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Farzaneh Badii: So thank you everyone for attending. This is Farzaneh Badii speaking. We are going to - although we don't have Robin and Gangadhar, we are going to - has the recording started?

Coordinator: Recording has started.

Maryam Bakoshi: Just one second. Thank you

Farzaneh Badii: Okay, thank you. So they have not joined us, but we are going to continue with this meeting because it is impossible to unfortunately coordinate another one anytime soon. So we are going to make a couple of decisions. And I just wanted to tell you about, as the NCSG chair, this is our first meeting with the EC, how I'm going to work.

What we are going to do is that the - I have been asking around how the decision making at NCSG executive committee works and they say it is by consensus. However, if there are no objections to a decision that is announced well beforehand and has been given a deadline, then that decision can become

binding. But if there are any objections to a decision by the EC, that has to be solved.

And I just wanted to tell you that I would like to abide by deadlines. I want to give notices to ICANN staff about like various things, like the travel requests, like whenever they ask us for something and give us a deadline, I would like to abide by that.

So if there is silence on the mailing list, on the executive committee mailing list, if I do not receive a response by the certain deadline, then I'm going to announce the decision and I'm going to act accordingly. And so that's about that.

And for the membership applications, we are going to all go through them one by one, not during the meeting because I prefer to use the time that we have for like discussing with you the important things that we need to do to make NCSG better and more effective.

So now, what we need to do is to discuss the membership applications that were problematic. Maryam, did you share the - can we have access - maybe you can share the link on our Skype Channel to the membership applications. All right, great. Okay. Yes. So you also have - okay.

So there are like some pending. So okay. So I can see the organizations. There were a couple of organizations that had - we had some doubts. One is in India Internet Foundation. And then - so the India Internet Foundation, I believe it is a combination of IXP and. ISP. So it is better if we ask them how they're structured.

So Maryam, if you could put India Internet Foundation into the pending list

and also with a note that we reach out to them and ask them how they are funded and who their members are. Then we go to Caleb. As I have noted, for Caleb, Caleb has put public policy school. Where is Caleb from? This public policy goes from Nigeria I believe.

Okay. So he's put the whole public policy school as the organization, and I'm not very sure if the public - if he's representing public policy school or he just belongs to the public policy school. So that is why I think we should also reach out to him and ask if he really has permission to be representing the public policy schooling, whatever in Nigeria.

So the other application is from (Mohebola). Robin has said that his link doesn't work. I know (Mohebola) personally. I met him in Abu Dhabi. He has a technical background and there was no problem with funding or how - you know, we knew that it had - he had like a technical role in this organization.

But again we could ask him for a link and I suggest that as soon as he provides us with a link to the organization, we just approve him. Everyone agrees with that? Okay. Looks like you do. Okay.

So for Lea Hernandez, Robin has made a good point that she just - that Lea has to decide whether she wants to be an organizational member, or whether she wants to be an individual member. Maryam, can we make a note of this and reach out to her? And of course after she tells us, the n e can approve her.

For Mubashir - okay. So Information Security Association. Robin is saying that this is a professional organization funded by business, not approved. I have to reach out to Robin about this. I'm not sure. Yes, so being funded by business. I don't see the exact problem with this.

So well, it's an information security organization. It is not necessarily not-for-profit. Maryam, if they're like for - so that she can be an individual member, then her organization, yes, you could. You could do that, but we have these cases, but I prefer that they just represent their organization. I don't know what others think.

So this is actually a business organization. It is true. So Robin is right there that this is like - I'm talking about the PISA in Pakistan. And we can just add Mubashir to become an individual member, Maryam and tell that this - like this looks like a business organization. It's not not-for-profit. Everyone agrees with that? I don't see any reactions. We're talking about the PISA here. Right.

Okay. Let's go to the - I just ask Mubashir to be an individual member and not his organization because it's not not-for-profit. Right. Pacific Community, Andrew - I have asked Andrew to become an individual member and not with the government organization. So Maryam, if we can note that as well, then that's fine.

We haven't decided on the Blockchain Technology Corporation, and Robin hasn't said anything in that form. We can just postpone decision until our next meeting for that organization, because I think we need to also like look at how they get funded and if they're not-for-profit or not, if it's a corporation. I don't know. Corporations can be not-for-profit, but.

All right. And where do we find the individual members, Robin? Sorry, Maryam.

Maryam Bakoshi: In the form itself.

Farzaneh Badii: All right. Right. Okay. Of course.

Maryam Bakoshi: We have a pending application in the second tab where we have the same document or the Google Doc. So there's a pending application there.

Farzaneh Badii: Right. Yes. So why is there pending then? Okay, yes. So I can see Raoul is making the point that the Information Security Association of Pakistan is a not-for-profit organization. So I don't know what Robin's comment comes from, where it's coming from. They're like getting money from business.

Let's ask Robin. Let's discuss this with Robin on the mailing list. I don't know why the other ones are pending, Maryam to be honest.

Maryam Bakoshi: So we asked them for the information and they haven't replied. So normally after one month we reject the application when they don't reply. So every other one can be rejected and then how can be reviewed.

Farzaneh Badii: Well, let's just keep them pending until they apply - and they reply. If they don't reply, then well, they're going to be pending forever.

Maryam Bakoshi: Okay, cool.

Farzaneh Badii: We don't have to just, you know, outright say you're gone, unless the charger says otherwise. Do you agree with me EC members? Okay. Well, somehow I can - okay. I don't think that PISA would have a problem just joining - Mubashir would not have a problem just joining as an individual. If we have concerns, we can tell him and then tell him, either join as an individual or just clear these concerns that we have. So I don't think we need to spend more time on this.

Let's go to the individual numbers. So which individual members did we - were problematic, individual applicants? I just have to bring this up because I thought this was - okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: Farzaneh, we have for John Costa.

Farzaneh Badii: Oh yes, exactly. Yes. So Fortier. So I flagged this because I know Fortier. He's been at (Eurodeck) a lot and representing the government of Albania if I'm not mistaken. And so we don't need to have a strict rule that if they work for the governments, they cannot become NCSG members.

But the problem is that Fortier actually works in a sector of the government that works directly with internet governance. So I have concerns that Fortier becomes a member of NCSG and then his government decides to get involved with GAC. I'm not very sure about this.

So I just thought I'm going to give you this background. And what we could do is to ask Fortier whether he's representing GAC or whether his government is - the sector - the section he's working with is directly involved with internet governance thing.

We could ask this. Also I can talk to Renata. I think Renata referred him and see - and clarify that. Maryam, if you could put that note and I hope the EC members agree with me. Okay.

So the other ones, I think they are fine, right? I don't see any other person who is problematic here.

Maryam Bakoshi: We have Katharina (unintelligible). And there is - Robin made a note there.

Farzaneh Badii: Robin. Where did she make a note? Sorry. What was the name? If you put it in chat also, Maryam, I'll read the chat. Katharina. Okay. Well, it seems like Robin once more mentioned. Yes. That is - yes. It's not clear who she is. We could get more information, like how she found out about ICANN. So if you could put just one note there that we reach out to her and ask her for more information.

Okay. So otherwise, I think the rest of the members are approved, applications, right? Okay. I don't see any problem. Yes. There's a guy called - okay. Joel Dobson. Okay. So also Raoul doesn't know Joel Dobson. His website doesn't work. Okay. And okay. Well, that - Raoul has a point. I think we should also reach out to this guy, Joel Dobson. Can you please a note, Maryam?

Right. Let me see. Roli Mahajan. Okay. Yes. Well, Roli Mahajan is like - true, he doesn't have any reference. Let me see. You want to ask for more information from Roli Mahajan, Gangadhar?

Gangadhar Panday: Yes.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes? Okay.

Gangadhar Panday: Because of the information not enough to take election.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay, sure. Maryam, if you could put a note on reaching out to this applicant as well. Okay. So Joel Dobson and Roli Mahajan, Maryam. Anyone else? Okay. Yes. Katharina, also Robin pointed this out. So we noted that we

should also reach out to Katharina. Anyone else? I don't see anyone. I thought so.

Yes. We also noted that whether Lea wants to be just a representative of the organization or an individual member. I suggested that she just pick between the two and Maryam will reach out to them. So we've discussed this. And who else? What else? I think we are kind of done.

Gangadhar Panday: Great.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay, good. Right then. Let's go to the next agenda item. Okay. So let's go to the NCSG additional budget request. I wanted to tell you about this budget request. So as you know, every year, every financial year, the ICANN announces a period of time that you can file budget requests based on your stakeholder group, your constituency needs.

And many of these requests can get rejected, but if we come up with something clever, they might consider funding us. Most of the time, what we do is that we apply for internet governance forum travel slots. Well, we did that at NCUC level, but we can redo it at NCSG level as well.

And also like a couple of other ideas that I have come up with. One is that I9 want to - I have to develop this further, but since the deadline is 31st of January, I'm probably going to write it over the weekend and just pass it through the NCSG EC.

But just let me know if you have like good ideas for like funding and kind of funding requests. What do you want to be funded? And I can give you my opinion about it, and we can see if - we can file it. But my idea was that - one of my ideas was to ask for funding to convene because one of our goals for

this year at NCSG is in reach, reaching out to prominent organizations that we have as members, get them more active, or at least tell them what exactly we do, where we are we at with our processes, where ICANN is at.

So I thought maybe we ask for funding to hold these like internals seminars in various regions around the world and just invite the organizational members, and individuals of course can also attend and tell them what we do, how they can get involved and stuff like that. And so I thought that would be one. Gangadhar, you can - your hand is up. Please go ahead.

Gangadhar Panday: Yes. What action? We are talking about the application of (Ana Hu). I'm just going back to that because I didn't want to interrupt. (Ana Hu).

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. Looks like a legitimate application to me. I mean she's quite like elaborate on why she wants to get involved. And it seems like she's in Auckland University. She has a university email. So all these other applications that no one has raised any concerns are approved.

We are just going to - Maryam is going to kindly just send an email to the list and say this so that because - so that Robin knows and then we're going to announce the members. So if you - if there's any problem with anyone else, you need to say it in this meeting.

But with Ana, I believe Ana is quite legitimate.

Gangadhar Panday: That's okay. I thought we were going to ask for some more information, but while others feel fine, it's okay for me.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, sure. I mean if you want more information, we can ask for more information just to make sure that they are actually exist and are like, you

know, individuals interested. But yes, can you - Maryam, can you please note down to reach out to Ana Hu? Right.

Okay. So as I was saying, the additional budget request. So I was thinking to have, like, these in reach sessions around the world. And of course convincing ICANN - I'm never hopeful that they're going to be convinced by this, but it would be really good if we can have like these small in reach events.

It's not going to be at constituency level. It's going to be NCSG. But what's going to happen is that it has to be like an equal kind of - both constituency and other members of NCSG should be able to just plan. And Maryam is asking you, Gangadhar, whether -what we need to ask Ana.

Maybe a little bit about her background, if she has a web page or something, Maryam and just generally if this is like a real person. But don't ask her if she's a real person. But okay. So that's one idea. Do you guys have any other ideas that, you know, you think would make sense to - for additional budget requests or not? No, nothing.

So IGS in reach seminars. We could ask for inter again if this inter is successful, but because this one is in May - I'm not sure. But we could ask again for inter. Also because they have separately - also because NCSG doesn't get crop, what we could do is to also ask for like a specific meeting funding.

For example if you think that a certain meeting is really good for internet governance and DNS issues that we can go and do outreach, or even better, in reach in that meeting. Because we don't get crop, they might give us this separate allocation. So what do you think?

For example we could ask for rights gone. I mean I think NCUC is going to ask for rights gone. So I don't know if they're going to buy that. But I will - Maryam, can we jot that down? Yes. Rights gone or like other meetings. We can just - I can just like come up with a list and then we can choose from them so we see instead of inter, where else we can go.

What else - what other ideas? Do you guy - do you have any idea? Sorry. I keep saying - I don't know why I have this Gangadhar word in my mouth, keeps calling you guys. So if you have any ideas, just let me know. Yes. Gangadhar, we've been to a lot of IGS initiatives meetings and they are good for outreach, but, you know, they don't have that vigor and interesting aspect that other specialized rights, digital rights conferences have.

So we could say - we could keep the request general. We could say, we don't get crop, give us something else for like various meetings and not just specifically mention a meeting so that we can - what in reach happened? So Raoul, I want to ask for funding. So no. I want it to be in-person in reach.

And it could be like in ICANN offices. So for example, we could go to Brussels. People who are in Europe could go to Brussels and do in reach. Or in the US, we can go to DC and do in reach there. So I'd like for - but it has to be more elaborate.

But of course a remote in reach is a great idea. If they reject that, we can put that in our agenda that we do remote in reach and use Adobe. Right. Okay. So I think those are our ideas for the additional budget requests. I might come up with a couple of more and then I will just run it through you and then submit it, and also our members. Right.

So agenda number four, item number four, NCSG open session. For this, we have an hour and a half and I was thinking - you saw that there was something on the mailing list about Veni, one of the ICANN staff being appointed to this information. And I think it was like a new line of fake news initiative of European Commission.

We discussed inviting Veni to the NCSG open session. So that's one segment of our meeting. As we get closer to the meeting, it will get clear what we want to do with that open session, what subjects - what topics we want to discuss. But generally, I think it would be very timely to talk a little bit about privacy and what we are doing there and where we are standing there.

And then - and any other idea that you might have for our open - NCSG open session in ICANN Puerto Rico. That would be great. I mean you can just send it to the mailing list on executive committee and then we can discuss it. Right. Since it doesn't look like you guys have a lot of ideas on these agenda items. And, you know, it might be because it's very early in the morning or late at night, but yes.

I'm sorry. I sent these agenda items really late as well, but we can discuss them on the mailing list. Right. NCSG website. Thank you, Monika. You're enjoying my mood. NCSG website. So I was thinking that our ICANN Wiki page is like painfully - shamefully plain and really not interesting.

So I thought we might just get a website, but getting a website needs a lot of work. And although I would love to contribute more to NCSG, I don't think - yes. Like a normal, real nice website. But then a lot of - it's a lot of work. So I don't know if it's a good idea or not. I'm thinking about it.

But if it's - if we can just have a simple website there, have like a couple of updates, a couple of pictures saying join us now, it would be better than - it would be - whatever it would be, would be better than our current ICANN Wiki page. But of course Maryam has to update it and will be in charge of that.

Okay. So it seems like we are in favor of having a website. Raoul, we are not paying anyone here. We are - yes. It's very unfortunate, but otherwise I should have like charged you guys like \$1,000 per hour for being awake at 1:45 a.m. Right. Okay.

So I will talk about like getting a website with Rafik and the NCUC e-team and see what ideas those guys have, because they've been like running the website for a long time. And then we can have NCSG website. Now, the NCSG - the agenda item six, NCS.G and data management system

To be honest, I've been trying to find out what is going on, what's the status of things there. We - apparently we have a company that is working with us to provide the dysfunctional forms. No. Like these like data management, but Maryam cannot talk, but she could have provided some more information.

But I think that - what I'm going to do is that I'm going to talk to the company with Tapani and Maryam next week, and I'm going to get some information about what they are doing exactly for us, how much they're getting paid, how much they've been paid, what are they getting paid for. So I need something. I think we need this information.

So if something comes to your mind that you want to ask, just tell me beforehand so that I go and ask this company what they are doing. Yes.

Monika, it's a German company. I don't - I can't remember the name. Maryam knows it. Yes, I know my laughs are very addictive. Right. And then we go to any - Systopia. It's called Systopia, the company.

And so any other business? I have one item I want to talk to, but Robin is not here. So I'll probably just talk about in the mailing list. It's our operating procedures. It seems like we have an operating procedure document somewhere about removal of members.

Now, I don't know if the has been passed and EC has adopted it or not. If it's been adopted, then we have to put it on the - on our Wiki page and then later on our website. But I don't know the - you don't know. So anyone knows about the operating procedures removal of things - of members? No? It was not adopted. Okay.

So we need to follow up on that. Okay. So we need to follow up. Now Maryam, can we have that as agenda item? Sorry, as an action item to follow up on the removal of ineligible members. Right. And you - someone made a really good point here about the website. Yes, you are right, Monika.

I'm going to ask those guys if they can do a website. But if it's going to be as user friendly as our (unintelligible) system is (unintelligible). We should give someone this. But I will talk to them. I think a lot of the times, the developers and these people that design things, need a lot of guidance and instructions.

Okay. So Raoul, you ask if we need - we can kick off members already. No, not at the moment. The thing is that it's - well, we have to go through a process of looking at whether - like the status of the members, if they're active or if they're inactive, that for election normally we do.

And this is like a procedure that is for the future. If someone for example is a part of like two stakeholder groups and stuff like that, then we just look into it. But no, at the moment we don't want to kick anyone out. Yes. Right. So okay, I think we are good to go.

I think our member - the applications with the members, the individuals, we didn't have any other pending ones, did we? They're all good. And we just contact the ones that were flagged and I can send an email to the - I can add them to the ones that we approved, add them to the list and congratulate them.

All right, great. Okay. So it seems like you are very excited about this website thing. I wish I had said it in the beginning of the meeting. Okay. So thank you very much. This was a very good meeting. It's short and sweet. Next time it's going to - like the time is going to be rotated and we're going to make sure that Monika will be awake at 4:00 a.m. No, I'm joking. We need to find a better time for everyone who can attend.

Okay. So we should look into like having websites and we can discuss it on the mail - on our executive comments mailing list as well. And yes, we are good to go. Thank you very much guys. Yes. I will. I will ask. Thank you very much. Have a great day. Now I have to try and sleep. Thanks a lot, Maryam.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much, Farzaneh. Thank you, everyone. Paul, you may stop the recording and then disconnect all lines. Thank you very much.

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