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TERRI AGNEW: ...everybody to utilize your mute button when not speaking. If your Adobe Connect mic is active, if you could please remember to mute that when not speaking. We'll go ahead and begin with our roll call. One moment please.

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the EURALO Monthly Teleconference, taking place on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2016, at 18:00 UTC.

One the call today, we have Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Matthieu Camus, Wolf Ludwig, Gabriella Schitteck, Jean-Jacques Subrenat, Oksana Prykhodko, and Roberto Gaetano.

We have listed apologies from Bastiaan Goslings, Pedro Veiga, and Christopher Bruch.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Terri Agnew.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcriptions purposes.

Thank you very much, and I will hand it back over to Olivier [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Terri. Welcome, everyone. Have we missed anybody on the roll call? I don't see anyone's hand or I don't hear anybody, so with the roll call complete, welcome to this monthly EURALO call.

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This is the last call we are going to have before our General Assembly in Helsinki. Well, originally we were not going to have this call, but we felt that it was maybe a good idea to quickly run down through what we were going to do in the Helsinki meeting and look at the last [time] for the General Assembly preparations, perhaps getting some of your feedback ahead of Helsinki with regards to the agenda or amendments I think we should be discussing there.

So that's the aim of the meeting today. We have a handful of action items which are all complete on the holding of an evening event in Helsinki, on opening the Helsinki wiki page, etc. All of that is done, and therefore we are ready to roll.

Just one thing with regards to the EURALO flyer that's mentioned there. Do we have an update on this? Because I know that we had the flyer ready and everything. Was that going to be flown straight to Helsinki? Or how is that coming there? And perhaps I should say who I'm asking the question to.

Silvia, you probably would know this better than anyone else here. Is the flyer going to be available in Helsinki? Is this just going to be sent there?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello. Yes. Thank you, Olivier. You are referring to the banner or the actual flyer?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: The flyer. The [Internet] is yours. The three-fold flyer.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. I understand that this will be sent there. It hasn't been done already, so I will go and check with the office in Los Angeles. I will get back to you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I have a dozen of these in my hands at the moment that I picked up at Euro Day when the place was being shut down and things were being put in the bin. I grabbed those. So we might just have to share the 12 or 15 that I have here. And it looks good, by the way.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I will follow up. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks. Now, before we move on, are there any questions or comments on the action items?

Question from Oksana Prykhodko: "Is it only in English?" I certainly have a copy of it in my hands in English. I don't know. Has it been translated to other languages or not? Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Olivier. We requested translation. However, I am not sure if that translation was ready. At least in English we have it. I will check on this – the other languages, if they were completed.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks. That's a good point, Oksana. Thanks for asking the question.

Let's move on then. Let's go straight to our policy advice. As you know, there are quite a few public consultations going on at the moment. In the agenda, you'll see several links. There's a link to the policy [inaudible] page on the new At-Large website beta. I'm not even sure if it's a beta now. It probably is the new At-Large website. So that's one link that takes you to this.

Ugh. Does it actually even work? Big question. Yes, it does work. So that's the first one.

The other link is to the policy advice development page. That goes to the wiki page, where we also maintain the advice and the different consultations that are going on. Then, underneath that, you'll have the ICANN public comment page. That's the ICANN-wide public comment part of things.

Really, you need to look at the policy advice development page from At-Large, because then you can see what work we're doing, and you can get engaged into doing work yourself in this.

Let's look at these statements currently that have just been improved by the ALAC. How exciting. The request for input: next generation registration data services to replace the WHOIS policy development process. That was agreed on last month, I think. Thirteen votes in favor, one against. No abstentions. I'm not sure why one person voted against it, but, basically, that input it all about the replacement of the current

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WHOIS system that provides details of a registrant's details and domain name.

Well, there's some work going on because WHOIS has been around for so long, and it's been basically a one-size-fits-all scenarios, so you can't modify or amend the fields, depending on what category of registrants you have, if it's a civil society, if it's an individual person, if it's an e-commerce website. And there's a lot of work going on in this.

If you're interested in this policy development process that's going on, there is a way to join the group, or at least to follow the discussions. Just ask staff and they'll be able to point you in the right direction for this. It's quite exciting because it's the first time in so many years that things are actually moving on that front or something – a brand-new system to replace WHOIS.

Request for input for the new gTLD subsequent procedures. That's a very, very contested discussion going on that has started not that long ago. There is going to be a big discussion in Helsinki. I hope that you'll be able to take part in it. It's all about the next round of new generic top-level domains, the next round of applications for another goodness knows how many new gTLDs. The current round hasn't quite completely finished yet, but there is discussion going on on there.

A catalogue of ALAC advice related to the new gTLDs has been submitted to the PDP Working Group. The PDP Working Group is a policy development process working group based in the Generic Names Supporting Organization, the GNSO. We've had a lot of advice that we've been given in the past – obviously, this group is going to look at all of the stuff that's happened, all of the input – so not only the policy,

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but also the implementation of this whole round of new generic top-level domains – and is going to be effectively deciding on when the right time is to move forward with this, if there is indeed a right time to move forward with it.

There are some people saying that they're not even interested in another round. They think it's too early to even think about another round. There are others who are thinking, "Well, this round has gone pretty well, and we can now start looking at another round." So it's an interesting discussion, and there's going to be a big discussion on this in Helsinki. So don't worry if you missed that request for input. There'll be plenty of chance in the future. But, please, do get involved.

The statements currently in process, the ones that are being drafted or that are just reaching the votes. First one: revisions to ICANN's expected standards of behavior. That's a process that was started after an incident that took place in Marrakech. It was found that – rather, there was much fury – in fact, there was something missing in the ICANN standards of behavior. It was always something to do with online participation and on calls and so on. But when it came down to face-to-face meetings, the whole points were about the discrimination or incidents which involve sexual connotations, etc., where things which were not in place in ICANN.

So there is a process and a proposed set of revisions to the expected standards of behavior that would incorporate language that would actually include community member conduct towards one another in various different means and ways. And that's actual meetings, as well. So that's one thing that's in process.

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We now have a statement that was added there just, I think, yesterday, by Leon Sanchez. There are already some comments underneath that, with some other things in there. So you are really asked to have a look at this. The closing dates of this is the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, or a few days from now. So I'd say, if you're interested in this, please have a look at it after this call. Not during the call. After the call or tomorrow at some point so that Leon has enough time to take into account your point of view.

The request for input in the rights protection mechanisms in all generic top-level domains. Again, very important thing. That's to do with the generic top-level domains. There are a number of rights protection mechanisms. I think here we are talking specifically about trademarks, about the whole thing that goes around trademarks – post-delegation, dispute resolution procedures, the Trademark Clearinghouse, which was implemented a few years ago, and the Uniform Rapid Suspension System, which is a case of a domain name being suspended quickly if it infringes on a trademark.

These three processes or those three tools, I guess you could call them – these three things – are being viewed now to see if they've actually done their work, that they've been effective at being able to protect trademark holders and rights holders. So we're just talking trademarks – registered trademarks but also unregistered trademarks. And, also, it's branding, etc.

Three main questions on there. The first one: what are your general views about the RPMs – the Rights Protection Mechanisms – listed in Phase 1? The second one: what issues concerning Phase 1 RPMs are most relevant to your work? And what do you feel is essential about our

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working group to be aware of or focused on as it carries out its task?  
The third question is: what questions and specific points would you advise the working group to pursue in its data gathering efforts?

It's still early days. It's a pretty important process because I think that will also probably affect the way that you, if you are running a business in the future, are going to be able to protect your domain name in one way or another. I guess [inaudible] that has the domain name. Today, as you know, it's also crowded.

Anyway, I'm rambling on on this one. Let's move to the next one. This one – by the way is going to close on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. You still have a bit of time. It's quite likely that there will be a discussion in Helsinki. In fact, I think there's even a session on this in Helsinki. So you can attend in person or you can attend to it remotely.

The next one on the list is the notice of preliminary determination to grant a registrar data retention waiver request for Danmark – Filial AF Ascio Technologies, Inc., U.S.A. Alan Greenberg is finalizing a statement on this. We have often been asked the same question, this whole thing of granting a registrar data retention waiver. It's all about the information that a registrar has on its current – and if [inaudible] the rules, ICANN needs to have a copy of this.

The thing, though, with Europe is that, for many countries in Europe, there are restrictions as to how much information is allowed to be transferred out of a country, and especially into an environment which might not have the same legislation with regards to the protection of



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the data. In this case, being the United States, the data would have to be transferred to the U.S.

Some registrars based – I would say for most of them, if not all, in Europe have been asking waivers so as not to have to transfer all of that data over.

I think that's, in a summary, what the problem is about. We've had many such questions. Alan Greenberg is working on this. If you're interested in this, I'd say just have a look at it.

No statements at the moment that are stalled. Things are being done so efficiently in this organization. It's fantastic. Public comment requests to which the ALAC decided not to submit statements? None. We are very vocal. So there are new public comment requests that have landed on the table, as often is the case just before an ICANN meeting. Suddenly, everyone wakes up and says, "Oh, we need to ask the community a question about the work that we're doing."

The first one is the draft-related restated Articles of Incorporation. As you might know – I hope that you know – there is some work that is taking place in the ICANN accountability process, and that has gotten ICANN to adopt some new bylaws. The new bylaws have actually been passed, and the Board has adopted them, etc.

But now another instrument of ICANN's existence is the Articles of Incorporation. A few amendments, small amendments, have been made there in order to take into account the changes that have been brought in by the proposal of the IANA Coordination Group, the IANA Stewardship Transition, etc. As you know, there is a post-condition IANA

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that has been created. There are some changes that have been made to the ICANN structure, and this needs to be reflected in the Articles of Incorporation.

Nobody is holding the pen on this yet. If you're interested in this, and if you're knowledgeable about this, then please volunteer forward and pick up the pen. Have a look at this, read it. Do we need to have a statement on this? I've had a quick browse at this a short while ago, and it looks as though everything was in order. But we might wish to put a statement through that the ALAC supports the process as it currently is stated.

Another thing that's related to the process, to the accountability and IANA Stewardship Transition process, is the Draft Root Zone Evolution Review Committee. Yes, a new acronym, the RZERC. A new Root Zone Evolution Review Committee is going to be created, and that's all to do with the implementation of the recommendations of the Cross-Community Working Group on IANA Stewardship Transition.

There's a draft charter that has been put together. The Implementation Oversight Task Force of the IANA Stewardship Transition Working Group is working on this. Of course, there's the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group that's in there, the ICG. That's in there. At this stage, I guess – it's quite early days – it basically just looks at the ICG proposal, the IANA Coordination Group proposal, the Cross-Community Working Group on Accountability proposal, and it comes up with a charter based on that.

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I must admit I haven't read this yet, but if you have the time, and if you think it's important for you to comment on this, the comments closes on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, and we're very likely to be discussing this next week in Helsinki as well.

Next one, the proposed amendments to base the new gTLD registry agreement. The registry agreement has been, in general – in fact, in the past, it has been negotiated directly between ICANN and the registries themselves. This is a fact of life. It's a thing that has always been done. In fact, the rules are such in ICANN – the operational rules – that, when it comes down to registry agreements, it's a discussion, and often a negotiation, between ICANN and the Registry Stakeholder Group.

There are some amendments which have been proposed, and these are listed in this public comments process. It's not sure whether we would wish to comment on this or not. I know that some are saying, "But hang on. We don't actually agree with the process. We don't think that the registry agreement, the new gTLD registry agreement, should be negotiated between ICANN staff and the Registry Stakeholder Group. We think there should be a much wider discussion going on."

I'm not quite sure whether this will be said by the ALAC or not, whether there will be consensus around this. Maybe there won't be. Maybe it's going to be a case of: "Well, we have no comment to make on this." Or maybe there are points that we would like to make on the overall registry agreement that is on the table now.

What's good is that we are given the chance to comment on this, whilst I think that in the past that might not have been the case in many –

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well, maybe in the early days, but I think more recently this is a little add-on that was put there. If anybody else knows more, please correct me because I might be a bit wrong at this stage.

Next, the Reference Label Generation Rulesets for the Second Level. This one is a little bit more confusing. This usually is to do with the Internationalized Domain Names, the IDNs. The LGR, the Label Generation Ruleset, is a set of rules, but Internationalized Domain Names need to have, regarding the equivalency of some of the characters – because there are some languages in which you can write the same word in more than one way. It's a little bit like if you were looking at "school." You could write it as school, or you could call it skool, or skoul, or whatever. Of course, that's not the case in English, but there might be some languages where it is.

This is looking at the Latin character set. We're looking here at Arabic, Belarusian, Cyrillic character sets, and Hebrew. There are tons of different character sets which are listed here.

This here is looking at a basic system to look at the second level, so we're not talking about a top-level domain part. We're looking at the second level. For example, if you have school.com, you're looking at "school," not at ".com".

If I have completely confused you here, then please [have] me through this public commenting period. It is quite involved. The commenting closes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. I think that our IDN Working Group should be looking at this, and I hope that they will be able to shed a little bit of light to look at this.

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Traditionally, we've had quite a few people in our community, and in EURALO as well, taking part in these Internationalized Domain Names. In the development of these IDNs, I certainly am aware of people in Armenia, and Ukraine, and Russia, and – well, the Cyrillic set has been really helped by a lot of people from our community. So there is I'm sure more work for them.

Finally, the ICANN Fellowship Program Application Process Review. As you know, we benefit, the At-Large community benefits, a lot from the Fellowship Program. These are people who are being brought to an ICANN meeting who often have never been to an ICANN meeting. They're being brought with all expenses paid – well, lodging and flights – and they are basically there to get introduced to ICANN, to get a real feel of what the ICANN meetings are like. Many of them have ended up in our community. In fact, some have ended up in leadership positions in our community, which is really great to know.

Janice Douma Lange and her team are doing an amazing job, but this program comes up for review at the moment. The Fellowship Program application process itself has many different facets to it. If you have been a Fellow in the past or are a Fellow, have benefited from this program and have some things to say about how to improve this, then please comment on this. You might even be interested in holding the pen.

I've been really long in this one, but I thought I'd give you a few idea of the whole thing. I saw that there were a few people, I think, who have put their hands up. Maybe no. I don't see anyone with their hands up now.

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That's all for the time being for the public consultations. The floor is open for comments. We start with Jean-Jacques Subrenat. You have the floor, Jean-Jacques Subrenat.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRERNAT: Thanks, Olivier. Just about the various scripts, I happen to be a member of some of these groups. I just want to make sure that our colleagues on this call understand that it's really not a decision-making body on the ways of interpreting notions and concepts. It's really about script in various [acceptance] – for instance, in Chinese characters and Cyrillic – to make sure that any variation in the way a character or a letter is written resolves properly when it is sent through the systems of the Internet. That was my first remark.

My second remark is that I have been astounded by the amount of work and also the quality of work which has been going on. My third remark is that, yes, there are still some linguistic areas – I don't think it's the case with Cyrillic, and I know that for Chinese, Korean, and Japanese, it's pretty well underway – where further contributions would be very welcome. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. I think Georgia at the moment is being – well, some requests are being made for people who have knowledge of Georgian script. That's one that I've heard of. You can see there's a whole list that was provided there. If you have some knowledge or even are a user of any non-Latin scripts, it's probably a good idea to volunteer forward. Thanks for this further information.

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Next, we have Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. But maybe you can call on Oksana, if she wants to speak about the same topic. I would like to come back to another topic you previously discussed about gTLDs. Maybe Oksana before me will be better. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sebastien. Oksana Prykhodko, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. Thank you, Sebastien. I would like to raise two issues, the first one regarding protection or for geographic names. There is a working group at the GAC. Maybe we can do something in this direction. Of course, [it's an] important issue for the EURALO region.

The second one is about ICANN's hosting of meetings. We know that the Helsinki meeting was changed at the very last moment, and the Fellowship Program did not react on this change. The Next Generation Program reacted on this change and proposed more opportunities for applicants from our region. But what to do with any other changes? Thank you.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Oksana. I would therefore suggest that you might wish to put this comment regarding the Fellowship not reacting to the change and the NextGen reacting to the change of region. This is of course the cancellation of the meeting in Panama, which has been moved to Helsinki, and the next meeting, which was due to take place in Puerto Rico, and which is being relocated to Hyderabad in India. So that's obviously something that you might wish to put there, which is a very good point.

On your other point – I have a blank, unfortunately. It's a bit unfortunate.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Protection of geographic names.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Ah, that's right. Yes. Thank you, Oksana. The protection of geographic names. I think there is a session that will take place in Helsinki to discuss this. It's a general session, with everyone being invited to take part. It would be very important for us to take part in this. I am not aware of a specific working group in At-Large that deals with this protection of geographic names in these discussions, although I am aware of some people in At-Large that are involved in this. But perhaps others have more information about that.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Olivier, can I ask another question? [inaudible] organize the new working group? Or can we [just] to prepare a new statement on



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protection of geographic names? For me, it seems that [we did] discuss all these issues before.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Oksana. Because the geographic names are all part of the New Genetic Top-Level Domain Program, the New gTLD Program, I think that the home for such a discussion would probably be in the New gTLD Working Group that we have, our ongoing New gTLD Working Group.

Now, whether that group is active or not is another question because it hasn't done much recently. But we can certainly ask this question. If you wish, I can certainly take it as an action item: that we should ask the ALAC Chair or the ALAC as to whether there is a home in At-Large for the discussion on this protection of geographic names.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. I would like not to leave it in the hands of only the GAC.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That's noted.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Oksana. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. First of all, there is Christopher Wilkinson, who can join by Adobe. If staff can do something from him, I will give Terri his phone number to join – Christopher Wilkinson – now. It will be great. Thank you.

Second point. You were talking about new gTLDs. Can we have some information about what is also going on regarding the request of the Board on this same issue?

The last point I wanted to raise is that I am very concerned with the way the place of the meeting are chosen now. When we were discussing about the new strategy, it was not to return two times in the same year, or even in the same region – two close countries – and it was not to go for a B meeting in some country where we already went.

I really think that we need to figure out how we can say something on all those issues. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sebastien. On the two points that you're making, on the first one, the new gTLD requests on the Board on this issue: can you expand on this, please? Are you speaking about the next round or the subsequent round? Or what exactly are you –

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I can try, but I didn't follow closely. I didn't do my own work on this, but I know that there is a request to send one page about the position of ALAC on the new gTLDs. Sorry, but maybe Sandra has more information than me. I was doing some other things. But if Sandra is not available for that, I can give you more.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Sebastien. No, now I do remember as well, because I was copied onto that. Being the GNSO liaison, I'm still on the ALAC list, and also the Leadership Team list.

There was a request from the Board for the ALAC's view regarding this subsequent round, with a number of questions being asked. This has come onto the ALAC mailing list, so there was a discussion that took place on this.

I have seen several views being expressed. I do not know what Alan Greenberg, the ALAC Chair, is planning on doing with this. Obviously, it would be better to have a single response to the request from the Board than to have multiple numbers of responses. But obviously, the single response would need to incorporate the views of the multiple answers that were given here.

The second point – and then I'll give you the floor again, Sebastien – on the choice of places for the meeting, I understand that on the Thursday afternoon, there is a general session with everyone invited to take part in Helsinki. That will be reflecting on the organization of the B meeting, and that is probably the location where you would need to intervene if you were to make a comment on this.

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Again, I don't know whether there will be any discussion in the ALAC before that, or a concerted reply, or whether people will be asked to comment on an individual basis.

Sebastien Bachollet, back to you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. On the point about the meeting, I really think that if I am the only one to take the floor for that, it's not a good idea. I was very involved in, as I was a Chair of this working group. I am very [inaudible] with some of the output here. But if I am the only one concerned, then it doesn't matter. That's why I am putting that in your hands, also, in EURALO's hands.

The second point is about what is asked by the Board from At-Large. I am not sure that I fully agree with you on the fact that we need to give one sheet of paper, or one sheet, for just ALAC. And it seems that the Stakeholder Group will be asked to give their inputs. I don't know why [did at] the same level that [in] the RALO [not] given one page to say what they think. So the inputs from Europe could be different from one from Africa and from Latin America, and will be better if we have five regions speaking than just the ALAC in this specific case of new gTLDs.

That's why I think it's a good place to discuss this here. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Sebastien. That's one thing we can do: discuss the issue here. But obviously we are somehow running out of time. We could

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discuss some of this when we meet face-to-face in Helsinki because the closing date for this is later than the Helsinki meeting, if I looked at it correctly.

One thing, Sebastien, which you might wish to do is perhaps ask the ALAC Chair as to whether there is any objection from the ALAC to RALOs raising their own points of view, or at least, to say it the other way, maybe we should discuss it with other RALOs as to saying, “Well, EURALO might wish to omit an opinion on this, the RALO position on this. Are you looking at also omitting a RALO position?” Think about this.

Sebastien Bachollet, and then we’re going to have to move on. Go ahead, Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Sorry. Very short inputs. A lot of things are discussed at the level of the ALT. I would like very much that this be brought back to the ALT by our ALT member, because I can write mail, but I think, when there’s a discussion at the ALT level, it must be better to put that at the ALT level. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Sebastien. Sandra Hoferichter, you’re the member of the ALT. I hope you’ve taken note of this. If not, please, Sebastien, just get in touch with Sandra and get her to raise this at the ALT.

All right. Let’s get moving, then. The next thing in our agenda now is the Helsinki meeting. As you know, we’ve got a General Assembly that’s

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coming, and a [wiki] space was created. It needs to be somehow updated a little bit. Let's say we've got our details of the EURALO General Assembly. We've got the annual reports on this. We've got the welcome pack with a number of things which are included there.

And I believe – what do we have here? These are the previous documents for the previous General Assembly, isn't it? I'm a little lost of this. Maybe I should hand the floor over to Wolf for this small segment, just to launch us in this whilst I regain my composure.

Wolf Ludwig, are you on the call?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. I also noted –

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: And apologies to you I didn't give you any prior notice. Sorry for digging you in at the deep end here.

WOLF LUDWIG: No. It's okay. I think meanwhile the link was posted to the current workspace for the EURALO General Assembly at ICANN 56 in Helsinki. We circulated a first announcement and invitation to the members via our mailing list about two and a half weeks ago, what means three weeks before the meeting will be convened together with the first draft of an agenda. And this Draft Agenda is available on our workspace and is a draft version until it will be adopted at the General Assembly itself.

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Meanwhile, Olivier and I drafted the Annual Report which will be circulated which will be uploaded on the workspace as well by Silvia and it will be circulated by me to the EURALO list.

So these are the two key elements for the upcoming General Assembly next week in Helsinki, which is unfortunately not a face-to-face meeting as it is not funded by ICANN this year and it will be a virtual meeting with only those members present that will be supported to travel to Helsinki. But meanwhile, I would like to invite anybody who can't make it to Helsinki physically/directly, either to join this General Assembly by remote participation. There will be this opportunity offered to participate by the Adobe Connect room or you can also select delegation of a proxy vote to one of those members who will be physically present in Helsinki.

So this can be an effort or this can be an attempt to have besides those members being physically there and also remote participants and with proxy vote we would like to mobilize at least 50% of our members who will participate in one way or the other at General Assembly next week.

This is, I think, essential to know for the moment you can refuse the Annual Report and you still can refuse the Draft Agenda and you can make any suggestions for the Draft Agenda until the end of this week to be adopted by the meeting itself at the starting next week. That's all for the moment. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, wolf. And I hope that you've all been able to click onto the link which Silvia has put in the chat so you've got the current

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Draft EURALO General Assembly Agenda. Don't worry about the timings. I note that it says, "Part One from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and Part Two from 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m." This is Helsinki time, but don't worry about the timings where it says underneath, "Standing Issues" for example which would be like, "A: Standing Issues" which is really Part One. It says 25 minutes. I'm well aware that from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. it is more than 25 minutes. We'll work out the timings afterwards. What we're looking at here is really the flow of the Assembly and the way that it's built.

So we're seeing Jean-Jacques Sahel who is going to be there for part of the Assembly. Of course, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, our Board member selected by At-Large, and Alan Greenberg, the ALAC Chair. There will be a good discussion with them. Then we'll be adopting the minutes of – after, of course doing all the necessary paperwork of adopting the meeting minutes from our last meeting.

And then after that, the second part of the General Assembly will be looking at our Annual Report, and then focusing on the launch of some of the work that we've done. First looking at the EURALO Bylaws Task Force. There's going to be a discussion specifically about quorum. We have had now one call and a half, maybe nearly two calls, where the Working Group has been discussing various levels of quorum for our future rules of procedure. So there would be a bit of a table basically being put there and we'll be able to discuss what type of quorum we wish to have.

And then there is the launch of the EURALO At-Large Structure Engagement Task Force, and we'll have a discussion on this as well.



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We've already decided to create that task force but we haven't done anything with it so far. We haven't launched it and being face-to-face in Helsinki looks like the right time to do so.

In fact, I've received an e-mail from Oksana Prykhodko on this topic where some time ago she had put together a Dashboard for EURALO looking at every single European country or country covered by the EURALO territory and looking at the fact whether it had an Internationalized Domain Name, whether it was a member of the Country Code Name Supporting Organization, whether there was an At-Large Structure there and what At-Large Structure was there, looking at who was the GAC member, were they represented at ITU, did they have a digital agenda, were they part of the European digital agenda, were they a member of RIPE NCC, etc. etc. etc. Quite a complete table there and I think that it will be a good start to look at this because if we're going to look at ALS engagement, then we can look at this and look at it both on a whether it engages with other organizations locally but also how we might wish to complete this overall picture. It's just one of several documents that we would be bringing into this.

I'll finish quickly what we have there on the agenda and then give the floor to Sebastien. Immediately after this we'll have the review of our CROPP concept. So far we had a concept that was different to other regions where we have been sending people to one location every year, which was the EuroDIG, and on this occasion we'll see if we have some good feedback from them and see if this is the way forward for the future, whether we need to follow or pursue a different strategy.

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And finally, at the end of this agenda we will have the Outreach Strategy discussion with Jean-Jacques Sahel, the Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement for Europe. And hopefully we'll be able to work out our future outreach strategy in Europe, bearing in mind our current one is one ALS – so one At-Large Structure – In every country, and we still are far from having achieved this.

The floor is open. Let's have Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. Listening to you I was surprised that we invite the people selected outside of the region to come to talk to us, but it seems that EURALO is not taking care of their own people they select and elect in the ALAC, for example, other one coming from NomCom. I was wondering why? Why we have time for people from outside the region and no time even to the one from the region.

The second point is that Oksana has done this document but another one I guess, about participation and so on and so forth, and I guess those two documents are very interesting and will be very useful to be maintained. We need to have some history on everything and that's one way to get it what Oksana has done. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Sebastien. Maybe we could have an action item for Oksana to please send those documents to At-Large staff who will have to put them somewhere in a document storage so that we have them

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readily available when we have our meeting in Helsinki. Probably in the document store for the Task Force on At-Large Structure Engagement.

Answering your first question, I'm not quite sure what you mean by people from outside the region. We have the ALAC Chair and the Board member selected by At-Large. I would hope that the ALAC representatives are going to be part of this General Assembly in any way. That's the whole point is to have everyone from EURALO be in there, so I hope that you feel that you're part of EURALO, Sebastien. I gather that you were speaking specifically of the people that were selected in the region, and I would certainly say that the person who was selected by the NomCom for this region is equally on the same level as those that are selected by EURALO.

Mikhail Medrish, you have the floor.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH:

Thank you, Olivier. I'm about point [inaudible] EURALO outreach strategy. It is very strange for me to see only Jean-Jacques here, but ICANN has another Vice President for the European part, Michael Yakushev. I suppose it's necessary to ask him also to come. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Mikhail. I totally agree with you. Having had dinner with Michael Yakushev at [inaudible]. In fact, I had dinner with him and Yrjö and [Yusa Morthander] both from Finland and we had a good evening. We had a long discussion on these strategies. I do not know why he is not listed there, and I wonder whether he was either

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double booked or he had something else there. Is there a reason for this, and I don't really know whom to ask. Silvia, do you know by any chance?

SILVIA VIVANCO: No, Olivier. Actually I do not know. I'm sorry.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So maybe we can have an action item then to follow up please with Jean-Jacques and Michael Yakushev and find out why only Jean-Jacques is listed there. And I know that we also have a third person whose name evades me at this very moment. But there is also someone in charge of the Balkan region.

MIKHAIL MEDRISH: Balkan region is Jean-Jacques. Michael Yakushev is about former USSR region. And just now he is in Bishkek, Malaysia. So it's a part of Asia, also his region but the Eastern part of Europe he is responsible for. So I suppose it's strictly necessary to ask him to come because EURALO, one region but two Vice Presidents it's necessary to discuss with both of them.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Mikhail. Good point. So we have an action item to ask Michael Yakushev can attend the EURALO – yes – to basically find out. And Silvia could you please carbon copy me on this because we need to

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insist that Michael also comes to this [meeting]. I honestly have no idea why he was not listed on this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Olivier. Will do.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier. Do we have any idea of who will be physically present in Helsinki as ALS representative? And if not, what we can do to get this list set up quickly. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Sebastien. There is a table that all ICANN funded travelers on the ALAC and Regional Leaders can fill. And I don't know whether that's open to other people to fill, too. That goes beyond what I'm paid for. I don't know. Maybe Silvia would know, or Terri?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. The table is actually restricted to those participants who are funded to travel. Sorry, I was wrong. Thank you, Terri, for correcting me. It's open to all of who want to see, whose traveling funded by ICANN. So there you go. Thank you.

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Silvia. I would say if we cannot get an overall list of other people who might be coming to Helsinki – and I know that some people both live in Helsinki or also are self-funding their way into Helsinki. Could we please have another action item then to create this under our EURALO Activities Workspace, create a space on there with maybe not the flights coming in and flights coming out, but maybe just a list of each person and their ALS so everyone can edit this wiki page. It's an open wiki page for us to be able to edit so at least we build that page quickly enough.

And I note that Yrjö says for example he'll be obviously in Helsinki. Sebastien, back to you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, but we need also to have who is a proxy from whom. We are preparing in the General Assembly then we need to have the list of the members and who will be traveling and who will be in Helsinki even if it's just taking the tram like Yrjö, but we really need to see who will be there and who will be represented there. It will be good. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Sebastien. The logistics I guess I have to leave to Silvia and it probably would be Silvia and Gisella usually. Who is supporting the General Assembly on this occasion, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I am supporting the EURALO Assembly and of course we will have two more staff members at the venue supporting as well.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks. So I gather all of these details will be available by the time the General Assembly starts and we'd have a better idea of who is going to be there and we'll have maybe a table that we can tick off saying who is going to be there representing what. Sebastien mentioned proxies. I am not aware on whether proxies are in existence for this General Assembly. I probably have to ask Wolf if that's the case. Or Sebastien, since I know you're well aware of the procedures as well. Sebastien Bachollet?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I must ask Wolf because I think there is but I don't know for this with the current Bylaws. But at least we need to be sure who will be represented. For example, I saw that our friends from – [Jamie] will be with representing one ALS and I think we need to know, even if it's not the usual name we have to represent one ALS at the meeting. Thank you. And both will be much more colorful than me to answer your questions.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Sebastien. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Well there are actually two ways to organize a proxy vote as we did in the past. There are informal channels you can use, people you know quite well. I would say, in the past when we didn't have face-to-face meeting, Sebastien always had a proxy vote from the

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[inaudible] in his country. And as we just discussed as a Bylaws Task Force recently, we do not want a really high culmination of proxy votes. So every member who will be physically present in Helsinki can collect up to two additional proxies only. But even if we could organize among those present having two proxy votes, this will raise the level of participation considerably. Therefore, I would like to encourage all of you at this call who cannot be present to select from among those people you know who will be present candidates to transfer your proxy vote to them.

Another opportunity could be a call via the mailing list what would be an additional tool for encouragement to remember all our members that they can select among the listed members, it will be obviously the three ALAC members, it will be the Leadership Team, it will be as NomCom delegate, and all these members can have up to two more additional proxy votes for the General Assembly itself. And I think we should make use of both ways – the informal one and the announcement of the reminder by the list – that people who cannot make it Helsinki are free to delegate their proxy vote to another member.

That's the way we did it in the past and I think we should encourage this for Helsinki as well. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Wolf. Next we have Silvia Vivanco.



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SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Olivier. Thank you very much. [Looking at] all the procedural details that Wolf has outlined, if I may suggest that the Secretariat [Wolf] can do some bullet points we can make basic rules that will be implemented [use for the GA] and to be sent to all of the EURALO mailing list so they are all aware of the procedures that will be implemented to make decisions during the GA that will be held in a virtual manner. So if I may suggest that please. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Silvia. Wolf, is that something that you could be able to do in the next 24 hours? Do you have the ability or availability to do so?

WOLF LUDWIG: I do not know what Silvia means by the rules. I think the rules are known, or the option is known, that if you cannot be physically present at the General Assembly, we had three non face-to-face meetings in the past and the rules to the members were clear that if you are not physically present you can select one of those members you know and you trust to transfer your vote and to assign him or her with a proxy vote. And so I will prepare just an announcement or a reminder that this is an option we would like to readapt at the Helsinki meeting again. So this is nothing very complicated. It's a common rule – if I cannot participate myself, of course I would select somebody I know and I trust to transfer my vote.

So I think it's an encouragement for those who are present at this call to contact people for a transfer of proxies and then an additional reminder

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by myself in the next 48 hours to remind our members that this is a standing option and those members who would like, should make use of it. I think that's all.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That's it. Thanks very much for this, Wolf. Yes, let's do this please, to remind our members of this. I understand the Annual Report or something is going to be sent pretty soon as well. We definitely have to get our ALSs informed on all these things. So reminding them of the rules would be really helpful to bring this whole thing to a level where we have a quorum etc.

And, of course this is probably the last time we have to go through this in an ad hoc manner because hopefully by next year we will have our new Rules of Procedure and we will also have Operating Principles that we will be working on that will have all of this in a much clearer fashion so we will be able to do a cut and paste when these General Assemblies take place.

Sebastien Bachollet, you have the floor. I'm a little concerned we're running over time and people are starting to have to drop off. But let's continue the discussion. We're having something very productive at the moment. Sebastien, go ahead.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, sorry. Just to tell you that I have to leave. I already did miss 10 minutes of the CCWG on Accountability and I need to move there. And I just wanted to – I guess you get the information through the Skype chat,

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but I was [inaudible] the French Senate to give a discussion paper about the transition and I will try to send the English version in the next few days if not hours. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you Sebastien. Very important thing and thank you for having appeared before the French Senate. I wasn't at my computer unfortunately so I didn't see you in your no doubt stellar performance, but it would certainly be great if you sent a quick note to the EURALO mailing list so as to let our colleagues know about your intervention. That's great.

Okay, so what else do we have now? Next on our agenda we have the Joint Civil Society EURALO Networking Event. That's just a very quick update on this. What we have is a few things basically.

So first, as you know we are in Europe and so there's going to be a little bit of outreach that will actually take place as inreach early I think it's on the Monday or the Tuesday morning where we're going to be speaking to the Fellows there. Because of the change in location – and we've already touched on this here – there hasn't been any ability to do some outreach to schools and so on because we're arriving just after Midsummer or during Midsummer which is a big national holiday in Finland and speaking to empty classrooms, we've got better things to do than that.

So that was one thing. But we do have a networking event that takes place on the early of the Tuesday. That is actually part of the overall, big ICANN reception entitled "The President Reception." The new President

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and CEO Göran Marby is from Sweden. He's European. He's having this reception. It's a large room. We'll have a corner of the room which will not only have – I don't know, maybe we'll have a microphone and the speaker will be able to say a few words, and we'll have some drinks specifically for EURALO members and for people from our community to join in. I'm not planning on having any big speeches or anything like that. Maybe just a word of thanks for the people who have made a number of things happen in Helsinki and to just welcome and network with each other.

There is apparently likely to be some kind of projector that might project the EURALO logo so you can see that from far away, you'll be able to congregate in that corner.

So that's the event that will take place. Have I missed anything on this? I know that Heidi – is Heidi still on the call?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I am. We were reading each other's minds. I sort of have a virtual hand up.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Heidi. You have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I just wanted to let everyone know that this is the joint EURALO and Civil Society event, that there should be members from NPOC, and NCUC, and NCSG there. And also as part of the outreach and

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engagement that At-Large is doing in Helsinki, the NextGen and Fellows are being invited to that event as well. So it should be quite a good event. And yes, you are correct, the EURALO logo will be projected up in great lights up on to the wall. So we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic, Heidi. Thank you very much. So that's the early part of the evening. And now if you haven't had enough networking with this, when this event ends which should be at around the sort of 9:00 p.m. mark, as you know this is Helsinki and the lights go down at – is it 10:45 or 10:48 p.m. – very late. So we just cannot go to sleep right away. There's going to be a jam session from the Global Equal Multistakeholder Band that's taking place in a villa just outside not far from the convention center and everyone from EURALO will be invited to join there.

Yes, the sunset is 23:30. Okay, that's pretty late. Yrjö Länsipuro is on the call. Yrjö, you're one of the main organizers there, did you want to say a couple of words on this? Do you have the ability to speak right now?

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. When this networking event ends that you spoke about 19:30, we have an event for the ISOC chapter members organized by ISOC Finland which, of course, is Finnish ALS in a place called [Biwa Kiwi]. It's on the other side of the beautiful Töölönlahti Bay. It's about a 30 minute walk from Finlandia Hall. It takes about an hour. And then at 9:00 in the same place there will be a jam session with the

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Global Equal Multistakeholder Band which has been performing many times before at ICANN events. And that will last until about midnight and a buffet dinner will be served.

We have some space limitations there so that what I advise is that when you come to Helsinki look for tickets for this event. They will be distributed by people who have to do with the band and also by people of ISOC and affiliates. So please find your tickets and come to the jam session. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Yrjö. Yes, it's word of mouth but certainly I'll be there and, as you know, Yrjö as well. But Yrjö will be hiding in the NomCom room most of the time so we'll be around and I expect that everyone in EURALO will be able to get a ticket. It's not hard core space limitations in that basically if the place gets absolutely fully packed then we could preference some people holding tickets of this group.

Right. That's the networking events we would have in Helsinki. There isn't really very much else. You can see that the meeting schedule is absolutely diabolical, extremely busy for everyone and I would just urge that we have a good EURALO showing in these afternoon sessions – the Charter for the Cross-Community Working Group on the use of gTLD auction proceeds, the one which goes on the Subsequent Procedures, the one about the Rights Protection Mechanism which I mentioned earlier, the one on the Draft Framework of Principles for Future Cross-Community Working Groups, and of course the last two on the Thursday afternoon on the Workload Scheduling – because I think that I can

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already tell you just looking at the schedule I have a headache – and then the Meeting B Wrap-Up where we'll be looking back at how well or how bad this whole week was.

Anyway, we're really way over time and I was going to now ask for any – well, we've got the updates Bylaws Task Force. I think we've already had a quick mention on this. We are discussing the whole question now of quorum, what level should we have the quorum. I'll be putting together a table of what discussions we had today, the different proposals that are on the table, and we'll be spending some time in Helsinki to discuss this. I don't think we have any time to discuss this here, especially if we are to restart all the discussions that we've had earlier two and a half hours ago.

And we now have Any Other Business. And I think that Jean-Jacques Subrenat had something to share with us. Jean-Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you, Olivier. I have a question actually. I saw some urgent correspondence on the ALAC list from its Chair reminding us that there was the idea of ALAC appointing a liaison to the GAC and it seemed pretty urgent and several members on the list had pointed out that the ALAC should not miss the opportunity of putting that liaison to the GAC already in place at least on a temporary basis in Helsinki, even if it's only for two or three months. And in the meantime that would allow the ALAC to have the proper consultation and voting procedure to

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designate a proper liaison. Does anyone have any information on the state of play just now?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Jean-Jacques. I should really let one of the ALAC members currently on the call provide more information. Failing this, I'm always ready to help. Any of the ALAC members wishes to step forward?

So, I don't see them. Oh, Sandra Hoferichter, you have the floor.

And Sandra, your microphone might not be connected or might not be working at the moment there is silence. You are connected. Okay. It seems that there's something that's not working correctly in the set-up because I certainly cannot hear you. Okay. Never mind. It doesn't seem to work. So now Sandra is not muted. Her microphone seems to be working. Your mic is blue. Does it mean that it works? It's supposed to be working. Maybe the mic needs to be red. Unfortunately, we can't hear you, Sandra. It probably is a connectivity issue or something of this point. We're unable to hear you.

Let me just for the sake of the fact that we need to close this call, we are 21 minutes beyond the end of this call, so we're outrageously beyond the end. I'll just fill you in. I think from the last discussions that I saw there that the [ALT] has discussed this and has – I might be wrong but I wouldn't be paying too close attention on this – the [ALT] had discussed this and was proposing that Yrjö gets selected for this position for Helsinki for the time being and that there would be a selection process that would then proceed forward before the next meeting



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before the AGM so things then get the ball rolling then. That's what I had heard so far.

So at the moment this is a temporary ad hoc thing and then after that I do not know whether it will be the [ALT] or whether there'll be a selection committee. I have a feeling that there will probably be a selection committee, but it's still in the open. I hope I haven't mischaracterized this so far. Or is there a vote currently on this [interim position]? Okay. So there you go. So Sandra knows there is a vote on the interim position currently on. Okay. Obviously as I'm not on the ALAC I'm not receiving the votes.

And I see a "Exactly" from Sebastien. Okay.

So that's all. Any other business? Any other questions or comments? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. I apologize to everyone who was thinking they might have a short call. I think I might have jinxed it before we started and said we didn't have much to say. Maybe I should shorten my interventions. But in any case, I hope it's been a good call for you all. I certainly have seen some movement and I'm really looking forward to see you if you are able to make it face-to-face in Helsinki. If you're not, I hope to see you online and that you'll be able to join us during our General Assembly. I know it's early in the morning, it's at inconvenient times, but we didn't have much of a choice for this.

So with this, we've got some action items to pursue and we'll be doing this later on tonight and sometime tomorrow. Safe travels for those people who are coming to Helsinki and otherwise, see you on the Internet.

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This call is now adjourned. Thank you.

TERRI AGNEW:

Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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