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Alissa Cooper: I'm happy to start from - you know, give some thoughts from our side as well if that's easier. But I'm not - are people hearing because I'm not hearing anything back so.

Mathieu Weill: I'm hearing you all right, Alissa. I was just uncomfortable starting since I'm just back from a week off so I think the best summary of stages will be provided by Leon or Thomas.

Leon Sanchez: I'm happy to do that.

Mathieu Weill: Okay.

Leon Sanchez: I'm just trying to - hi, Mathieu, I'm sorry. I'm trying to connect to the Adobe Connect room so that's why I was a little bit silent and also I have a little bit of background noise here. But I'm happy to start. Well, as things are at this point is that we sent our final draft proposal to the chartering organizations. We have received confirmation from the CWG. And I guess that the ICG received it of course as well on our proposal being aligned with the requirements that the CWG had stated as dependencies with the CCWG.

And we are of course waiting for some input from the different chartering organizations. We are aiming to have this feedback by March the 9th, if I'm not mistaken, so that we can have approval hopefully by Marrakesh. And then the board would forward the proposal to the NTIA. So I guess that's really a quick overview where we are at - and happy to answer any questions.

Alissa Cooper: Thank you, that was - that matches I think all of our understanding as well. One question, do you have like a meeting planned for March 9 to - as a group formally decide to forward the proposal to the board? Or is that just going - you're just going to do it as long as you get affirmative responses from all of the chartering organizations by that day?

Leon Sanchez: Thanks, Alissa. We do have a plan. We do have a couple of meetings in Marrakesh, as you may know. And most of them will be of course planning for Work Stream 2. But we do have planned that when we receive the input from the different chartering organizations we will formally submit this proposal to the board. So of course this should happen in between the 9 and the 11th I think.

Alissa Cooper: Okay. Okay yes I see that Mathieu says you have a meeting on the 10th. Okay, okay sounds good. So yeah, from our side we received the confirmation from the CWG. We have a call tomorrow. And so we haven't actually sent out the agenda for the call tomorrow yet. So the idea for our call tomorrow is that we have a final version of the ICG proposal that has all of the placeholders removed that previously pointed to the dependency on the CCWG and that the work was outstanding.

So we've changed all that language to be finalized and not, you know, have an outstanding item anymore. And hopefully we will approve that - the final

proposal on the call tomorrow and we'll forward it on to the board straight away. We're not going to wait since the only thing we were waiting for really was the CWG. So that's kind of the plan in terms of the proposal. We will, you know, do an announcement on our Website when we send it to the board. And that is obviously the end of the proposal phase for the ICG.

And then we shift into kind of outreach and communications mode making sure everybody understands the proposal and trying to garner support for it among the constituencies that need to approve it primarily the US government. So that's kind of roughly the plan from the ICG side.

I think, you know, in terms of our work together that's also the main area, I imagine, where it makes sense to talk about working together because I think from - I think, Leon, you were on the communications call last time and if anybody is able to join we have another one today coming up in a couple of hours to talk about communication strategy together with ICANN and ISOC and the RIRs.

But from my perspective that's the main task that we had ahead of us from the proposal perspective is, you know, communicating it to the broader public and trying to get support for it within the US government and the US Congress. So I don't know if any - if you have thoughts about that but that's kind of where we're - where I'm turning my attention to anyway.

Thomas Rickert: Alissa, just to break the silence that sounds great.

Alissa Cooper: Okay good. Mathieu, go ahead. Hand up.

Mathieu Weill: Yeah, echoing Thomas I think your plan is totally sensible. I think we are, on our side, we are still a little bit on the cautious side of things in terms of

approval of the chartering organizations. We've had in the past, a series of last minute changes of positions and as a consequence it's certainly our focus will remain on this hurdle of ensuring chartering organizations' support.

And we are aware that in the context of the Marrakesh meeting, and also I think later today there's an important GNSO call on the issue as well as well as the high level ministerial which will not be perfect in terms of timing with our most recent proposal so I think we need to all be aware that the chartering organization approval is not a given. And we all - we really need to stay very focused on ensuring that happens in a timely manner. But it's, you know, it's far from over from my point of view actually so I think we need to very cautious about this. Thank you.

Alissa Cooper: Thank you. So that was something I was going to ask about actually is that caution is primarily warranted for the GNSO or if you think there's still a good amount of uncertainty among all of the chartering organizations or others as well.

Mathieu Weill: I guess the GNSO is a quite complex one. And we've had minority views expressed from within. We've had an important minority view from within the GAC as well, it's a significant number of supporters of the minority view although they were not members of the CCWG. So it's not - I do not expect things to go totally smoothly on the GAC side either.

And even in the ccNSO that I know quite well it's not - it's not everyone is happy with the outcome and we've had a minority view as well. So we need to gather a number of aspects that need to be managed properly to achieve the support from each of the chartering organizations. And, as I said I think it's important that all communities stay focused on achieving this during the

Marrakesh meeting. And of course looking forward to the next step but not giving the impression that it's already achieved.

Alissa Cooper: Okay. Understood, thank you. Patrick, go ahead.

((Crosstalk))

Patrik Fältström: Oh from SSAC - yeah, so from SSAC just because I happen to be here I can say that we have the idea that we would just approve the - what we have on the table but we became quite nervous when we saw some interest from GNSO to actually change something so discuss something. And as the responsibility of SSAC is security and stability we don't really like having documents with moving targets as being something that is passed around for approval.

So at the moment we are sort of holding our horses to actually see what's happening but it's pretty important that the other SO and ACs get their act together for us to feel confident that everything is stable for us to approve. But as it looks like now we are okay with what you have delivered.

Alissa Cooper: Is there an idea in the CCWG of what you will do with this request or if you get any others, you know, sort of change one word or clarify something where people agree that there's just an ambiguity in the text? Like is it the text that you sent out a few days ago or nothing or is there a window to make changes if, you know, somehow everyone involved agrees that a clarification is needed?

((Crosstalk))

Alissa Cooper: I feel a little weird running the queue. There's like six people on this call but...

Leon Sanchez: This is Leon. And just to answer to your question, I think that editorial changes may be allowed. And will of course assess the need for those changes when received. But I guess editorial changes shouldn't be a problem. And of course we would try not to jump into anything that changes substance.

Thomas Rickert: Yeah, hi everyone. It's Thomas. Just to add to that, I'm still trying to get my head around the issue in question because in my view this might just be a misunderstanding. And I would hope that we can get this resolved by just sending an explanatory note to the requestors instead of needing to alter the report. I guess I would agree with Leon that if it's an editorial change that doesn't change substance, you know, that might need to be done anyway. But I wouldn't even anticipate that a substantive change is required.

Alissa Cooper: Okay got it. Thank you. That's helpful. Anyone else have thoughts to share or things that we should be discussing? I mean, like in my mind I'm a little bit thinking about all the things that come after March 10 and even, you know, as far as implementation there's probably a few things that we would make sense for us to discuss but I don't want to get too far ahead realizing that the focus needs to be on actually getting the proposal approved. So perhaps it would make sense for us to just - not that March 10 is going to be a little bit of a busy day I would imagine.

But it might make sense for us to just touch base on that day if we can find a time, you know, to talk about next steps and going forward if there's anything that we want to be collaborating on. But I don't necessarily want to do that now because I recognize that it's maybe a little bit premature.

Mathieu, go ahead.

Mathieu Weill: Yeah, I tend to - I do agree with you, Alissa. I think that I remember in Dublin we had a quick get together after - I mean, on the Thursday I think. If that can be arranged it would be certainly useful. And if that cannot be arranged certainly probably a call on the week after that would be certainly important to synchronize our implementation efforts or whatever other efforts are underway at that point.

Alissa Cooper: Okay sounds good. And I see that Hillary says that she can help us get a meeting. So perhaps, Hillary and Jennifer, if you could coordinate on the two sides and help us find a time on the 10th if we can find one let's try to set down a time and a place to meet on the 10th. Okay. Great, yeah. There's already a Doodle for the communications meeting I see. Okay good. I do think we should have sort of a separate meeting with just us and then the broader meeting with the communications team probably makes sense.

So the only other thought that just came to my mind is because you mentioned the high level ministerial. So you will note in the agenda for the high level ministerial that while you all have a slot to I think present the CCWG proposal, on the ICG side there was no slot for us. So Fadi and Larry have been tapped to discuss the transition and the transition proposal.

So we reached out to the GAC chair and I guess the request has gotten forwarded to the Moroccan folks to see if we could get community representation in the form of somebody from the ICG or from the community to talk about the transition proposal. And we haven't heard back on that request.

But in any event if you are there and you have the chance to kind of, you know, represent the extent to which both efforts were community efforts I think that would be helpful from our perspective. We were a little bit

disappointed to see the way that that came about because obviously the - even on our side it was very much a work of the three operational communities so we'd like to have that message out as much as possible.

Thomas Rickert: Alissa, this is Thomas. I have to confess that I didn't spot this. I just found it interesting in terms of agenda that everyone who was invited to speak at the high level meeting was announced by name. And just the CCWG chairs were mentioned in - and their roles, which is perfectly okay in technical word to have role account.

But I would offer to contact Thomas Schneider again because ultimately even though the accountability part of the transition work that's being conducted by the community might be of high interest government because their role is directly affected. I think it's just a matter for - of courtesy to say the least to have representatives from ICG during that meeting. So, you know, certainly I wouldn't want to do anything without your authorization but if you would like him to I'm more than happy to intervene.

Alissa Cooper: Patrik, Mohamed, what do you think? You all sort of know the policies better than I do. So to me that - I mean, I would say yes, you know, anybody who can get the message across that would be helpful. Okay Mohamed says that he thinks that would be helpful. So, yes, if you wouldn't mind reinforcing that message that would be good.

Thomas Schneider was actually I think on leave or, you know, I got an auto-responder when I sent the mail to him and so I sort of forwarded it to the GAC leadership alias and they said they had forwarded it on. But if you can reach out to him directly and try to help us out I think that would be good.

Not that I'm, you know, I'm not terribly concerned about it and I agree with you that the issues raised in your proposal are much closer to home for that audience. But they have a whole session about the transition and the transition proposal and so - and I don't mean to kick anybody else out either. I think it's perfectly legitimate for both Fadi and Larry to speak about it. But I think it would be additionally useful to have the community represented there. So please go ahead, you...

((Crosstalk))

Alissa Cooper: That would be most welcome. Thank you. And if there's any other - I mean, as of now I think, you know, most of the focus of the week is going to be on the accountability proposal as pleasant as that will be all of you. But, you know, to the extent that from an ICG perspective we can be of help or if you notice any other kind of gaps in the agenda where you think you want to broaden the conversation out to the whole transition, you know, definitely let us know.

I feel a little bit that, you know, just because we finished four or five months ago people have kind of forgotten what went into that. And it's an important piece of the whole transition plan overall obviously. So, you know, we're happy to step in if you see any other kind of gaps.

All right, anybody have anything else? Okay, well, you know, let us know if we can be of any help in these last few weeks. And we will look forward to seeing you in Marrakesh.

Mathieu Weill: Yeah, looking forward to that as well. And I hope it's going to be a nice party.

Alissa Cooper: Yeah.

((Crosstalk))

Thomas Rickert: Thanks, everyone.

Mathieu Weill: Thanks, everyone.

Thomas Rickert: Bye for now.

Alissa Cooper: Bye-bye.

((Crosstalk))

Leon Sanchez: Thank you.

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