
GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone. Welcome to today's BMSPC call on Friday, 14th of March 2014 at 18:00 UTC. On today's call we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Oksana Prykhodko, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Maureen Hilyard, Rudi Vansnick, Eduardo Diaz, Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

We have apologies from Roberto Gaetano and Baudouin Schombe. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, Ariel Liang, Matt Ashtiani and myself, Gisella Gruber. I hope I haven't left anyone off the roll call. If I could also please remind everyone to say their names before speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you. Over to you, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Gisella. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. We will start the call. Are you happy with the Agenda that's displayed on the Adobe Connect? We have to adopt it. I don't see anyone opposing it. Okay. I will consider that the Agenda is adopted. I'll go to Item #3 of the Agenda, which is the replacement of the Chair of APRALO, who is a Member of the BCEC.

As you know, in the Rules of Procedure, it's not permitted for a voter to be on the BCEC. Unfortunately, at the beginning Holly was the Chair of APRALO but she was also a Member of the ALAC, so she had two votes. This was a problem. APRALO solved the problem by appointing Siranush to be acting Chair and Holly's replacement.

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Nobody paid attention that Siranush was a Member of the BCEC. Now, when we realized that she is, it's a big problem. We have to replace her, and time is very tight because we'll vote on Sunday. We asked the AP region to solve the problem by using their own Rules of Procedure to appoint someone to replace Siranush.

Siranush sent an email saying that she's delegating her role or her right of voting to Pavan, who's the Secretary. She said that all the APRALO Leadership agree on that but I told her this is not sufficient. Normally, as the Rules of Procedure say, you have to do it according to the APRALO Rules of Procedure, when you are choosing or appointing or selecting someone.

You have to get the approval of the majority of the Members, at least, not only the Leadership. She answered immediately saying, "Don't worry, I'll work on it, I'll solve it with the Leadership, and we'll consult with all the Members of APRALO so that you'll have the approval by the end of tomorrow." This is the situation. I want your point of view. I have two hands here. Maureen, please?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Tijani. I would like to confirm that we have a note going out to our Members, and it was an oversight. It's being addressed and we'll be presenting to them the recommendation from the Executive, and asking for their support. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I know APRALO has a very [intelligent? 00:04:36] Leadership and I'm sure you'll send it. Oksana please? Olivier, actually.

FOUAD BAJWA: Hello Tijani, this is Fouad Bajwa. I'm not on the Web-Ex but I'd like to make a comment after Olivier.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Olivier please?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. The problem, effectively, is the Electorate for the final election will be the 15 ALAC Members and the five RALO Chairs. That's Rule 19.10. Then it goes 19.10.1 and 19.10.2 out of the ALAC Rules of Procedure, mentions it's a Member of the Electorate as a candidate. Then it also mentions that an ALAC seat is vacant at the time of the election.

Also, 19.10.3: the vote of the RALO Chair is to be directed by RALO Membership, that decision and nature of the direction require votes of the RALOs according to its roles. Each one of these three Rules of Procedure, 19.10.1, 19.10.2 and 19.10.3, each time it mentions the replacement must be approved by a vote of the RALO according to its rules.

Now, I'm going to offer an interpretation here, which I'm hoping is going to be able to satisfy the rules. I would like to hear your feedback on this. A vote of the RALO could either be if there are more than one candidate,

an actual vote where you need to send ballots out, using Big Pulse, to all of the people in the RALO. Then you need to give them three days and the person with the highest number of votes, or the person that is chosen, is the person that – they'll act as a proxy – will replace the person who's unable to vote.

On the other hand, if there's only one candidate that's pushed forward, or presented forward, in the ALAC we've been able to, instead of conducting a formal vote, conduct a consensus call, which is considerably faster than a vote. A consensus call is effectively sending out a note to the mailing list. In this case it would be sending out a vote to the APRALO mailing list saying:

“There is a proposal that Siranush would be replaced by whoever the replacement person is – are there any objections to that replacement?” That in effect... In some cases, this is one thing that needs to be checked with the APRALO Rules of Procedure. In some cases, that would be able to work. I know that in EURALO there has been exactly this going on. There was a call for volunteers to think on that position.

There was only one person that stepped forward, and that was Oksana Prykhodko. She basically stepped forward and said, “I'm ready to take on that role.” There was then a consensus call that was made on the EURALO mailing list, and there were no objections. There was actually only support for Oksana, and hence she's taken on the position that was to replace Jean-Jacques Subrenat, who was unable to vote since of course he is one of the candidates.

That's the suggestion I'm making here to APRALO, and that would... if they check their Rules of Procedure, in EURALO it would work. It does work, because in EURALO there are specific things where it says if there's only one candidate, or if there's only an election or something, a decision is uncontested, then one can do a consensus call.

I don't know if that's the case in the APRALO Rules of Procedure, but this would have to be checked, since it does say here: "A vote of the RALO according to its rules." That's all. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Olivier. This is exactly what I told Oksana. She proposed exactly what you said. She proposed that they would ask the APRALO community if there is an objection for Pavan. I told her that this may work, but it must be in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the APRALO.

You know better than anyone your Rules of Procedure. Olivier, we will get the name from the Leadership of the APRALO, and they are responsible for their procedure, we are not. This exactly what I told her. Thank you Olivier. Now we'll go to Oksana and then to... Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Last thing – you're absolutely right that they have the responsibility of those procedures, but of course they have to follow their procedures. If they're not able to submit a name by the time the ALAC election starts, then they will not be able to vote in the first round, at least. So it is a

very serious thing and it needs to be done very quickly. That's all I needed to say. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Olivier. I can tell you that Siranush told me that I don't have to worry – they'll solve it tomorrow and we'll have the name by the end of tomorrow. I hope this will be solved before the opening of the first round. Next is Oksana and then Fouad.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO:

Thank you very much Tijani. Actually, it was my question, which I asked you for two months, about the procedure of the replacement of proxy of voters. Yes, I really self-nominated myself only to check the democratic procedure in EURALO. I was elected. Actually, I was not elected. I did not receive any objections. It's not consensus for me. I know that there were other volunteers, and I'm absolutely sure that on such an important issue we have to have voting.

I have another question now about the directed voting in EURALO. What does it mean? Again, I also communicated today with Siranush, to discuss it [on our chart? 00:12:40], we have to have procedure for each RALO on this very important issue. What I'd like to recommend... Maybe we can't now rewrite the ALAC procedure, but maybe we can advise the RALOs to consider all procedures regarding this important issue. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Oksana. You said you asked this question a while ago, but I don't remember that I didn't answer any question. It was very clear. The Rules of Procedure are very clear. There is no ambiguity, and I consider that a consensus call is a formal selection procedure of the RALO. Once again we need the RALO to make the selection exactly like they make the selection of, for example, the Members of ALAC, or for the Member of NomCom appointed by the RALO, etcetera.

I think that every RALO uses consensus calls, because most of the time you only have one candidate. In this case, even if you run a vote it will be the same result, since you have only one candidate. The consensus call is valid for me, but I don't have to say that for APRALO. They know the Rules of Procedure. They know what is valid and what is not valid, and they're responsible for that. Thank you. Fouad?

FOUAD BAJWA:

Thank you Tijani. I'm the Co-Elect Chair for APRALO. Right now within the Leadership of APRALO I can assure you that this issue is under discussion. As soon as we found out about the issue, the Leadership has actually looked at the Rules of Procedure of APRALO and have found a possible solution, which is the selection of a name from within the Leadership who will possibly be eligible, only if the rest of the Rules of Procedure are followed.

That includes, as you were mentioning, a consensus call with other Members of the RALO, and should a common consensus be reached for that name, that name in particular will be replacing Siranush's capability to work, because Siranush is serving on the BCEC and she cannot be part

of the process of voting for the shortlisted candidates by the BCEC for the ALAC seat 15.

The process has started, yes. The time is short. Amongst the Leadership at least the name has been put forward for discussion with APRALO. As Siranush has already mentioned to you, Oksana, or to Olivier and Oksana, the process will be started ASAP, which will help them consider a consensus by APRALO for that particular person to vote on behalf of the RALO, as part of the ALAC elections for the vote seat 15. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Fouad. This is exactly what you told me, Siranush. Thank you very much. Olivier, you still have your hand up?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes Tijani, it's a new one.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella, has Olivier dropped? Gisella?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier's asking to be called.

GISELLA GRUBER: We're calling Olivier.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. While we're waiting for Olivier, after this issue... Now we'll discuss this issue and decide what's happening in each case – if we have the name before the votes start, and if we don't have the name before the votes start. We have to decide this today. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani. Two things. First, in the case of EURALO I wanted to correct Oksana. Yes, she has asked Wolf Ludwig. She asked the EURALO Leadership. She didn't ask the BMSPC, she asked the EURALO Leadership what the process was and I don't know if there was any answer. I don't think there was.

But ultimately she was the only candidate and I think there was another candidate who never provided their agreement that they wished to run. So in the absence of the other candidate who was nominated to respond and say they wanted to run, the election transformed itself into a consensus call and so Oksana was selected by consensus. With regards to the APRALO case, I just wanted to say if you're going to do a consensus call on the mailing list, you should really give it at least 24 hours.

That means you have only a handful of hours until your 24 hours is going to impede on the opening of the first round of the election. You have to act very fast on that. That's all. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much Olivier. Now, if there is any other comments please raise your hands? If not, we need to know what we have to do. Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Hello. How long is this period...? I think we're going to talk about this next so I'll comment on that. What happens when the period that we're voting on, on the first round, how long is that period for? One day, two days, three days? If it's more than one day, APRALO decides or selects the person within that period. I think that person should be able to vote. They would not be able to vote if the first round is already finished. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Sure. Thank you for this input. That's exactly what I think about. I think that we need to decide today, that we're waiting for the name from APRALO. We trust them and we have... Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. I'm not on my computer anymore. I do wish to speak. Thank you. One would have to check with At-Large staff if an election can start with one of the Electorate missing, and then send a ballot to that person that

has not been put on the original balloting. It sounds very unusual that you would start an election with one of the voters that's undetermined and is then given the ability to vote later on. I'm resorting to At-Large staff to check on that. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier? I think that it will not be a new ballot. We will send credentials to all of the voters, except the one that's not known. If he or she is known, just after we started the vote, we can give him or her the credential and she or he can vote. It will not be a new ballot. It will be the same, but we'll give the credential a little later than the others. That's all. I think it's possible but staff, please tell us? Matt, for example?

FOUAD BAJWA: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Go ahead Matt.

MATT ASHTIANI: Could you repeat the question?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The question is, if we start a vote on Sunday 00:00 and we have the name of the APRALO voter or replacement on Sunday at 10:00, can we send this new voter a credential and he or she can vote as the others?

MATT ASHTIANI: Yes, of course.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much. Fouad?

FOUAD BAJWA: One question I had was, can the electoral process actually start without one of the RALOs? Can the voting process start without one of the RALOs? This is also a question in my mind; is there a requirement that the process starts with all the RALOs, or is there a provision that the election cannot start if every RALO is not part of it? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fouad, you're speaking about the Chair of the RALO; about the vote of the Chair of the RALO only. The region already has three other voters. Suppose we had one RALO Chair that, despite all the disposition of the Rules of Procedure, with the replacement etcetera, couldn't vote, or is absent or anything. What would we do – stop the vote? No.

If the Chair of the RALO is one of the voters, one of the Electorate Members... We would speak about the Electorate. If one of the Electorate Members is absent by any... We did everything in the Rules of Procedure so that nobody would be absent, but if it happened that one is absent then we'd not stop the vote. Thank you. Now I have a hand from Rudi and then Silvia.

RUDI VANSNICK:

Thank you Tijani. There are two points I want to bring up. The first point is that as we have in the first round a weighted vote, we have to be clear on that, because that weighted vote can be critical. Another point is that as far as I know, in organization having chairs and vice-chairs, when the chair is not available, the vice-chair replaces the chair in his or her duty.

So in case of APRALO not getting through it, I'd suggest that the Vice-Chair takes over the duty of the Chair. [inaudible 00:26:06] rules for that. The rules of organization are such that when a chair is not available the vice-chair takes over.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Rudi. That's why I said to Siranush that they had to do everything according to the Rules of Procedure. I cannot tell her what she has to do. They know better than me their Rules of Procedure and any replacement should be done according to their Rules of Procedure.

If the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the vice-chair can vote instead of the chair, they can tell us. It's not a problem. But they have to decide on that. We cannot decide. Next we'll have Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I just put the article regarding the situation in APRALO. As you'll see, the rule is consensus. Whenever there is a question and an electronic vote then [inaudible 00:27:06]. What I wanted to stress is that it's all the RALOs' responsibility to make decisions according to their own

procedures, and so far what we have is a decision from an acting Chair – that’s legally the Chair – that’s designated a person.

Now, there is a concern, and this group wants to make sure that this decision is actually backed up by the whole APRALO group. The Chair has told us that he will do whatever’s necessary to make sure that that decision is [concerned? 00:27:48]. I think that RALOs are trying to ascertain what the internal procedures are that APRALO should follow.

We should just wait for APRALO to tell us, “This is the concern. This is the view of APRALO and from there let’s take it forward.” Based on my experience working with APRALO on a daily basis, I think that they are actually operating under a very consensus-based approach on almost all these issues. I don’t expect there to be controversy regarding this designation by Siranush.

I’m also a lawyer. I’m not here in a legal capacity, but I can analyze the rules. I think that if they have this Mandate that they operate by consensus, I think we should trust that they are indeed operating under consensus. I chatted this morning with Siranush. She’s on top of this and she promised that she will get back to us as soon as possible.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Silvia. Once again, it’s the responsibility of the RALO. We don’t have to interfere with their responsibility. They have to give us a name that they’ve chosen according to a formal procedure in their Rules of Procedure. They are in charge of that. We are not. Perhaps we have to stop discussing the APRALO Rules of Procedure, and I will go to Dev, who asked for the floor. Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you Tijani. I just want to confirm something. When did the call for consensus begin? I just want to find out, is it going to be sufficient enough time before the votes start on Sunday, [inaudible 00:29:54] March at 00:00 UTC? When does the actual call for consensus begin? Can staff answer that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you repeat your question?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I'm asking when did the APRALO call for consensus begin? At what time, UTC?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I don't know.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I think I can answer that. I don't think they have a rule, and they actually have [details to send out? 00:30:29] for consensus. Consensus is about consensus; that they all [inaudible 00:30:38] discussion and nobody objects. There are ways and means that they can reach consensus, and it's internal. They can talk via Skype chat, telephone, etcetera, and then there is a decision that's made by the Leadership and we trust that this comes from a consensus process.

There is no procedure for consensus and the APRALO Rules of Procedure, as they are drafted now – the 2009 rules – have two articles.

It's very general. They are not overly regulated. I think we should just wait, as I said, for Siranush. Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much. Rudi?

RUDI VANSNICK: I'm just wondering, as I dropped the question in the chat room, what if he has stepped down from the BMSPC so that he can take up his duty as the Vice Chair and would be the voting Member?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Again, we're not to decide for them. Secondly, even a Member of the BMSPC can vote. Only Members of the BCEC cannot vote, okay? It's not our role even to suggest them. Our role is just to know and to check that they followed a formal procedure in their Rules of Procedure. This is our role. Thank you very much. We will stop speaking about that. Now we'll speak about what will happen...

If we have the name before Sunday, before we start the vote, there is no problem. If we don't have the vote, as we said before, we may start the vote without the Chair of the APRALO. When we get the name we'll give him the credential so that he or she can vote. [With possible? 00:32:46] information the vote will last 48 hours, two days. I think that in-between we will have something from the APRALO. Thank you very much.

Silvia, you have your hand up? Old hand? Okay. So, if we all agree that we do as I said then we can go to Item #4. Is there any opposition to the procedure that I described? If we don't have the name before the starting of the first round, we'll start the first round in any case. When we get the name before the end of the first round, we can send the credentials to the person appointed and he or she can do it.

Do you agree on that? I don't see any... Okay, Eduardo agrees and I don't see any opposition. I'll consider that as an agreement. Okay. Maureen? Very good. We can say that it's adopted. Now we'll go to Item #4 of the Agenda, which is the vote procedure. I prepared a vote procedure for you that I sent to you about half an hour ago, or perhaps a little bit more.

You may have it. You have it now on the screen, and it's a very precise and very detailed description of the vote procedure from the first round to the second round. I want you to read it. We can walk through it together and if there's any opposition I will read it, and when I see a hand I'll stop. Okay?

For the first round, we'll send an announcement – I think it's sent now – on Friday or today, including the whole procedure and the vote model, which is the instant run-off we decided on last call. Then, on Sunday 16th March at 00:00 UTC the staff will send the credentials to all the Electorate Members. This is the opening of the first round.

During the 24 hours that will be after the starting of the vote, the staff will be checking continuously the Big Pulse results, and if on Monday at 00:00 – that means halfway through – there are still Members of the

Electorate that have not voted yet, staff will send a reminder to those who didn't vote. Since we have only two days, it's good to send a reminder in the middle of the period.

The first round poll closes on Monday, 17th of March 23:59. On Tuesday, 18th of March at 00:00 we'll check the Big Pulse result, staff will, and contact me, and we'll have here two cases. If only two candidates are clearly ranked in the fourth and fifth positions, that means that those who have the highest scores since, as we said, the ranking will be one for the most preferred one and five for the least preferred one. So the one who will get the greatest figure will be the loser. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Before we go too much further on this, on point three, yesterday we talked about that staff would call the Electorate that had not voted, rather than just a reminder. Would you like that to be added to that as well, under point three?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I'll add it. You're right. Thank you very much Heidi for reminding me. We'll check and people who didn't vote will be called by staff. Now we're on point five. On Tuesday at 00:00 the Big Pulse result will be checked by staff and they'll contact me. We'll check if we have two candidates that are clearly ranked in positions four and five. In this case, the first round is completed because the objective of this round is to drop two of the five candidates.

If not, a tie-breaking vote starts on Tuesday, 18th of March at 03:00. I gave three hours to staff to do everything. It will close on Friday, 21st of March at 23:59. You'll ask me why it's this time? Because we have here the period of travel to Singapore, and we give all this time so that when people are traveling they will not be able to connect, but they can vote before traveling or after traveling. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I just wanted to confirm that the 03:00 there, [five v two? 00:39:37], is 03:00 UTC.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: UTC, yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: If you could note that? Matt, are you going to be on the ground still at 00:00 UTC on the 18th as well as 03:00 UTC on the 18th of March? I know you travel that day. Matt, if you're speaking you're muted.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Matt?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Let's see if we can get him back in in just a moment.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. The tie-breaking vote will start on Tuesday, 18th of March at 03:00 UTC and it closes on Friday, 21st of March at 23:59 UTC. As I told you, this is a period of travel and people who will travel only on the 21st will have time to vote before they travel. People who travel before, as Matt – well, Matt will not be voting –, but if it happened that some of our Electorate will travel before, they can vote when they are already in Singapore. This is why we have all these periods.

It is 03:00 UTC, yes? We'll do the tie-breaking vote. It will be done with the same voting model, which is instant run-off, and the credential will be send on Thursday at 03:00 UTC, and on Saturday 22nd at 13:00, which is 21:00 Singapore time, I will work with staff to see the result and see the cases – if we are in the case that the tie is broken then the first round is completed. If not, a random tie-breaking operation will be undertaken on Sunday, 23rd of March at 09:15.

It is a slot of time that we have in our room, and it will be a physical draw so that it will be very transparent. Everyone is there, we have papers, we write the name, and it will be drawn by someone. We will open the paper and everyone can read it. Very transparent. Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Tijani? We just need to make sure that we have everything ready to go. Given that we are going to use a draw, if there is a need for a second tie-breaker in round one, can you please confirm that staff will still need to get the materials that we discussed yesterday? That includes ballot papers, a stamp and a plexiglass base or something like that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. We will perhaps need a plexibox. It will not be a ballot box, it will be a plexibox. We will put in the two or three papers for the two or three candidates, and one hand, for example a staff hand, will draw one of them. This is how it will be, so we'll not need the stamp because there will not be an election. It will be a draw only. Okay?

HEIDI ULLRICH: It's going to be a random draw?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Right, exactly. It will be a random draw, no election. The election will be by Big Pulse. Okay?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry Tijani, I'm not clear on that. You just said it was going to be a random draw, and then you said it was going to be a Big Pulse vote? Could you clarify that please?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. The first vote of the first round will be Big Pulse. The tie-breaking vote will be Big Pulse. But the random draw will be a physical random draw. We'll be there, we'll put three or two papers with the names on each paper – each paper will get one name of a candidate –, we'll put them in the box and someone will draw one of those papers. This will be the way we'll break the tie.

HEIDI ULLRICH: That person will be the eliminated person, so it's down to two?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. That's right. In this phase, the first round is to eliminate two candidates. If we have a tie, that means we have two or more people in the same position, in the third position, or in the fourth position. We'll be obliged to run another vote to break the tie. If the vote doesn't give the result we'll do it physically; a random draw between the tied persons. The tie-breaking will be done among the tied persons. This is clear.

I will give an example so it will be very clear. If one of the five candidates has, for example, x votes... If one of the candidates has a lower score, that means he's the winner normally. But since we are in the first round he's not a winner yet. So this person will not be concerned by a tie-breaking vote. Only people who are tied will run the tie-breaking vote. Is that clear now?

HEIDI ULLRICH: It's clear for me, but I'm just wondering if that's stated anywhere in the rules, or if this group needs to confirm that they're all okay with that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We are discussing it now in the BMSPC. I have to add it to the procedure that I wrote, so it will be clear to everyone. If there are any remarks on that I'm happy to discuss it. Okay? This is for the first round. An announcement for the first round... I have a hand here. Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you Tijani. Just to confirm that process which you have to emphasize in this text is to say that this is the plan for the [lower? 00:48:55] candidates for [5b?]. Just to make sure. I understand it to be that, but it probably just needs to be stated in the text.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you Dev. I will correct it. Thank you very much Dev. Rudi?

RUDI VANSNICK: Just to clarify for everyone, and use real values instead of imagined values, if the person having the lowest weighted value is, in principle, the winner of the first round, if we have then two, three or four candidates having the same weighted value, then we need this tie-break. Is that correct?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. It's not the only case Rudi. We have a lot of cases. First of all, suppose we have candidates with the following score: one has one, the second has two, the third has ten and the third and fourth have ten, in this case we have two persons at the third position. We'd have only one who would have 20, for example. The one who has 20 is the loser, but we have two that have ten.

We'd need one of them to be dropped. We'll run a tie-breaking vote for those two persons. This is one case, but we may have more than two. We may have three in this case, and we'd run the tie-breaking vote for

them, for the three. We may have all the candidates with the same score and we'd have to run the vote again, a tie-breaking vote for all the candidates. There are a lot of possible cases.

You will receive now an announcement of the first round, and it's clearly explained in the announcement, okay? I have to make it clear here also.

RUDI VANSNICK:

What I propose is that you use the text that Ariel has dropped into the chat, as that makes it clear for everybody. If you could use the text that Ariel has been putting in the chat, that would be marvelous for the procedure.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes. This is exactly what is in the announcement that I told you about. You will get that, and I'll try and make this procedure as clear as the announcement. Okay. Thank you. This is for the first round. The announcement of the first round, the result, will be on Tuesday, 18th of March at 00:00. If we are in this case [inaudible 00:52:33] and on Sunday 23rd of March, if we are [inaudible].

That means we won't have a tie for the first round and we can announce the result on Tuesday, since the vote would finish on Monday. If we have a tie we'll go to Sunday, 23rd of March. That means that it will be announced in Singapore. Now, going to the second round. At the time, if you remember, we said that the second round... Yes, go ahead Ariel. I'm sorry.

ARIEL LIANG: Sorry Tijani. For the vote announcement on Tuesday, 18th of March, 00:00 would be a little bit tight, because we will close the vote on the 17th of March 23:59. That just leaves us one second to make the announcement, which is not possible. We could change it to 01:00, just to give us some time to make sure...?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Agreed.

ARIEL LIANG: Thank you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Tijani, I have a question. What happens if, in the first round, one of the candidates gets more than 50%? Does it get announced? Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. The first round is not done to have a winner. The first round is done to drop two of the candidates. Even if one candidate has more than 50% of the votes he will not be considered the winner. That's why we're using the instant run-off. That run-off will not give the number of votes, it will give a score. The score will clearly show who's ranked in last place. Thank you.

Okay, now, going to the second round. It will be the same, so we'll send an announcement on Wednesday, 17th of March, including the whole

procedure and the vote model, which is the majority vote. The credentials... Yes, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just a quick correction: it's the 19th of March, not the 17th. 17th is the Monday.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, you are right. I am sorry. Correct. The credentials will be send on Saturday, 23rd of March. It will be in Singapore on the 23rd of March at 09:45 Singapore time, which is 01:45 UTC for the opening of the second round. Then we'll check continuously the Big Pulse vote result. If on Saturday, at 16:30 Singapore time, which is 08:30 UTC, there are still Members of the Electorate who hadn't yet voted, we'll send a reminder to them.

Hopefully in Singapore we'll go to them and organize that they vote. [laughs] Then the second round pool closes on Sunday, 23rd of March at 17:45 Singapore time, which is 09:45 UTC. ON Sunday 23rd of March, at 17:45 Singapore time we'll check the Big Pulse results, and we'll have two possible outcomes. The first is one of the candidates has more than 50% of the votes here, since we're using majority votes. Here we'll have votes.

In this case, this candidate is declared the winner and the selection process is completed. If not, a tie-breaking vote starts on Sunday, 23rd of March at 17:00. Here Ariel will tell me it's very tight. I understand so we can make it later. Perhaps at 18:00, which will be at 10:00 UTC. [Then?

00:57:58] 00:00 UTC, and close on Wednesday, 26th of March at 14:00, which is 06:00 UTC.

It will be done with the same vote model, which is the majority vote. We'll send the credentials on Sunday 3rd of March at 18:00 Singapore time, which is 10:00 UTC time. On Wednesday, 26th of March at 14:00 Singapore time, which is 06:00 UTC, we'll check the Big Pulse results and have two possible outcomes.

If we have one of the candidates with more than 50% of the votes this candidate is declared winner and the selection process is completed. If not, a random tie-breaking operation is undertaken on Wednesday, 25th of March at 15:30 Singapore time, which is 06:30 UTC. The official announcement of the winner's name will be done on Thursday. Any comments?

I'll do the same clarification for the second round as I'll do for the second round. Then I'll send you the procedure again, okay? Any comments?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Tijani? I suggest to put us all [inaudible 01:00:03] some kind of flowchart or diagram that we can all follow very easily. That's just a suggestion.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, thank you. We'll do that. Perhaps I'll ask my friend Dev, who's very skilled in doing the flowcharts. Perhaps I'll ask Dev to help me in doing this chart, but I'll correct the text beforehand and send it to you. Dev, if you don't mind, you could do the flowchart. Do you accept that, Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: It'll be a challenge but I'll accept the challenge. I'll help. [laughs]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much Dev. Any other comments? okay, if there is no other comments then we're at the top of the hour, three minutes late. Thank you very much. I think that... Is there any other business, first? No, I don't see any hands. Thank you very much. It was a very productive call. Have a good night, those who are in my region. Have a good day, for the others, and bye-bye.

HEIDI ULLRICH: See you in Singapore, those who are going.

[Goodbyes]

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