ANDREA GLANDON: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the NCSG Policy Meeting being held on Monday, the 17th of April, 2023 at 11:30 UTC. Attendance will be taken by the Zoom room. I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for recording purposes and to please keep your phones and microphones on mute when not speaking to avoid any background noise. As a reminder, those who take part in ICANN multi-stakeholder process are to comply with the expected standards of behavior. And with this, I will turn it over to Tomslin, you may begin.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Andrea, and welcome everyone to this month's meeting. Thanks for the agenda, Andrea. So our agenda for today's meeting appears short, but not exactly, because we will be looking at the council agenda. I think that is a little bit packed. Then we'll look at some updates on some things we need to cater for in terms of responding to some requests. So we'll move straight on to our agenda item number two, which is the review of policy meeting. Sorry, the council meeting's agenda.

The council meeting will be on Thursday. As usual, we usually review the agenda of that meeting during our policy meeting on the same week. So as you will see from what Brenda has put on the screen, there are a number of items on the consent agenda.

So the first item on the consent agenda is the review of the GAC communiqué, which the council basically is responding to the communiqué that GAC put out of ICANN76, the Cancun meeting. And as the council usually does, it only responds to items on that communiqué that are related to policy. And the council really basically only, if necessary, points to whatever policy has been developed and reiterates those. Or sometimes, if necessary, corrects if there was misinterpretation of something. So that response will be from the council. There was a small team put together to develop a response and that will be adopted in that meeting.

The second item on the consent agenda is the fact that the council will be agreeing to defer the work on the expired domain deletion policy and expired registration recovery policy. And there are two policy work items that are actually to be deferred. The second is work on the rights protection mechanism, Phase 2, that will also be deferred for 18 months. And as you can see on the physically, the 18 months will begin in April. We've discussed these two items in the last two meetings we've had. So there is really nothing new there, except for the fact that the council, there is a motion to defer those two now and the council will be adopting those, assuming that there are no, the vote passes, that is.

Then the final item on the consent agenda will be the adoption of the customer standing committee effective review report as well.

This is usually a two-council effort, both the GNSO and the ccNSO. So the GNSO will be adopting this report. I'll stop there to see if there are any comments or questions on this, on the consent agenda. If not, happy to continue reviewing what's coming up.

Item number four, it's the accuracy results of the scoping team self-assessment survey. And this update will be given based on the self-assessment of this working group. We'll be receiving an update from staff and the council will have to see if there are anything or items to learn from this survey or if there are any concerns that need to be addressed.

I know that the CCOICI actually, we're working on updating, reviewing the self-assessment toolkit. This is one of the first groups that will be using those new proposals or recommendations in the self-assessment. From the questionnaire perspective of course, not from the frequency because this is already at the end of that group's work. I'll stop there to see if there are any concerns. I don't believe Manju is joining the call today to comment on how the work of the team she participates in affects this. But if there are no other questions, if there are no questions rather, we can move to item number five.

I know that there is significant amount of interest on this particular topic. If the team or group remembers, the board sent to the council some items or their way forward on the recommendations, on the SubPro recommendations. During the

ICANN meeting in Cancun and there were some items they mentioned they will not approve. Those they had promised to approve I believe are already approved and the IRT is already underway. Plans to be underway already in May. For those items that they didn't approve, the council formed a small team to look at how the council might help if it can and how it might help.

Looking at the concerns the board had for various items on that document, there were some options that were available for the council, for the small team specifically actually to respond. One of those was either to affirm the recommendations already in the report or those were to potentially modify the recommendations where necessary. The other thing available for this or proposal available for the small team was to start a GGP process for example to modify or provide supplementary recommendations. The small team's work is still in progress. There is no report yet from the small team back to the council. The small team is meeting today Monday. I assume everyone is on Monday already.

They hope to have something substantial to present during the council meeting on Thursday but as it stands the report is not yet available. That is all I can really say to that at this stage. Kathy, yes, we are. Brunner, Stephanie and myself were on the team. But personally, I have been travelling for the last three weeks so I have missed significantly most of the meetings. But Brunner and

Stephanie are also in the team. So yes, we are covered to answer your question, Kathy.

I know that a couple of people would love to get a much more substantial update in terms of report from the small team but that is not out yet. We will probably be able to give that information after Thursday meeting or once the small team submits its report, if it does before Thursday that is. I don't know if there are any other questions on this. Yes, Kathy, please go ahead.

KATHY KLEIMAN: Hi, Tomslin. Thanks so much for this. One of the issues I think is applicant support. So I wanted to raise it. There was a recommendation from the SubPro working group that we provide those deserving of applicant support. However, that definition is finally created. We don't have it but we pretty much know it is there. We have a good idea.

Provide support not only for reduction application fee, which is estimated to be about $240,000 in the upcoming round, but also provided some what I would call in kind support. Support of the legal support, consulting support. It takes a lot of work to write a new GTLD application. It was a debated, worked out recommendation of the SubPro working group that this additional type of support be provided and the board has rejected it. It is

something I think we raised briefly in our meeting in Cancun with the board. I think we need to push this one.

There are ways to structure this type of support without the board viewing itself as being in a conflict of interest. There are lots and lots of ways to do this. It has been done many, many times in lots of other types of settings. I just wanted to flag this. This one is really important as are everything that the board has questioned from SubPro. If you guys need some help, I am happy to help you with whatever is happening on here because I am concerned that some recommendations we really worked hard to get may go by the wayside if we don't push them. Thanks.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Kathy. Yes, I think like you said, that is pretty important for us, the applicant support one. Those conversations, even in the GGP, the applicant support GGP are also still heated as well. I know that Rafik is here today and he might be able to provide us some update from that front as well. Yes, we will certainly be able to come to you for any additional help that we need on that. Thanks.

Just checking if there are any other questions on that. I don't see any other. Yes, I don't see any other question. We'll move on to the next item then, which is an update from the EPDP Phase 2 small team. This is the one where Stephanie is also a member of.

Yes, the council will be receiving an update from the small team basically.

I don't have anything else to add on this. We've been talking about, I think we've talked about the Phase 2 small team. That the ICANN org is currently working on a system now based on recommendations from the small team. We'll be listening from the small team about what they think about the progress of this system and whether there is anything else the council should be looking into or other strategies to look at post system development, how the council might approach it. I don't know if there are any questions on that. Noted, Kathy.

The voluntary commitments is another one definitely that we have to look into or flag as a very important one. Then next steps on Closed Genericss from the next agenda item on the council agenda. I'm not sure if we'll be getting an update in terms of next steps. We had a very detailed discussion in Cancun about this, but I'm not sure whether Kathy, you'll be able to tell us whether there is something significantly additional that we should be expecting in terms of from the council rep to the team. Kathy, over to you.

KATHY KLEIMAN: I think your council rep is John McElwain, who's the liaison from the council. I think he's also vice chair of the council to the Closed Generics small team. I think he'll tell you we're just trying to plow

through, trying to finish up. We hope to have something up for public comment actually by the end of the month. Wish us luck getting there. We appreciated the input that we got in Cancun. We're trying to work out the last pieces of it and get everything out for public comment. We're not writing the policy. We're just writing a framework. I don't think you'll hear anything too surprising from him, but thanks for asking.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Kathy. We'll move on to the next item then, which is next steps on DNS abuse. Now, this is another one where I don't believe there is any significantly new information from what we discussed in Cancun, but in a nutshell, the DNS abuse small team had received inputs from a couple of groups. After it released a report, they did make some requests to the Contracted Party House that they should consider improving from a contractual standpoint, the DNS abuse enforcement basically.

The small team asked for some clarity in the contractual language, especially around what is expected of them from ICANN compliance. The Contracted Party House did respond to the small team and to the council that they are engaging ICANN org in some contractual negotiations and that they did promise that the language of such a negotiation will also be released for public comment as well.

In addition to that, there was a question again regarding bulk registration from the small team asking if they have concerns with bulk registrations in general, as it relates to its contribution to DNS abuse and the response back to the council was that they don't believe that's a problem. So the rest of the council will be receiving updates from the small team again, around some of this communication that has come back to the small team. I don't know if there are any, I'll pause there to see if there are any questions or comments on that. We'll continue then. I don't see any questions. Now, I think we moved to any other business.

ANDREA GLANDON: Tomslin, Kathy has her hand up now.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Oh, I see Kathy hands now.

KATHY KLEIMAN: Now that Stephanie's joined, can we circle back to the WHOIS issue, the EPDP on that? I'd love to hear what's going on.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Sorry, Kathy, on what? The Phase 2?

KATHY KLEIMAN: Yes. Thank you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Hi, Steph, if you're following or listening, Kathy, we would like to have any update. What basically, what we should expect from the update of the small team, if there is anything you would like to tell us.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Yes, hi, profuse apologies for being late. I'm pretty good at turning my alarm off. Anyway, unfortunately I missed the last meeting last week. I don't think it was particularly successful from what I can see on the traffic, but I haven't had time to listen to it yet. So I can't tell you what happened basically. I mean the success criteria for this thing, I was kind of going, aren't the successful criteria that we come up with something that complies with the law and apparently not, no, the success criteria were basically how much are we going to count? What kind of traffic are we getting and gathering?

Some stakeholders didn't want the number of people that use the system to be considered a success criteria because they're not sure they're going to use the system. So it was very inconclusive the last time I tuned in. So I will check the recording and get back to you on the list as to what's going on. Sorry about that.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Stephanie. Esther, I see a question from you on chat regarding a trademark issue. I'm not sure which one you're referring to. Would you like to explain which trademark issue you're referring to that we should talk more about?

So if I understand you're referring to the SubPro small team SWG. If that's the one then, yes, we'll have more information once the small team completes its work and has a report.

Sorry, we'll move on then to, I think the last item on the agenda of the council agenda that is any other business. And the first item there is something that we've been discussing on the council mailing list. The idea of there's a proposal to have a day zero to discuss a little bit more as the whole council about the SubPro items that are pending the board's approval so that we can move a bit faster. And I think the feeling is the council is that we shouldn't be the one slowing the SubPro work. So there is a proposal to meet on day zero in DC. So we will meet a day earlier than the rest in DC.

The second item is basically general ICANN77 planning. And then last on any other business will be the appointment of the council liaison to the SubPro Implementation Review Team, the IRT that is, there is a request for volunteers. I think I sent that last week, a request for volunteers to -- we need two volunteers, a primary

and an alternate because the IRT, the SubPro IRT will be both a representative and the general model.

So everyone is free to join the IRT to participate, but in order to, there was a request from staff that in order to hasten decision-making where consensus is required, then some members should be appointed by the different stakeholders and constituencies to represent them. And so these members of the IRT will be required to go back to their groups and get formal group positions basically. So we do have that call out. Please, if you do have time and are interested in the SubPro issues, please volunteer to represent.

So like Andrea's put on chat, the representative will speak for their groups while the rest of the participants will speak for themselves. So even if you are not a representative, that is neither of the two we wish to appoint to the IRT, you are still allowed and can be a member of the IRT. The only difference is that you speak for yourself, you have equal footing as everyone else in the IRT. The representatives simply are required to speak for the groups that have been appointed.

Kathy, good question. I don't believe so. However, so Kathy is asking if we still plan to have three parallel streams within the IRT. I did raise a concern about that and said, and proposed during our meeting in Cancun that we should have at most two issues or streams in parallel. We haven't discussed it again, but that's

where we left it at. So that is the council agenda, and this includes council members or representatives of different teams or working groups that have, who may have input to any of these items we've looked at in the council agenda. You can please raise your hand and provide that additional input or context if there is any.

We'll proceed then to, back to our main agenda, which on this, our third agenda item is, I wanted to bring your attention to the request for early input on the GNSO transfer policy review. I did send what Juan Manuel had put together. He is our representative to that team and he put together a couple of items as our early input to that request. I don't know if this has been reviewed by the wider team, but the deadline for submission, which if it was extended, it's tomorrow. So I will be submitting this tomorrow if I don't get any additional input as it is.

But thanks, Andrea, for putting the link in chat. So you could have a look there. And I think inputs can still be put from the next six hours or so before I start compiling the document to submit. The other item I would like to bring, I think that was the SubPro IRT representative and alternate, which I've already spoken to, that's still open.

And in any other business, Emmanuel sends his apologies, but he asked me to inform the team that the final report for the IDNs EPDP Phase 1 has been approved to be published for comments. So that will be going up anytime now. And once it's published, I'll

be sending that request for volunteers to, will on 24th of April. Thanks, Andrea.

So it will be published on the 24th of April. And at the time, I'll send a request for volunteers to draft our comment to it, if any. Yes, that's all I had. I don't know if anyone has any other business to add to this. Julf sent his apologies, so he cannot talk about any administrative items today, but I guess he'll bring those to the mailing list, like the election's timeline and stuff that he's already shared. So it's open now for any comments or item folks would like to discuss. If no hands. Stephanie, you go, please.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Apologies if I missed this, Stephanie Perrin, for the record. I just wondered, is there any news on the Washington meeting other than it sounds like the council is going to be dragged in a day early, making it a longer meeting.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: There's no other additional information that I know of, at least. And since it's the first time it's on our agenda in the AOB, so I'm guessing staff will be giving us additional information on Thursday.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Not that I'm anxious to start travel planning, but this is later than it has been recently to start harassing us about traveling and

logging in and registering and all that kind of stuff. Just wondered, thank you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: No, thanks. Well, I think the deadline to submit the travelers was early, if I remember well, but that's all I know about, unless Andrea has more to share.

ANDREA GLANDON: Hi, Tomslin. No, unfortunately, I do not have more to share. I do know that the registration is open, but of course, for supported travelers, we don't want you to register yet. I have been told that travel support is working furiously to get the information and everything they need together to start reaching out to supported travelers. So they asked us for us to be patient.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thanks, Andrea, that's helpful. I'm always afraid I missed something.

ANDREA GLANDON: No, I won't let you miss anything, Stephanie, don't worry. You're welcome.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thanks, Andrea. Ken, you're next.

KEN HERMAN: Yes, thanks, Tomslin, Ken Herman for the record. Quick point from me, many of you might've heard that we have a CROP application position available for North America. Stephanie's mention of it reminded me that I should point it out here. If people in the North America region know anybody who would be beneficial for the travel that CROP offers, then please let us know straight away because the deadline is coming for the travel planning and we're not really getting very many applications. So thanks so much.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: Thank you, Ken. And I don't see any other hands. Thank you all. I'll give you back some minutes. See you on Thursday, if not next month. Thanks, see you, bye.

ANDREA GLANDON: Thank you, this concludes today's conference. Please remember to disconnect all lines and have a wonderful rest of your day. Thanks, Tomslin, bye all.