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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone. This is the NTIA IANA Function Stewardship Transition, not even the Coordination Group. We're supposed to be selecting people for the Coordination Group, so that title will have to change. Welcome to everybody.

We are the Committee that's going to be selecting people that go on the IANA Function Stewardship Transition Coordination Group, which is quite a mouthful, but at the same time is a very, very important task that's going to take at least a year, if not more than that. We know that the target date for a proposal to be sent to the US Department of Commerce is October 2015.

There are likely to be a lot of face-to-face meetings. There are likely to be a lot of conference calls and also a lot of email discussions, and certainly a lot of input from all of the different parts of ICANN, but also our side of ICANN. The people that we're going to be selecting are real liaisons into the process. It's a bit misunderstood at the moment about what the Coordination Group will do.

Some are saying it won't have any power of decision. Some are saying that it will just be coordinating things, as this name implies. Others are saying that this is where the action will happen, and so we have to be absolutely sure for every opportunity.

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Having spent a few minutes describing this, let's start the call with a roll call and adoption of the Agenda. I think the introduction is what I've just been doing. Gisella, if you could please do the roll call?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you Olivier. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Holly Raiche, Vanda Scartezini, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Glenn McKnight, Murray McKercher, Yrjö Länsipuro, Plamena Popova and Satish Babu. We have apologies from Juan Manuel Rojas and Judith Hellerstein. From staff we have Ariel Liang, Kathy Schnitt, Terri Agnew and myself, Gisella Gruber.

If I can also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. For your information, we are trying to get hold of Fouad Bajwa who is traveling on his way back home. We'll continue trying his line and once we do get through we'll notify you of his attendance. Thank you and over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Gisella. Our Agenda today is just going to be a discussion of the straw poll results and then a deeper discussion of final candidates. Does anyone wish to amend the Agenda in any way? I don't hear anyone. The Agenda is adopted as it is. The other question I was going to ask is did we miss anyone on the call? Is anybody on the call whose name hasn't been called out? No? None. Okay.

Since we're now going to be discussing the straw poll results, which is the poll that all of the people on this Committee have filled out,

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following the discussion that we had... Let me provide a quick intro into what this straw poll was about. Then we'll go in-camera, which effectively means the recording will stop and the meeting will take place behind closed doors. The reason for this is to preserve the privacy of the different applicants.

This Committee is not able to share the details of the applicants that the applicants have sent through, with people outside this Committee. There was no mention in any way of the expression of interest being made public. The straw poll itself, as we call it, we took all of the nominees and on this we asked five different questions.

The five questions that we asked were as follows, that we asked ourselves. The first one was: "Has the candidate got the ability and experience to act as a liaison with the At-Large Community and its IANA Stewardship Transition Working Group?" The At-Large Community is going to have a Stewardship Transition Working Group that will work specifically on these issues, and the person who will be selected will have to act as a liaison.

Number two: "Has that person got a track record of defending end user issues?" Here, as in the first one, maximum of ten points. Scoring from one to ten. Number three, "Has that person got good knowledge about the IANA functions and processes?" It was felt by the group that it was very important for the person to have a good knowledge about the IANA functions and processes, and therefore up to 20 points were to be allocated for this.

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Number four: “Has that person demonstrated written and spoken expression in English, and is therefore able to write meeting reports to At-Large?” That’s for a maximum of ten points. Number five, “Has that person demonstrated experience as a team player?” We’ve found this is going to be quite a large group.

The Coordination Group will have, I think, in excess of 30 people, and so one really needs to be a team player to be able to liaise well and speak with everyone else on this group. Of course, to be a team player as part of the At-Large Team as well.

The second table that we had was a list of all the candidates and our preferences, because scoring the candidates against some criteria is one thing, but there are also additional issues such as the candidate being... Well, the overall [gender classification 07:30], and we also had geographical classification of candidates – bearing in mind that at the moment we have found that the people that have been selected so far to that Coordinating Group are primarily from Western Europe and North America.

There might be something to look at in there. We made our choices according to our own [faults 07:58] and according to the expressions of interest, which have included an actual motivation letter, a quite extensive CV – three pages for some – and have also included some SOI, which effectively provides details of the person who’s [unclear 08:19].

That’s the introduction. That’s what we’ve received so far. We’re now going to go into the discussion for the candidates, and I’ll therefore ask

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for the recording to be stopped and for the call to go in-camera, and of course for any new participants to be vetted, making sure they are in the Selection Committee. Out of camera, sorry.

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GISELLA GRUBER: Olivier, Gisella here. The recording has started again. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Gisella. We have had an hour and fifteen minutes or so of deliberations and discussions, based on the tables that have been shared, that staff had put together from all of the replies and selections that the people on the Committee have made. I can announce that we had a pool of eight candidates that was in the bucket. We've managed to select two candidates from this.

Those are Mohamed El Bashir, and Jean-Jacques Subrenat being the second one. That's of course speaking in alphabetical order of name. These are the two people who are selected by the Selection Committee to be the ALAC's representatives on the IANA Functions Stewardship Transition Coordination Group. With this, I'd like to ask for a round of applause. This was a unanimous decision, and so a round of applause from the Committee? If we could see a virtual round of applause?

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I note, with happiness that I'm seeing, from applause from everyone on the Adobe Connect chat. Well done. It's particularly an important position. The candidates that we had to choose from were very, very good indeed. The pool of candidates was very impressive. We will not be publishing the names of the people that were in the pool of candidates. We'll be respecting their privacy. We are very happy to do this.

Next steps. What's going to happen is that the two glorious, the two selectees are going to be notified of their selection, immediately after this call. Staff will also notify the staff people in charge of the Coordination Group process. They'll also be notifying Constituency Travel. Can I have confirmation on this, from staff? Gisella, Ariel, what happens next on your side?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Sorry, just to check that I did get it right with regards to the names of the two candidates now taking that forward, is that correct? My audio was a little choppy.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

The two candidates that are taking forward, that will be on the Coordination Group, selected by the At-Large, are Mohamed El Bashir and Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

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GISELLA GRUBER: Yes. With regards to getting them sorted for the meeting in London, I'm trying to liaise with Alice Jansen, and now that we have the two names I will also be liaising with Theresa Swineheart to make sure that they're contacted today by Constituency Travel, once the announcement has been made on the list by yourself, I would have thought.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much. The other thing is the confirmation from both of these candidates - and this is a confirmation we've asked before of all candidates – that they will be able to make it to London. They are ready and able to be present at the first meeting in London. Any comments or questions from anyone else on the call?

I'd like to thank this Committee very much for having been able, at very short notice, to mobilize itself. I know it's very soon, quickly after an ICANN Meeting. The reason why we've had to do this process so quickly is because our time has been taken up by the At-Large Summit, and so this somehow fell by the side.

We are one week late in providing the details of the selectees – or just one week and a couple of days late – but we are definitely in time to be able to arrange the travel and send those selectees to London. It's really great to have been able to work with you all. I'm really happy that you're such a group that covers the whole world.

Many of the not-usual suspects as well, I really hope you'll also be able to play also an important role in other Working Groups that we're going to have. Vanda, you have your hand up?

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VANDA SCARTEZINI: No, I'm just applauding.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You applaud with your hands up!

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Glenn is saying that I'm sad about Brazil, with FIFA, but I'm not, because the consequences for losing the game was better for the country than winning the game. I'm not sad.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, we're glad to hear that the consequences were better. You'll have to explain this one to us soon, but...

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes, another time!

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Exactly. I thank everyone for being up, middle of the night, middle of the day, middle of the morning and whatever. I'm not going to take any more of your time. Thanks everybody. I hope to see you again soon on some more At-Large work. This Committee, by the way, has pretty much finished its work now. I also thank those who were not able to

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make it to the call, that were able to provide the discussions and the details that have been on the mailing list.

Finally, just before we close this call, for the record, the mailing list will remain closed. The archives will not be shared. As you know, the part of the chat here that was in-camera will also be deleted before it's shared with anyone else. That's to protect the candidates and the privacy of the candidates. With this, good morning, good afternoon, good evening and good night. Have a great weekend everyone. Thanks! Bye.

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