record for the time being. But this will be announced soon.

The next one was to do with travel issues and that was just an informal chat on travel issues which did not require any record but which was important to discuss while we were all online – “we” as in the ExCom. And finally the At-Large Structure application process where we discussed one specific case and an application that was made and that was taken out due to a procedural problem. So that again was something that needed to remain off the record for the time being.

And now we will move back to our Agenda Item #3 and it is very late – I'm really sorry for that, everyone. I'm also missing on my next call. And the Agenda Item #3 was the review of the policy items for discussion, the statements currently being discussed. And we'll move directly to the IDN Variant TLD Program: Procedure to Develop and Maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in respect of IDNA Labels. The ALAC is currently voting on this. Thanks very much to Edmon Chung and to Rinalia Abdul Rahim for having provided this fantastic, very, very well-drafted statement – primarily Rinalia, should I say.

Amendments to Article 11 Section 2.3 of the ICANN Bylaws – DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee. The ALAC is considering a statement. Do any of you think we should file something in there? It's a very technical thing. We've sent an email over to the Technical Issues Working Group I think and I haven't seen any feedback on that so far. Any thoughts?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It is only a preliminary issues report.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It is very early on, yes.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So perhaps we can just leave this off. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Oh sorry, that's a very old hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I don't see anyone jumping up and down. It is a preliminary issues report. Maybe we should just leave it aside.

ALAN GREENBERG: Which one are we talking about?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The DNS Root Server System Advisory Committee, RSSAC. It's an ICANN Bylaws and I think it's just technical and not something that we would be considering writing about.

The Preliminary Issues Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information – that involves WHOIS and it also involves IDNs.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It does.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Any thoughts on this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Are we modifying the thoughts that are already listed here because it looks to me like we would leave them as is until you take it to your ALAC meeting, with the exception of the RSSAC one which would be the recommendation that no statement should be made.

[crosstalk]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, well the RSSAC is also ALAC considering a statement, but what I would like to do is to clean up a little bit the ones which we know there is no chance of having anyone jumping up and down for. This one I think there might be some interest for this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, the RSSAC one, that one should be recommendation not to make a statement. Because the translation and transliteration has contact information and WHOIS as you said I would leave that as considering and let the ALAC decide. And the other two are drafting already.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And the other two are drafting, that's correct – the WCIT Outcomes and the Consumer Trust, Consumer Choice, and Competition. With regards to the Consumer Trust, Consumer Choice and Competition Evan has drafted a first draft. I'm currently working with Evan on a few amendments to the draft and this will soon go to comment, etc. Alan, your hand is up – is it still the old hand or is this a new hand?

ALAN GREENBERG: No, this is a new hand. The Preliminary Issues Report on Translation, Transliteration – this is a preliminary issues report so it's an opportunity to either say yes we support the concept of this going forward and a PDP being started. That's a very short statement if we choose to make it. The other issue is are there things that are wrong or missing from the Issues Report? I tried reading it. It boggled my mind but if any of our experts in that area have any comments about what they got wrong in the Issues Report we would have to make a statement on that. If there isn't then I suspect we may want to make a very short statement saying "We support it."

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Staff, has this been sent already to the WHOIS and to the IDN Working Groups?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Not to my knowledge. I haven't seen it.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Matt?

MATT ASHTIANI: Possibly, I don't think it has yet.

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is Heidi. I have sent it to [Brian Peck] who's the staff leading it so he may have forwarded that, I'm not sure.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Perhaps in anticipation of our ALAC meeting next week we can send it to the working groups already so it's not something that lands on their doorstep and everyone looks at each other in the eye and thinks "I don't know, I don't even know what this whole thing is about." So let's send it to both, please.

Next, currently open public comments: the Consultation on IANA's Secure Notification Process. Well, this has been... There's IANA's Secure Notification Process, there is the... Well God, there's twice the same thing. That's interesting.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, a lot of them were moved up to the previous section but weren't taken out of this one.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Up and down and cut and whatever, okay.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can you get to #7 and #8, because #7 and #8 are the only new ones and I'd like to fit both of those and then we can go.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well the first one, .cat Cross-Ownership Removal Request – I don't think, I think we decided not to have a statement although I have seen some discussion going on.

ALAN GREENBERG: We do have a previous statement on that one saying we advocate, we support the removal of cross-ownership with the exception of the price caps on VeriSign TLDs, so we've already said we support it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We don't need to say anything else in other words.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Preliminary Issue Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information we've already had. The Consultation... There we go, #7 and #8, yes? The Consultation on gTLD Delegation/Re-Delegation Performance Standards.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Could I ask you to couple those together because they're the same set of questions, the same issues, the same sort of matters dealing with the gTLD space delegation/re-delegation and the ccTLD space delegation and re-delegation? I believe that you should as an ALAC make a very short and not necessarily terribly complicated response to the questions raised in both of those because they have to do with the principles, certainly in the ccTLD delegations is that the internet community has to be involved and it has to be shown that it is in their best interests. If you're talking about simply a 60-day KPI then how one shows that is a question that needs to be raised and answered. There's a couple of simple questions, the same couple of people could deal with both of those. So I would be suggesting that ALAC does consider making a statement on both of those, and clearly I'd be involved with someone – maybe Alan and I could throw those together.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'd be willing to do that. I think it's important we do. If you look at issues such as the controversy over the Puerto Rican TLD, if you look at how many years it took to re-delegate Rwanda – I don't think on behalf of users we could ignore this. And with gTLDs there's going to be a whole issue of community TLDs.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes. We have to and I think if anyone wants to help Alan and I you can ask him on Tuesday.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Perfect, okay. Well that takes us down to the end of this section, and because we've treated all of the other sections since we are now down to Item #9 – Any Other Business.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, can I just take you back to the ALS application process? I'd really like an AI out of that that the relevant Rules of Procedure Drafting Teams, when they are creating the requirements, the core set of requirements for any of their adjunct documents need to look at whether or not there's been a drift between original policy and current practice, because this is an example of a drift from original policy to current practice.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: With regards to the process itself, yeah.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah. If those processes need to be reviewed I would suggest that would be a very good use of the now very experienced Drafting Teams you have in your Rules of Procedure. Once you've had your ROPs put to bed, so to speak, you might want to keep those Drafting Teams or at least some of them – the relevant ones, a subset of them, the people who actually work is what I'm trying to say – and they could look at those adjunct documents and the process audit I guess would be a good

way of doing it. And they should be able to do that between Beijing and Durban.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, Cheryl, some of those have to be done before because we need at least outline documents in place to approve the Rules.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think what we need to make sure, Alan, is that those outlines all go back to the original to just check if there's been a drift, why has there been a drift? There might be a good reason for the drift and that's okay – it then needs to be enshrined.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you, thank you. Heidi, did you get this AI?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I am working on this now, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You do have it, yes? You've got that?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Next, Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: This really belongs in Item #4 but I deliberately didn't put it into that discussion. When we're drafting the agenda can we please try to be realistic in terms of time estimates? I don't care if the meeting goes for two and a half hours if we schedule it for two and a half hours or two hours, but we are regularly scheduling an hour or an hour and a half meeting or whatever it is and then going way, way over. And we need to somehow move towards something which is a little bit closer to reality. I understand the difficulty of guessing how long people are going to talk, and we don't specialize in people who talk quickly but... Or if they do we tell them to slow down. [laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We neither specialize in people who talk quickly or people who talk little.

ALAN GREENBERG: "Little" perhaps is the right word and maybe you need to reemphasize that at the top of the meeting, but we so often schedule things for one minute and then spend 25 minutes on it. Please try to come closer.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's one point. The other point I think that we always forget is the fact that it does take time for us to settle in, settle out for people, for guests who come in and come out, and we regularly lose five, ten minutes when somebody leaves or somebody comes in.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier, I was going to suggest that if nothing else for this meeting can we please keep track on a little scrap of paper how long each of the items take so at least you can do a postmortem afterwards to understand what we did wrong? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's an action item. Thank you, Alan. Any other business? Alan, your old hand is still up.

ALAN GREENBERG: Ah, I'm old, my hands don't move that quickly. [laughter]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It's Cheryl here, not "Man," "Woman," "Man," "Woman" – it's Cheryl here. (Inaudible) since 1:00 AM. It's now 4:30. My day starts in half an hour – can we finish this soon? [laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, everyone. This is starting to lose its seriousness. So I do have to thank all of you for lasting an hour and a half on this. The time is 17:33 UTC... I hear someone laughing wildly and uncontrollably so it's time for us to go. Thanks to all of you – this call is now adjourned!

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