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ALAN GREENBERG: Does someone on staff have a printed version of what's on this schedule, or can you put something in my Skype chat? Because I really don't know what the formal agenda is right now. Or at least tell me what the first item is. Just tell me what the first item is. Sorry?

ARIEL LIANG: Ratification of statements.

ALAN GREENBERG: Ratification of statements. Thank you.

Are we online and the recording has started? Thank you very much. All right. The first item on the agenda is we have two statements that are to be ratified. These statements have been on the Wiki for a long time and have been discussed. This is something we normally do a vote for, but if we can do it in person, then we can get it off the agenda. If anyone on the current ALAC objects and believes this should be deferred to an electronic vote, we will do so.

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Ariel, can you announce what the first statement is?

ARIEL LIANG: The first statement is on the preliminary issue report on new gTLD subsequent procedures. I'll put the URL in the chat.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Olivier, as the main – Olivier is not here. Is there anyone who can summarize in two sentences what the gist of the statement is? Just to remind people what we're talking about.

Go onto the second one, please. We'll come back to this one.

ARIEL LIANG: The second statement is on the use of country and territory names as top-level domains. That was drafted by Maureen Hilyard.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. Thank you. These are some questions asked by a working group on the use of three-letter codes as TLDs. They were looking for some guidance as to whether they should be allowed, and if they should be allowed, who should get them? This is part of a much larger project. Maureen, would you like to summarize, would you like me to?

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**MAUREEN HILYARD:** Yes. I must admit this was a really interesting topic for me. I put it out to At-Large and got some really interesting comments. Just about everyone who participated had a different view. It was great to be able to use all my skills to put together a commentary which I hope reflected the views.

There were basically two camps; one that said three-letter ccTLDs should actually be retained for their countries, and anything that wasn't a country code should be used as a gTLD. The other one said, no, we'll open them all up.

One of the end points of this was that, because there was so much difference between the views, there needs to be a moratorium that actually just looks at the whole issue again, and further training as well.

**ALAN GREENBERG:** Thank you, Maureen. You may recall we did discuss this – not a lot at length, but we did go into it in the meeting with the ccNSO. One of the Co-Chairs, of which there are many for this cross-community working group, specifically said, “Yes, we understand. Your position is mixed, and that is useful input.” So it's not as if this is a throwaway.

I'd like to cull the question. This is current ALAC members only. Are there any current ALAC members who oppose the

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statement? None? Are there any who abstain? None. Could you put your hand or your card up if you support the motion?

If we can have staff do a tally. I don't have a card. I will use my hand. That's fine.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Please, could you keep your tent cards up? And, yes, we do see you, Leon.

ALAN GREENBERG: I count twelve. Can we have written into the record who is it that's missing?

Okay. Tijani, you have two hands representing?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: One for Tijani, and one for Hadja.

ARIEL LIANG: Yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, so we have 13. Who are the two who are missing?

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ARIEL LIANG: The two missing ones are – oh, Fatima, just come in. The other one is Jimmy Schulz. He is missing.

ALAN GREENBERG: Fatima, we are voting on the three-letter country code statement. Are you voting or against or abstaining?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: In favor.

ALAN GREENBERG: In favor. So should the record show that we have 14 in favor, none against, and one absent? I'm sorry – one – yes, correct.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Why is Sandra blue?

ALAN GREENBERG: Sandra is special. We all know that. All right. We'll go back to the statement on new gTLDs if we can have the title read out, and if Olivier can give us a one- or two-sentence summary of the gist of the statement. Again, it's been on the Wiki for quite a while.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. This is a statement which is six or seven pages in length. It pertains to the next round of new gTLDs. An issues report has been drafted by staff, and we're at a very early stage of commenting on this issues report.

From this issues report, a decision will be made on what will become a PDP, what will not come into a PDP. We're very early on in this.

The issues report touched on many, many different points. It's dozens and dozens of pages long. We commented on not a majority of the issues, but on most of the issues. We supported a great many of them. There are a few points that we have made quite strongly. The first one is that the ALAC's point of view is that the consumer trust is center stage and above any and all other issues when it comes to deciding on a next round of new gTLDs.

We also urge the Board, as far as predictability is concerned, to reject the urge to rush the process and take the time to reflect and then fix identified problems because there is this feeling that some are trying to rush the process and trying to get a next round of gTLDs before the consumer trust reviews are undertaken before we learn all of the problems that we might or have encountered during the first round.

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On the question of community engagement, we are asking not only for a PDP within the GNSO, but actually a community chartered working group to raise address on the matter of engagement and several points that might not be good for a PDP but for a wider discussion within ICANN.

On the matter of different top-level domain types, the ALAC has been noted as being a firm supporter of different application categories.

On the matter of compliance, the ALAC disagrees with locating the topic of compliance solely within the group to regulatory issues because there will be several parts of the PDP, or perhaps even there could be several PDPs, depending on what the topics are. We'd like to have this as something less narrow and really looking again at the topic of compliance when it relates to new gTLDs.

On second level rights of protection mechanisms, we're very surprised that these are not marked as a policy issue. Rights are core, so we're asking for this to be added as a policy issue.

On the global public interest, we're particularly concerned that the staff report mentioned as a specific phrase, and that's the only location in the whole report that the global public interest should be constrained to the context of ICANN's limited technical coordination role, mission, and core values. Well, I

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don't know why that was needed in this paragraph, so we mentioned this.

There are a few others that I passed over since we are looking on seven pages. On string similarity, the ALAC welcomes this subject being addressed. As you know, we had made some comments in the past of some strange rulings by the external examiners. On community applications, of course, we find this to be very important to the ALAC.

On the topic of name collisions, similarly as well, we need to be really focused on this because it all deals with stability, etc.

So all in all, our overall concern is that we are worried that the GNSO might be tempted to launch a PDP and then a next round way too early.

We are asking for a whole list of issues that should be addressed in addition to what's in the report in there and also looking at the possible cancellation of subsequent procedures if the findings are not good.

I'm not going to go any further. It's all on there. It's been on the Wiki for a long time. The latest version that you have on the screen is just slightly modified with regards to grammar. Some of the grammar was a little bit strange – a few double negatives, and so on. So it's just a bit cleaned up. Thank you.



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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much for the two-sentence summary.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I think that was one sentence.

ALAN GREENBERG: Tijani, are you raising an issue for discussion?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Just to explain why this issue is limited to the mission and the technical role of ICANN regarding the PICs. It is because some people were pushing to make you understand. So there is a reason.

I think we have to stick to that because people want us to make ICANN regulate the content, and this is not acceptable at all. So the mention of the mission and the technical character of our work, the work of ICANN, is very important here.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'll point out that everything we do is subject to the mission and core values. I tend to agree with Olivier. It didn't need to be repeated there, but it is. No point in belaboring at this point, I don't think.

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I cull. Is there anyone in the ALAC – yes, Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. One last thing. We do ask that the economic studies, which were made in 2010 and which everyone seems to have read and, at the time, discounted and so on, should be validated because if we're going to have predictions about the last round, the first round predictions were completely wrong. There is a problem there. So we also ask for that to be done. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Is there anyone where who votes against the motion? Anyone who abstains? A show of hands for those who support. Staff captured?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Only current ALAC members.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Only current ALAC members.

ALAN GREENBERG: Current ALAC members.

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MAUREEN HILYARD: Could they be read off? Could you read the names? Don't we usually read the names?

I don't believe we need to read the names. If staff tells us you have – I assume it's the same 14 as before?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. The motion passes.

We have one more item on the agenda, and that is the confirmation. It doesn't really require a vote. The ALT selection under the terms of the call for nominations said if there were only one nomination per position, they would be acclaimed. Staff, can you confirm there was only one nomination per position?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question?

ALAN GREENBERG: Can someone confirm there was only one nomination per each of the four ALT positions that are open?

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes. Confirmed.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Then the people named are acclaimed. Thank you all for your willingness to serve. It's going to be a fun year on that.

Thank you, Seun. What is the next item on the agenda?

Okay. That's an item on discussion on NomCom delegates and how the ALAC should be not instructing them because we're not in a position to instruct, but what kind of interactions we want. I would suggest we defer this to the next ALAC meeting. We're already way over time at this point. I'm not sure there's any merit to try to squeeze it into a few minutes right now, unless there's any strong objection.

Next item.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Is calling on universal acceptance. Two minutes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Two minutes on universal acceptance.

HOLLY RAICHE: I thought this was the selection criteria.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Sorry.

HOLLY RAICHE: I don't want to talk on universal acceptance, at least not know.

ALAN GREENBERG: No. It isn't Holly on universal acceptance.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: So it's independent examiners.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah. Independent examiner. Just a reminder for everybody, I need feedback on the qualities that you think we should be looking for for the independent examiner to review ALAC.

For example, do you think this person should have experience with Internet organizations? Should the person have experience with not-for-profits? Should the person have some kind of academic qualification? You can start to think a list, but what is the key things that you think the independent examiner needs?

Now, I'm not going to take answers now. I'll actually be sending out an e-mail. Ariel will talk to you about maybe the best thing to do is put stuff on the Wiki; have a particular area where you can

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put your thoughts because within a matter of one or two weeks, management as to put together an RFP, and it was clear from the presentation by Xavier yesterday we really have two opportunities to input. This is one of them. It's important that if you have ideas about who should be examining the structure, you need to tell me, and we need to tell Xavier within a matter of a couple of weeks. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. The item – sorry. Go ahead, Tim.

TIM: What is the price and duration of this contract?

HOLLY RAICHE: The duration was set out in the timelines. The timelines are actually in the Wiki that's just dedicated to the review. I don't know the price, and Xavier said yesterday there will be – I think they probably have a ballpark figure, but they're going to choose the person they think is best.

At this stage, probably the thing to do to find that out, because I don't know the answer, would be to look back at all the documentation from the GNSO review. I'm not sure that the figure has ever been published, frankly.

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TIM: Well, the budget will determine, by and large, a great detail about the nature of the people chosen.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah. Exactly. Yeah. In fact, if you look at what Xavier talked about yesterday, which is the transparency of the budget and how it's broken down into each project, I would imagine – I haven't looked at what would be there. I would think it'd be a breakdown to ALAC review and an overall budget.

Now, that'll have to include a lot of stuff.

ALAN GREENBERG: Holly, please. We really don't have a lot of time. We can talk privately.

I'm not quite sure while you're asking the question, but let's talk offline. It's not something within the remit of the ALAC to impact that.

The item on universal acceptance was a reminder that there is a working group being formed. It would be a really good idea if there were some people from ALAC involved. It's a project which is a high-focus on within ICANN and has been within At-Large because it impacts very large parts of our community. We will be

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doing a call for members to participate in the new working group being formed.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Why don't you tell us one sentence on what it is about?

ALAN GREENBERG: We had a full presentation on universal acceptance.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, okay.

ALAN GREENBERG: I hope everyone was there, or at least read about it afterwards. It's making use that new gTLDs and particularly IDN gTLDs actually work from within software. Deploying them doesn't help if your browser and other applications don't work with them. But we did have a presentation on that.

Somehow, in the agenda we did have a section on review of CCWG. I don't quite know what happened to it because it doesn't seem to be on the agenda right now. I will give a two- or three-minute summary, not the 20 – Tijani, is this a point of order?



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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to speak about the universal acceptance. One word.

ALAN GREENBERG: One word. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, you presented the issue, but we didn't give the process. So, please, people who want to be in this group, please contact the staff. We have to give a time because if there is no one, I will go there. So please go. Please ask to be in this group. It is very important.

ALAN GREENBERG: For the record, I did say we would be doing a call for membership. Yeah. Sebastien?

[SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET]:Sorry. I was outside. I wanted to try to find Jimmy. He was to come to it. I just saw the question of the review. I don't know what you discussed, but I would like to stress that I hope that it will be included – the question of accountability. Even if it's not decided yet by any other body, we need to include that in our review. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: The focus of this At-Large review is largely the RALOs and ALSs and how they are integrated into the overall At-Large process. If that is not satisfactory, then I would suggest you quickly get involved with the group that is overseeing this process.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Sorry, but I hope that all those working groups for the new ALAC members will be explained, and the membership will be open, and we will be discussing all that, please. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: As I said in our closed session, where you were present, we have on the agenda to review all of our working groups, make sure they're vitalized, make sure they have people, and make sure that we have people running them. So that is an action.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Leon had his hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG: Leon had his hand up.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Alan. Does this work?

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] the mic.

LEON SANCHEZ: Hello? Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah.

LEON SANCHEZ: Yeah? Okay. I just want to say that I remember that when I came in, I got this tour from the different working groups and how they work, who are part of them, and how to join. I do believe that we have a very open participation into the working group, so I would say that that will still remain so.

I guess that will be the same for the incoming ALAC members as when I first came here, so I wouldn't worry much about it.

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, if people weren't being so serious, I would make a remark to the effect of, "No, we expect all new members to simply magically know about them and start participating."

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah, right.

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ALAN GREENBERG: That's a joke. Yes, we will be actively working to make sure that new members know what we're doing, what they can choose to participate in, what they can try to audit just because they don't even know what the words mean, and try to get a feel for it. Yes, that is an action will be done over the next little while.

Is than a hand up, Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: Sebastien's hand is up. Sebastien, go ahead.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, thank you. Leon, thank you. One of the reasons I made this remark is that in the previous discussion it appears that the new ALAC member will not welcome enough and well, and then it was somebody telling me that you may have asked the question and we will have solved the issue. Then as now I think it needs to be done. I would like to be sure. That is why I raised the question. It's not to say that it's not done. It's badly done. It's not scheduled. But I want for every new ALAC member to be sure that it will be done. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Anything else on this topic? Next, I would like to ask staff: is this meeting ending officially at 12:45 or 12:30? Both times are in the agenda. All right. Thank you. So we have another half hour.

The item on CCWG was the one that was admitted, which explains why the itemized agenda is shorter than the full agenda. Well, and the itemized agenda starts at the wrong time and ends at the wrong time, but we'll ignore all that.

The CCWG. I will try to summarize as best I remember. I did not take notes, so any of the other members of the CCWG who have any input, and in particular, one of the Co-Chairs who is sitting in the back room reading his phone – in the back of the room – can contribute.

At this point, it would appear that we have close to closure on accepting a Sole Designator Model. You will note I sent around a description of that yesterday for those who have some level of confusion as to what it is. I think it's correct. The details will change, however. For instance, at the meeting today, the SSAC reaffirmed that they will not participate as a supporter or objector of motions but will give advice. We expect the RSSAC to say the same thing.

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The GAC is likely to take a position that most of the time they will advise, but they reserve the right to participate at some future time should they decide that it is warranted.

The ASO has been silent, and they will probably remain silent, which means, in theory, they could participate, but they probably won't in most cases.

We are sort of back to the previous version in terms of who's participating. The only active ones are likely to be the GNSO, the ccNSO, and the ALAC. If you will remember, the current proposal for decision making was three or four of the seven, depending on which power we're talking about, would have to support an action and could only be killed if at least two objected to it.

Those rules fall apart when we no longer have the seven. If we only have three who are active, to imply that it takes two to object means it only takes one to support, which is clearly problematic.

So the decision process is a work in progress right now. I should note that this is a statement that the SSAC and RSSAC has made continually. Perhaps there was some belief in magic that it would change, but it didn't. The decision is made for some very real reasons from their perspective, so it's not as if they're just being obstinate.

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But we are in an interesting position right now, where, if we have a decision making process where the two registry-based SOs can force some action, that is probably not acceptable. It essentially says those who have very specific points of view can alter the organization for the rest of us. That is problematic in the view of a certain number of people, and I happen to be one of them. But the fact that I'm there is moot.

But if we presume magic will happen and we will come up with a decision making process which meets all the criteria, then we do seem to have close on the Sole Designator Model and the Stress Test 18 within the GAC, which results in changing the by-laws to say only GAC consensus advice – without defining “consensus” – should be acted on with these special provisions that govern GAC advice is still subject to discussion within the GAC. That is a showstopper.

The message from Washington has been clear that without that change they will not accept the proposal, and there is strong opposition to it among some GAC members. Current GAC consensus rule is that if a single country objects, it doesn't pass. So we're in an interesting situation. I would not want to be in the position of Chair of the GAC right now.

So we have pretty well coalesced on something which is acceptable to the Board as far as we know. Clearly, until they see

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the details, they will not formally approve anything. It seems to be acceptable to most people in the CCWG. There are a few exceptions. It is almost exactly what we were asking for, so we have to try not to gloat too much. But it is very close to the model that we were looking at.

I don't think I want to take a lot more time, but I do want to open it for any questions. Or, Leon, did I miss anything really important?

Okay. We have a speaker queue here. I think Olivier was first. We have Tim. We have Seun and Eduardo. Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. On the topic of Stress Test 18, which might end up being the really touchy issue on this, the GAC advice has come out. It's a long discussion of course, but they're saying, in view of the above and having considered concerns expressed by various parties, the GAC agreed to further work on the issue of Stress Test 18 and to submit any further in the CCWG.

But the point that they do make in there is that the need that each and every advisory committee ensures that the advice provided is clear and reflects the consensus view of the committee, and secondly, that each and every advisory



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committee should preserve its own autonomy in its definition of “consensus.”

That I think goes pretty much in line with views that we have, and it’s a GAC issue [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. [inaudible] Tijani. May I make one thing? I did forget one thing in the summary. That’s the timeline. We are looking at coming up with a revised report proposal relatively soon – the exact dates to be determined – a report going out for a formal 35-day public comment period, and in parallel, going to the chartering ACs and SOs with the understanding that they’re not approving a final report – but essentially, if there’s any real major showstoppers for you, you better speak up soon – and an integration of whatever the comments are, with the ultimate intent of improving the report by the chartering organizations in early to mid-January to allow the implementation to go through.

That may require an intercessional meeting of ICANN of the ACs and SOs that are the chartering organizations in January, which would include an ALAC meeting at that point. Not clear when we will find out exactly when that happens, or if.

Cheryl, you wanted to correct or add to something I was saying?

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I have no intention of correction you, Alan, at all. I may embellish a little, but that's about it. As the rapporteur in charge of the part of the work which involves all the stress tests, including that which will no longer be named, formally known as Stress Test 18, I would like to suggest that the ALAC, as a great partner at times and collaborator with possible with the Government Advisory Committee, pen a small note of appreciation for what we recognize as some extremely complicate and highly diplomatic drafting, which resulted in an excellent communique text which has allowed us as the Stress Test Team and the CCWG to move forward in a very I think well-founded way now.

We have already agreed and are starting to arrange the mutual work between the key proponents of new text. If nothing else, we could literally take pieces out of the communique and use it as a basis for our work. But it's a landmark moment, and in that thanks, should you choose to give it, please note the particular work put forward by the government of Brazil in this to allow the GAC to come to a consensus outcome.

You will in fact be receiving, Alan, as will all the ACs and SOs, a letter from us probably by Friday – you'll get it by Saturday, I assume – outlining all sorts of details, including the request for you to get back to us as an organizing committee regarding an intercessional. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Unfortunately, I'm on vacation for eleven days.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I do hope you have some Vice-Chairs.

ALAN GREENBERG: I have a speaker queue right now of Olivier, Time, Seun, Eduardo, and Sebastien. And Tijani. I note that it is 17 minutes before our ending point, and there is something after this which you really do not want to miss. Trust me.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Oh, yes. They don't.

ALAN GREENBERG: They don't, for those of you who might know what it is. So I ask everyone to be very precise and preferably not repeat the same statements before, for those who have said something before.

Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I have already spoken, Alan. You should cross me off the list.

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ALAN GREENBERG: I will cross you off the list. Tim?

TIM: Question of fact, Mr. Chairman. You had some mention that I didn't completely follow in your description of the deal, some certain reduction from some number to three. Could you just go over that briefly again as to who plays or who counts? Do you recall that?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes. I will answer that quickly. There are four ACs – the SSAC, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, the Root Server System Advisory Committee, the Governmental Advisory Committee, and the ALAC (the At-Large Advisory Committee) – three SOs – the Generic, CC, and ASO. Those are the seven components that we were originally factoring the thresholds on.

It is now quite clear that the SSAC and RSSAC will not be counted in that, so we're down to five. The ASO may well be silent on most of them, and the GAC has said they reserve the right to participate but most of the time will give advice.

The problematic part of giving advice is the RSSAC, SSAC, ALAC, for that matter, and GAC officially give advice to the Board. The Board is charged with balancing various positions.

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Now we're talking about ACs to give advice to, among other groups, the SOs. Remember, in this new [inaudible], everyone is taking on new responsibilities. Nothing is in their original by-laws. The GNSO, for instance, will take action by voting from within the various stakeholders and constituency groups. So the composite vote of the GNSO will be composed of the registries, registrars, and so forth.

They in their own charter will put forth, probably, their own position, not necessarily melding into it the positions of the SSAC, the GAC, and others. So it's not clear how advice goes into those, the parties – is reasonably considered by those who will be making the decision.

This is going to be subject to a lot more discussion, so perhaps we can't come to closure on it right now. It's a complex problem. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI:

I just want to first say that Stress Test 18 I would blame on the CCWG for making it look like an issue because it [inaudible] issue has been an issue. But you guys have acted so much that Washington is now thinking that is a big deal.

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If it happens that GAC does not finally agree to this transition because of Stress Test 18, the fault should be on you guys and not [inaudible].

My other comment is in relation to the intercessional. I think if it is going to happen, if think what I got from the room within the CCWG was that it is not supposed to be a deliberation among the SOs and ACs or the chartering organizations to be specific. It's actually going to be a meeting for each person to meet independently to [inaudible].

So if ALAC is going to have it, I think it's important to decide. We'll have an idea of [inaudible] for planning purposes, and personally, I want to know whether you can have it remotely. It should be preferred. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: As in any meeting, if people choose to participate remotely, they certainly may. It is not clear whether it's each ASO deliberating among themselves or participating – I see Leon's hand is up. That remains to be seen. Leon?

LEON SANCHEZ: Is this thing working? Okay. Seun, just on Stress Test 18, this is not a thing –

ALAN GREENBERG: No.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Huh? On Stress Test 18, this is not something that the CCWG came up with. It is a clear requirement by the NTIA that there is no capture from governments. So it is a stress test that needs to be run. It is a stress test that goes beyond us and goes beyond legal issues. It is a political issue, and we need to actually let the GAC take care of it.

If the GAC says, “We don’t approve Stress Test 18,” they can file a minority report in whatever document they will file with their position on the CCWG’s proposal. That will not stop the transition from happening.

But it’s an issue that needs to be taken care of, and I would say that this is not the time to point fingers on anyone or to look for who to blame if the transition doesn’t happen. If the transition doesn’t happen, it’s on the community at large. It’s not only in a certain group.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I would really appreciate if we not debate the issues here. We’re trying to do an update of where we are, regardless of why we got here.

Okay. The queue is closed. I have Eduardo, Sebastien, Tijani, and Glenn. I ask staff to, from the recording of this call – not wait for

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the transcripts, which will take weeks – if you can extract what Cheryl said in reference to a letter from me on behalf of the ALAC – and it will be passed by the ALAC before it goes out. If you can extract the wording from the transcript and pass it on to me, I would appreciate it. Thank you. Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to ask Leon in his personal perception, regarding to the timeline, if you think the work in the CCWG will be ready by the timeline. But this is just personal perception since you are there. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: We better have it ready.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Leon. By the way, for those who want to participate in this discussion who haven't in the past, we have lots and lots of teleconferences. Please come to them.

Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: First of all, I want to be sure of what Olivier said at the beginning because he said it's in the advice of the GAC. In fact, it's in the communique of the GAC. That's important to be clear. That's not



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the path of the communique of the GAC with an advice to the Board. It's something outside.

Second, I would like very much – sorry to disagree – not to spend time on thanking the others for what they do. We are here to find the way to do the transition, and I hope that every groups is doing their best to do it. Let's stick on the content and not too much on the thanking for the process.

Regarding the intercessional meeting, I do hope that, whatever we decide in the end, it could be a meeting where all could be, even if it's a silo meeting, because I am sure that an exchange with others will be beneficial in any case. Even if there's no big meeting, it will be useful. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I totally agree on that last item. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Alan. I really see a problem if we end up with only three organizations participating in this here meeting. This will lead to two possible things: either blocking the machine, or capture. I hope that it will not happen like this. I am hopeful that the ASO will participate. I do hope that RSSAC doesn't do the same. It's the most probable thing they will do, but if they don't do the same as SSAC, it would be better for us. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENEBRG: That will be discussed in Work Party 1 of the CCWG. New participants are welcome if you want to actually participate in the process.

Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Sorry, Alan. This is not a comment on this, but I just wanted to remind you that we have a 30-second video clip to show.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. I have no more hands up. This item is closed. We have a 30-second clip that I believe will be shown right now.

Or soon.

VIDEO: Welcome to APRALO – Asia, Australasia, and the Pacific Islands. Here is the APRALO leadership team. I am from Armenia.

VIDEO: I'm from India.

VIDEO: I'm from the Cocoa Islands.

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VIDEO: I'm from Australia.

VIDEO: I'm from Pakistan.

VIDEO: And I'm from China.

VIDEO: And we have on more colleague from Bahrain. So why don't you come join us? Because we are celebrating diversity!

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. The next part of our agenda I think was called Chair's Announcement. Well, I'm not really going to make an announcement. This was obfuscation. If you don't know what that word is, you should go look it up.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Every year, [inaudible]

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Olivier. This is one of the bittersweet moments of a chair's role, and it's the first time I'm doing it. So forgive me if I don't do it properly.

We have a number of people who are leaving us. This is their last meeting. This is their last day. This is their last ALAC session that we will see them at.

I have a very strong hope that, in all cases, this is not the last time we will see them. Obviously, when people leave, there is the potential for them just disappearing off the face of the earth. We really hope this is not the case. But regardless, they are leaving a current position right now, and I think they deserve our thanks.

The first person, whose name starts with B: Beran. Could you come up, please?

And the next person is Raf. Raf is here somewhere. He is.

I don't want to get rid of anybody.

Next one is someone no one's ever heard about.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I need to join a working group.

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ALAN GREENBERG: That's right. It's about time you started doing some work. Olivier Crepin-Leblond is leaving as an ALAC at this point. I haven't finished my speech yet. No pictures until I finish my speech. He was also on the ALT as a Vice-Chair this year. Oh, did we forget something? He was Chair for four years. This man has given up virtually all of his life for the last five years. We have no clue why he did this, but I certainly am grateful. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Bravo.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Oops, you want a little bit on this side. Fatima. I'm not sure what I should say. It has been a pleasure. I wish I could speak in Spanish.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: It has been a pleasure. I will say one or two things. Now, Fatima had problems in English. She thinks she doesn't speak English

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very well. She actually speaks English and understands English very well.

She has also participated in the CWG. In case some of you missed a few things, there was a meeting in Istanbul which Fatima was supposed to go to. I was there for the CCWG. Fatima decided that she, because of her change in job, had not been focusing on the CWG as much and suggested that I go in her place. I don't think I've ever heard anyone in At-Large saying, "I'm going to give up a trip to an interesting place because someone else can do a better job than me." So...

Eduardo Diaz. One of our charter members of this organization and the one who has perhaps the best smile. Eduardo has worked in a number of positions over the years – Nominating Committee, ALAC, and now going back to the Nominating Committee. We can always count on Eduardo.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: ATLAS II main organizer.

ALAN GREENBERG: ATLAS II main organizer.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Again, I won't say I hope you stay around because we've ensured you are around, at least for the coming year, and somehow I suspect, in one way or another, longer than that. So thank you very much.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah. Oh. This is ALAC. Yeah. Okay.

Hadja, who has been our ALAC representative from Africa, is not that this meeting, but of course we thank her very much for her contributions – yeah, Tijani has her proxy.

Hadja, thank you very much for your service. No, we're almost finished. I think we only have one person left. Yes. I know.

Glenn, you have to put down your camera now. Glenn McKnight is another one who's been around for a few years now – not quite as long as some people – and has done service in a variety of positions. He's going off of the ALAC and is going into the position of Chair of NARALO.

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SEUN OJEDEJI: Alan, why didn't you say the same for Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Because you don't want to know that.

SEUN OJEDEJI: He also will be the Chair of NARALO.

ALAN GREENBERG: Staff is doing a reconciliation. Okay. We have other people who are leaving various positions and going into other ones. Garth is leaving as Chair of NARALO and will be an ALAC member. Wolf Ludwig is leaving as Chair of NARLO – oh, sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Garth, come on. For the [inaudible], please.

ALAN GREENBERG: Apparently, briefing of the Chair has not been done very well.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yulia and Wolf.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yulia's not here. And Wolf. Is Wolf here?



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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Oh. Then Wolf has to come up.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: He's recovering from last night.

WOLF LUDWIG: Another one. Thanks, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Wolf, for the record, for those of you who don't know, is another one of the people who has been around since the very beginning of the real ALAC and At-Large.

I had some hair when I started.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Can you make a point that there's a community recognition meeting at 13:30 in the auditorium for these people?

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ALAN GREENBERG: At the beginning of the open forum, at 13:30, all of the people that we've just talked about, and a bunch of others, will be formally recognized in the open meeting. Please be there for the people who are being recognized and everyone else to support them.

WOLF LUDWIG: But, Alan, you are missing one. You are missing that you left ALAC and you come back to ALAC because you changed seats. Then you are an outgoing ALAC member and you are an incoming ALAC member.

ALAN GREENBERG: That is true. I am an outgoing ALAC member and an incoming ALAC member, and I expect a gift.

WOLF LUDWIG: You should get two gifts.

ALAN GREENBERG: You can see the devotion staff has to me in that they've left me off.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No.

ALAN GREENBERG: No? Oops. Oh dear.

WOLF LUDWIG: While they are distributing candies or sweets or whatever, no, it's not mine.

ALAN GREENBERG: This is shortbread.

WOLF LUDWIG: Shortbread.

ALAN GREENBERG: One of the best things in life. So thank you for not [inaudible]

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: No, no. I eat mine straight.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, so you can have mine. I would like to thank Heidi, Gisella, and all the staff for all the support they have provided to make our yesterday's General Assembly possible.

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Thanks again to EURALO, who gave us priority to make this face-to-face General Assembly in Dublin happening. Otherwise, it wouldn't have happened. It would have avoided a lot of work for me, and for staff. But, okay, you would have been occupied with other things.

But this was simply a great support. I think it was a good idea to have the EURALO General Assembly conducted in two parts. I got a lot of good feedback responses as far as the content part.

On the public interest, there is one issue. Siranush was there most of the time, so she is completely informed. But for the other RALOs, we submitted [inaudible]paper on the public interest, a two-page summary of a very detailed paper I did before. Cezar's paper on the public interest was approved by the General Assembly.

In the conclusions, it is said that this is a European approach, looking back, tracing public interest, in the European context, in the European history, not ignoring the rest of the world. But as I am not much familiar with other parts, we concentrated on a very specific European angle.

Now, since the paper is approved, we would like to submit it to other RALOs. Have a look on it. Let us know what you think about it. If you have any further questions, come back to us and

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perhaps try to trace to verify whether there are parallels, whether there are similarities or not.

By this regional verification, we can try to come up with a more complete picture approaching something that could be called the global public interest. So far, about the European part I can say, “Well, this has a very high relevance.” But for other parts of the world, I cannot. But it would be very interesting to know this.

I would like to make another suggestion. A lot of people have approached me, telling me an interesting subject. I would like a discussion on this. Could we create an At-Large working group on the public interest? I told them I will suggest to Alan and ALAC members. I would like to make the suggestion now: if ALAC agrees, I would be ready to take the chair for this working group.

So this is work in progress, and I think we can attract quite a lot of people who are particularly interested in this issue. This could become enrichment for the next couple of months for Marrakech, Panama, and whatever.

Thanks again, girls. You are simply great.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you, Wolf. As a formal action of Chair, I ask staff to put an action item for the next ALAC meeting to discuss that. I have no doubt it will be approved, but we will discuss it. Thank you.

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Is there anyone else who has anything they would like to say before we adjourn?

[GARTH BRUEN]: Thank you. Very quickly, I'm stepping into Eduardo's position. I cannot replace Eduardo. No one can replace Eduardo. He's been a mentor and he's been a guide. He's an amazing man. I wanted to recognize Eduardo. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. A couple of points before people leave the room. For those who are participating tomorrow – that is, the new ALAC and the liaisons – there will be an agenda sent around shortly, sometime today. I'm not sure when. I thank you all – wait, Beran wants something to say before I say my final words. Yes, ma'am?

BERAN DONDEH GILLEN: Yes. I just want to take this opportunity to thank the staff. Everybody knows me for having visa issues, and they've just been wonderful. They've really been so helpful. I want you all to stand up. I want a standing ovation for the staff. They've been wonderful. They're fantastic. Thank you, guys.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Well, Beran has now taken one of my items. Fatima will now take another one.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Briefly. I also thank the staff for your support and patience with me during this year, and also to the interpreters. Yeah, thank you very much for your job during this year. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: As predicted, she took another one of my items. Now, I was about to thank about the technical staff who have done a marvelous job. Now, I need to add something here. Again, people who have only been around for a little while don't know. Olivier, you can take another one of my items after I say it. Okay. Or almost after I say it.

For years, we would have continual problems. The microphones wouldn't work, or in the old days, the ALAC was the only group who didn't get microphones. But that wasn't their fault. Remote participation wouldn't work. We couldn't get the connection between the phone system and what we had here. The problems were innumerable.

We have not seen any of those problems for several meetings, and this one was flawless. Thank you.

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And now, our interpreters. I'll make a similar statement. We've had interpretation for longer than any other part of ICANN, I think, except perhaps the general session. It's not been easy. It's not been easy for us, and it's not been easy for the interpreters.

We speaky different languages here, and I'm not talking about English, French, or Spanish. We speak a complex language made up of acronyms, things that don't translate well – all sorts of horrible problems.

As far as I can tell from reports, and when I listen in English, the interpretation here has been just superb, as it has been for the last couple of meetings also. We really are learning how to do some things. So I thank you. It is really appreciated.

We have someone else who wants to say something before I say it.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: He'll say it in Spanish so we better listen.

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes, please. I'll speak in Spanish. It's been a long time I've had my hand raised, but Silvia Vivanco was in between my line of sight with Alan.



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I want to thank in public Fatima, our outgoing ALAC member, for her outstanding job in the past two years. I think she's always had the support of the region. We've had arguments about many things, but always based on good will; any differences of opinion that may be based on different knowledge bases, but we arrive at good outcomes always. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And the microphone is?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Heaven knows where it is.

KAILI KAN: Just one short word from Kaili Kan from China.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier wants one very quick intervention. Sorry, Kaili has one first.

KAILIA KAN: Sorry. Thank you. Just as a newcomer, I just want to say I'm very, very happy to join this big happy family. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. Just one more thing. The interpreters are actually are our usual interpreters. They're not just contractors that come to ICANN meetings. They are our interpreters. They know a heck of a lot more about you than you think, and this is your chance to actually see them. You hear them. You think, "Oh, I wonder what they look like." Well, there you go. So see them. Not only that, you can greet them and meet them. You can talk to them as well because they hear you talking all the time. So there you go. I just wanted to mention that. They've been with us for a while, and they're part of the family. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I know we're running really late. I want to thank you for your thanks to us. We really appreciate it. We do very much enjoy working with you and supporting you. So just a plea to incoming and ongoing ALAC members and regional leaders: if you have any questions, any suggestions, on how we can support you better, on how we can support the ALAC better, please do let us know. I've seen a lot of improvements over the years. Several. We've had a RALO leadership onboarding earlier this week. We've had a development session planned for tomorrow. If you have anything more, please just let us know. Thank you.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Is there anyone else who wants to steal any of my comments? Okay. We've already had applause for staff. There's just no way to say thank you, but I want to make a very specific statement. This is about staff and the rest of you.

This has been a challenging meeting. Staff was continually working and yelling at me – in a polite way – for weeks before the meeting, saying, “We have to finalize agendas. We have to finalize agendas.” We went into this meeting with a fair number of the agendas being “To be decided.” They were done on a day-to-day basis because things were changing so often. We also had a few other meetings that weren't planned.

So I really appreciate the work that went into staff being able to accommodate our needs, and I appreciate everyone in this room who has put up with uncertainty and flexibility and changing schedules where we really had very little control. It's not exactly the kind of meeting I like to run, but sometimes you don't have a choice.

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So I thank you all for your indulgence. I thank you for your participation, and I have my fingers crossed that Marrakech we will actually have a meeting planned ahead of time.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Nah.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Nah.

ALAN GREENBERG: And hopefully will be as productive and more productive than this one. So thank you all. Don't forget the open forum and the open Board meeting. New ALAC and liaisons, we'll see you. Aziz would like a couple of words. Well, since he's the host of our next meeting...

AZIZ HILALI: Three words.

ALAN GREENBERG: Shh. You have to let people finish. We've been told that. No, no, seriously, I really am very indebted to all of you, and specifically to the staff, but all of you for allowing this meeting to happen and be successful. I think we've done a lot.

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I will turn the microphone over to Aziz, who has something to do with the next meeting, I think. So maybe it has something to do about that. After Aziz is finished, this meeting is adjourned.

AZIZ HILALI:

Welcome to Marrakech. I repeat: if some person or someone has a problem about visas, we have here Mr. [inaudible], who works for the Foreign Office. Please contact us. Now you know him.

If you have also a problem with the restaurants or the hotel or the reservation, please contact us. See you in Marrakech.

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