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BRENDA BREWER: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the NCSG monthly policy call on the 12th of July 2021 at 11:30 UTC.

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Raphael has sent apologies. I will now turn the call over to Tomslin. Thank you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thank you, Brenda. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone, and welcome to this month's NCSG policy call. First I want to apologize that we're having it a little bit earlier than usual. I didn't get a chance to change the meeting date from this week to next week, which would have aligned with the GNSO Council meeting as we usually have it. So apologies for that.

And because of being early, there are some items like the GNSO agenda walkthrough which Tatiana usually does for us, we cannot unfortunately do today because the agenda is not yet published publicly. So Tatiana has offered, kindly sent us an update on the mailing list on the agenda once it's available.

Regarding updates from the Council Action Decision Radar, I must say that is itself not exactly published yet. This month's ADR is not published yet. However, based on the updates I gave last month, I do have some

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changes that have happened since then, and I would like to highlight those.

One of those is the EPDP on internationalized domain names. Last month I mentioned that there was a call for volunteers and we were seeking volunteers to join that. I think the EPDP on IDNs will hold its first meeting soon, and like I promised during ICANN 71, we will in NCSG also have an internal IDN group where the objective would be to share knowledge from the IDN EPDP just so that we can bring some more members up to speed on this topic since we discussed last time that it was an area where we had very few members with the skill or knowledge.

So if you're interested in joining, please send me an e-mail but I will send an e-mail invitation to everyone on the membership mailing list for people to join that group.

The second thing is that there is a webinar tomorrow, Tuesday, on the standardized access disclosure to nonpublic registration data, which is called for short SSAD. The Operational Design Phase which Org had requested or initiated. There is a webinar tomorrow where an update on that process will be given. I'll just share the link on chat for anyone interested. If you haven't registered, you might want to. I highly recommend you register for it.

I think there's also an update on when they expect the Operational Design Assessment will be delivered to ICANN Board, so I think it's an interesting one to attend for members. And I also wanted to call out—or at least mention to guys here—that there was a request for information

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on identity verification methods for SSAD. I think Org wanted to have some sort of—understand what was commercially available in the marketplace regarding that system, how it operates. And I think it's still running, a request for information. So a good one to attend. It's on 13th of July 2021 at 16:00 UTC. So like I said, the link is in chat if you'd like to register so you can attend.

I think that's all I had on the ADR. Like I said, the official Action Decision Radar has not been published yet for this month. But once it's published—and I find that there are some significant changes or things that I'd like to bring to your attention. I'll also send that on the mailing list. Are there any comments? Or if anyone would like to say anything regarding that.

Seeing no hands at the moment, I'll move on to the third agenda item, and that's regarding the NCSG, NCUC and NPOC volunteer representative on the Council committee for overseeing implementing continuous improvement. I wanted the policy committee to have a discussion around this item since those requests went to us, and I did send an e-mail on the list regarding how we should proceed with this item.

There hasn't been any particular response yet from committee members. I wanted to bring this up again during our call, see if anyone has any thoughts if we should—obviously, this is for councilors to represent our stakeholder group and constituencies in the Council committee. So I'd like to hear what your thoughts are as to how we should—no, Bruna, we haven't specifically asked. No one has shown specific interest, let me put it that way, on being in the committee,

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except for, like I mentioned, at least NPOC had proposed that [Juan] represents NPOC. But for NCUC and NCSG, no one has come forward.

So if the Council thinks we should simply just call for volunteers and see who is interested, then still happy with that as well. Just thought I would talk about it in this call because there was no response on the mailing list. So, happy to see if anyone has something to say. Bruna, please.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Thank you, Tomslin. Hello everyone. So about this part, [inaudible], I was wondering that although it's exclusively for our councilors and so on, this should be easier for us to fill the representations because we could just simply ask which of us would be willing to take on this mission. And I know everybody is super overwhelmed and doing a lot of work right now, but yeah, I was just going to see and maybe in the same exercise you're trying to do, which of our councilors wants to represent NCUC and NCSG on this? Because I'm assuming Juan will be the representative for NPOC.

And the case for NCUC representative not being defined yet is because—it sounds a little strange, this subdivision, just to put this on the record because we have always done things at the SG level. So there might be some confusion there. But if there's any of our councilors who also want to take on this part but would like to represent NCUC on that, that would also be good. And yeah, that is that. And just to point out that it's not exclusively a Council decision. I think it's more like a leadership discussion on that. But thank you, Tomslin.

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TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Bruna. That's correct, and that's why I thought we can have a chat about it. Tatiana, please.

TATIANA TROPINA: Hi everyone. Well, just as one of the insiders who was behind drafting of this framework, a few issues of importance. First of all, please, let's have these representatives, because if we miss this change—and this work is not that much, because the first tasks for the group are quite mundane. They're not big, so it's not a lot of work.

However, we the point here is that have representation which is mirroring our representation on the Council. And for the future, we better to preserve this.

My second point is, for example, I would have gladly joined—and we are lucky because I'm the only councilor who is term limited and who is leaving, so we were explicitly asked not to appoint the councilors who are going to be leaving, so I will not be joining this effort unfortunately. But I would say let's try to do this. It's not a lot of work but it preserves our model of representation so we better come up with the names even if some of these names perhaps will do a bit more work or we can coordinate among ourselves.

But the first tasks for the group are not big at all. It's just a pilot to see how it works. So I would say do not be afraid to put your name forward to be voluntold for this. Thank you.

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TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks for the insight, Tatiana. I don't see any other hands. If you'd like to speak, please do let me know. What I've gathered so far is that I'll proceed—unless someone wants to put their foot forward right now, I'll send an e-mail again on the mailing list asking if there is anyone who liked to volunteer for this, and we see how it goes. We have up to 31st, I believe, of this month, so I think we have only about two weeks if I'm not mistaken left to get this sorted. Bruna, yes, please.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thanks again, Tomslin. Does this position require any sort of reporting to the constituencies and stakeholder group that these councilors would be representing on the Council? Because it should be really easy for us to fill this spot. We have six councilors, only three slots. I'm assuming that neither Tomslin or Tatiana should be up for this. But we have other four councilors who could be joining these positions and helping. But my question is whether, let's say if [inaudible] volunteers to be the NCUC representative, would he be required to report the discussions to NCUC and have some level of continuous work with Raphael and Benjamin for next year?

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Bruna, for the question. In my opinion, I think that's the case. I know that the call didn't specifically request for this, but I'd imagine that it makes sense for the volunteer to report back to the constituency they're representing. And that's just my reading of the role. I might be mistaken as well. Tatiana, maybe you want to give us a bit more insight what is expected.

TATIANA TROPINA:

The expectations are of course that they are going to represent us and coordinate with stakeholder groups and constituencies, just for the reason because this was all about coordination between SGs and Cs and the Council. But then again, I think that this is a very important question, but the tasks are light so we basically have a chance to test the communication channels, we basically have a chance to test the framework itself. So I would say let's treat it as a point for improvement even for ourselves, how we councilors are communicating with the stakeholder group and constituencies. I think it might be [inaudible] and for us also to build these channels, because sometimes it all seems a bit patchwork and we all know this, between the Council and stakeholder groups and constituencies. Bruna, I don't know if I've answered your question.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR:

All right, I don't see any other hand up. We'll proceed like we've agreed, I'll ask councilors on the mailing list, the policy mailing list, and see who'd be glad to. Hopefully, many will come forward to volunteer for this. I'll move to the next agenda item, which are the policy updates.

The first one is the review of transfer policy PDP, and I believe members saw the request for early input that came through to the group, and I shared that on the mailing list two weeks ago if I'm not mistaken, or early last week. I think that's where they are now. They're expecting early input in the event that we have any to submit. I did share that on the list. I haven't received any response surrounding that, so if we have

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any early input to submit, please let me know. Also remember that we do have members who are members on the working group as well. So like the request mentioned, it's a bit—I forgot the word now, but it's probably not absolutely necessary. But yes, the request is out there.

For EPDP phase 2A, the public comment period for the initial report for phase 2A is still open. We had Stephanie and Manju volunteer to draft that for us. I'm sure we'll get something from them this week regarding that, since it closes on the 19th of July. I see Manju on the call. I don't know whether she would like to comment about that. Manju, would you? Sorry to put you on the spot.

MANJU CHEN:

Yes, we're working on it, because kind of we all were quite busy last two weeks, but yeah, I started today. And because we have to do the Google form and also we want to write a statement too. So aside from the Google form that the public comments will request—not request, they allow people to provide feedback via the Google form but we also would like to have a statement of how we think about the whole report and the process. So we have to do kind of double thing. So it's going to take a bit more time. But hopefully, we can get it done, and of course, we would want NCSG to have some time to review our comments. Thanks.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR:

Thank you, Manju. We will look forward to it. I see Peter's hand up. Please, Peter.



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PETER AKINREMI: Thank you, Tomslin, and hi everyone. I would like to speak on that review of transfer policy PDP. Like you earlier said, we had received a call for input, and like I've shared on the PC, do we have NCSG previous position on that? And we're yet to hear back from [inaudible] on that for us to be able to know where to tackle this from, because when we're looking at the transfer policies actually at the call of NCSG objective and we need to actually put forward our comment, because if you're looking at the [registrant] side of all the things, when they're transferring a domain, then we need to actually come forward with a position statement. I guess Wisdom and—what's her name? The other [inaudible], they can lead that process—

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Farzaneh.

PETER AKINREMI: Yes, [inaudible] the process and if anybody wants to join the drafting, then we can proceed on that. I'd be happy to step in as well to look at areas where we can have position on that. And anybody that has indepth experience in that area and in the area of or the position of NCSG, they can step forward. That's just my contribution. Thanks.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Peter. So if I understand well, you would like to start a conversation and invite members to join and participate regarding the input. Is that correct?

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PETER AKINREMI: Yes, you're right. Actually, another thing that I raised was Stephanie said [inaudible] actually has something concerning the transfer of the auth code identification. We're still not hearing from [inaudible] on that. So if it's something that we can get back from her so that we know where to tackle it from and our previous position of NCSG in that regard.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: All right. I know there was a thread already started, so maybe you can follow up with that thread that was already started on the list and expand it to the rest. Yes, Bruna, that's exactly the hope. Maybe, Peter, please, you could expand based, as Bruna suggested, on the discussion on the list. Just checking if there is any other hand up on this item. Seeing no one else.

Peter, while you're here, I'll just briefly give an introduction on our third policy topic and I'll hand it over to you as the chair of that taskforce to take over and introduce it to the rest. Basically, if not everyone is on that mailing list, like Raphael mentioned he's not, there is a DNS abuse taskforce, an NCSG one where we hope to outline some NCSG definitions on DNS abuse and look at other things like our interaction with other stakeholders and also hopefully respond to the whitepaper that Registrar Stakeholder Group has issued.

Peter is the chair of the taskforce, so I'll hand over to Peter to please tell us where we're at and what the plans are for the taskforce. Peter, please.

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PETER AKINREMI:

Thanks so much, Tomslin. For the NCSG DNS abuse, we already have a mailing list created, and we have volunteers already in the group. Currently, we want to have a call to discuss NCSG position on DNS abuse before we actually go ahead and meet with Registrar Stakeholder Group for the meetings they're inviting us to. But we want to have our thoughts harmonized for us to know where we are and what we want to talk about.

Bruna actually started a thread on the mailing list which I responded to. We're looking for volunteers, people that are interested so that we can have a call to discuss our position on DNS abuse so we can better defend our interest with stakeholder group and look at the whitepaper and contribute to that. But currently, we're hoping we can get a call to discuss the issue of DNS abuse as related to our core objective and the good and bad that we've seen in the ICANN environment. So basically, that's where we are on the DNS abuse, but still, we need member to step forward and agree whether we need to have a call before 27th of this month that we need to meet with stakeholder group. So that's where we are basically. I guess, Bruna, if you want to chip in something here.

BRUNA SANTOS:

I do. Thank you, Akinremi. Just to mention that this is not an initiative that has just started. A few months ago, back in the first ICANN meeting of 2021, we have received the same invitation for a meeting with the Contracted Parties House and not just the Registrar Stakeholder Group, and their idea was to establish this channel of communication and

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cooperation with the NCSG and then the CPH for us to further discuss DNS abuse topics.

So first thing, it hasn't just started, it's been going on for a while. We did have a first call to this taskforce. We did have a first call in which we agreed that what was needed for us in the beginning was to map what were the definitions of DNS abuse that were traveling around this community. I know ALAC has one. I know the Registrar Stakeholder Group has adopted one. And we know that the I&J network definition is kind of the majority position. But we also never follow through on the mapping of positions just so we can discuss ours.

And the second thing that I wanted to highlight is that with regards to the registrar paper, the stakeholder group paper, I don't think we have no longer time for that, because what they did was just send this paper only to NCUC, and they apologize for not getting this to me and to us, but the deadline for providing answers was last Thursday as I pointed out on the mailing list.

So in case we really want to take this forward and continue reviewing this paper just like Farzaneh started, please let me know just so I can point out to the chair of the Registrar Stakeholder Group and then we can ask for an extra deadline for us to further review that given that we did not receive the paper straight ahead.

But with regards to the agenda, I think we need to be a little more humble with the discussions, because as I said, we do not have our own definitions. Our discussions have been not yet done at the stakeholder level, so maybe we need a second call for this taskforce for us to read

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through the mapped definitions and read through the different initiatives around this community about DNS abuse and then start brainstorming a position and ideas for what NCSG should be saying about that.

And when I say we should be humble or at least more mission-oriented, it's just that I don't want us to have a second call in which we list a lot of ideas but then do not follow through with them. So that's just my concern. And Keith offered us a call on the 27th, but I honestly don't think we are apt for a call on the 27th given that we did not schedule the taskforce call. So what I'm going to do is ask Keith if we can take this conversation towards the first week of August just so we can schedule the first call and then have a conversation on that with a lot of calm, because I also know everybody is doing a lot of work at the same time. So that'll be it from me. Thank you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thank you, Bruna. Thanks, Peter. Does anyone have any comment on this? Peter, please go ahead.

PETER AKINREMI: Thank you so much, Tomslin. What I just wanted to chip in is just to let [the house know] that we've actually come up with a draft call agenda that you can actually look at and [inaudible] document to help us get the outcome we desire. So I don't know, let me check so that I can share that agenda. We can all be on the same page of what we're trying to push for [inaudible]. Thanks.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Peter. I don't see any other hands up. I see Bruna's now.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yeah, just one quick comment. Thank you, Tomslin. Just that I have sent your agenda, Akinremi, to the mailing list, and what I was proposing is that we cut down a little bit from that agenda because it goes a little bit all over the place. And maybe before we can get to that level of agenda, we could have a first initial discussion on DNS abuse and our thoughts and ideas, and we can make sure that this is an agenda slot that allows Tatiana to be in since she has been working with that as well and also allows people like Farzaneh and Rafik to be in just so they can join the conversation. But then I still think there should be a smaller agenda for the next call instead of what has been proposed.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Bruna. Ephraim, I see your hand. I'll just make a quick comment, or rather ask a question just before I give the floor to Bruna and Peter. How do members join the list again? Is it that they have to send an e-mail to you, Bruna? I'm just checking.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, Tomslin, they should, either myself or Brenda and Maryam, and then they would be happy to include everybody on that. I think Akinremi can send a new e-mail to the broader membership list reminding everybody that we are restarting the work and then we're going back to

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discussing DNS abuse and everybody will be pretty much welcome to the mailing list.

But yeah, anyone can just e-mail myself or Brenda or Maryam.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks. That'll be helpful to send on the mailing list again just to remind members on how to join the group. Ephraim, please.

EMPHRAIM KENYANITO: I just wanted to echo what Bruna said, and it's also to highlight something that June who's our fellow here that commenting, sent to the list a blog post that we shared right before ICANN 71 about DNS abuse and freedom of expression and information. So that's something which maybe we can look at much further also as we start this conversation. I just wanted to reup that blog because it took a lot of research and it also maps out some of the positions that had been taken over the years and the history behind this and the human rights implication for this. Looking forward to this conversation further, and just supporting what Bruna said about the agenda. Thank you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thank you, Ephraim. Would anyone else like to make a comment or ask any question? Seeing no hands. All right, we'll move forward with the agenda then. I guess on the last agenda item, I'll check with Bruna first if there are any administrative matters she'd like to bring to our attention. Yes, please go ahead.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Sure. And apologies for taking up too much of today's call, but just to call your attention to the mailing list. So Farzaneh sent us some comments about the last ABR, and although it's not necessarily a policy issue, but I do think that it's good for us to be up and attentive around that.

I do think we can work a little bit more in improving our ABRs and applications and how we shape the actual courses and things like that. So there is an ongoing thread between myself and Farzaneh with comment on that. So if you guys can take a look at that, because I think it does list a few of the situations both [inaudible] and myself went through over this past year and how maybe we should also try to provide ICANN staff some feedback on the ABR process, because it can be really helpful and can improve our relationship with staff. So just bringing this to your attention, Tomslin.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR:

Thank you, Bruna. I must admit I, like you said, haven't paid much attention to the ABR mail you mentioned. So, thanks. I'll have a look. And I believe other members will as well. Unless there is any other business, that's what I had for today. I'm just wondering whether members of the committee have anything else they'd like to add today.

Okay, so that's all we had for today, but I'd just like to mention that I will be—just to reiterate with councilors who are on this call that we do require volunteers for the representative on the Council committee for overseeing and implementing continuous improvements. I'll be sending



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a follow-up e-mail regarding that so that volunteers can come forward. We need two more. We have one at this time, so we need two more.

And that's it from me. Just want to thank you all for coming today. Even though it's a week earlier than we usually have it, we'll make it align better next month with the Council meeting. Thank you all for coming. See you.

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