
YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce call taking place on Wednesday the 22nd of February, 2017, at 1500 UTC. On the call today we have Wolf Ludwig, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Sebastien Bachollet, Oksana Prykhodko, Andrei Kolesnikov, and Florian Hule. We haven't received any apologies for today's call, and from Staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.

Finally, if I could please remind everyone to state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes, and over to you, Olivier. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Yeşim. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking, and today's agenda is going to be reporting on the small group that has come together in the last few days to start a first draft of the EURALO Bylaws, as they were to be re-drafted from scratch. So, we have several points in our agenda. First is the current legal status of EURALO. There was a question on this, and so there is an answer. The question [inaudible] and practice under Swiss law, membership admission and due diligence, ICANN's requirements, and finally, we will work out a timetable of where we are going to go from now.

Now, the first agenda item, then, is the current legal status of EURALO. As far as all of the RALOs are concerned, none of them are registered in a specific country; they are all under "unincorporated associations," and it is in that capacity that they signed the MOU with ICANN. So the

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common practice is not to have registration in any specific country, and that's what is recommended – certainly by ICANN, but certainly also it would be seen as the exception if EURALO was to consider legal incorporation somewhere. Plus, the fact that this would cost money and there is no funding for allocation for such a thing to take place. But I hope I've summarized this well. I'll turn over to Wolf Ludwig, who must have been discussing this over in Austria when he met with the rest of the team. Wolf, do you have anything else to add to this? Have I said it correctly?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. Yes, thanks a lot, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. As you know, we had a meeting last Saturday in Vienna. It was an opportunity when I was in Vienna for the Domain [inaudible] on Thursday and Friday, and as Erich also participated in Domain [inaudible], we conveniently had a working meeting on Saturday morning to sit together and to discuss some basics with Florian about the drafting process of the new bylaws. And Florian presented for our meeting a rough outline for the Articles of Association, etcetera, but we had a lot of basic questions to discuss or try to clarify, and we went through them step-by-step, and we have here some more.

Now, we would like to share this to you [inaudible] so you can see it on the agenda. It's actually a proposal of Florian, who is the penholder for this drafting at the moment. We would like to discuss with you again in this Taskforce the current legal status of EURALO – what you mentioned, Olivier, that up to now, EURALO is not registered or

incorporated in any country here in Europe, as is the case for all the other RALOs.

Do we have – another question is resources in practice and under Swiss law? And then, another question we discussed in length and detail is membership admission and due diligence. And this is more or less a tricky example, in my opinion, because usually, when you join an association or you intend to join an association, you do this by [inaudible] and it's usually the Board of an association – in some cases, in can be the privilege of the General Assembly – to decide and approve of new membership admissions. In our case, as you all know, the procedure is slightly different and it's the same for all RALOs, and nothing particular for EURALO. When we receive an application, this usually goes to At-Large Staff, which is not part of EURALO, but is a different entity – and then, usually, At-Large staff is [inaudible] due diligence procedure, and when they come up with [inaudible], when they have completely this DD procedure. It's the RALO who is asked more or less for its regional advice. And then, that's the moment when actually the RALO is concerned, [inaudible] or has a role to play, we have to ask our membership, "We have a new applicant. Do you agree that they should be admitted, that they should be approved?" If no objection is raised within the next seven days – this is the way we usually handle such applications – then, after the regional advice is on the table, in most cases approved – we only had to my memory, I think, two cases where the members didn't approve. And then, it's again, not in our [inaudible] to decide about the admission. Then, it's up to ALAC to take this decision. This is, again, something out of our authority. So,

this is a critical point and we have to specify this and we have to clarify this under the membership admissions and due diligence.

And then, another question is ICANN's requirements. In my opinion, ICANN's requirements are already stressed or laid down in the MOU – in the Memorandum of Understanding designed with ICANN during the foundation procedure in Lisbon in March 2007. Therefore, I think there is no need to have more about ICANN's requirements in our bylaws. We can simply make a reference in the bylaws pointing to the MOU and saying, "any further agreement specifications in the bilateral relationship with ICANN, etcetera, are specified in the MOU."

That's it for my part in the introduction. And as I said, Florian is the penholder and was taking detailed notes from our discussions last Saturday, etcetera, and let me suggest to hand over the floor to Florian. Thanks.

FLORIAN HULE:

Hi. For the record, this is Florian speaking. The current legal status of EURALO, from a civil law perspective, would be something maybe to clarify this for the non-lawyers – EURALO, as you put it, is not incorporated anywhere. Nevertheless, jurisdictions tend to fit or try to fit a legal hat on constructs. So, for instance, EURALO, in its present state, would be a civil society or a civil association under German law, probably, since the founding papers were signed in Germany and put together with German law intended. But nevertheless, that's not really a big problem. The questions of resources, the problem is, Swiss law demands a clear list of the intended resources for the association. So,

anything from funds – where does the funding come from, what happens with it, who controls it, etcetera. Membership admission and due diligence – the only problem there is actually to hand over the admission, or the final decision upon the admission to a certain [inaudible] association or to outsource it. ICANN’s requirements are – thank you for the Memorandum of Understanding. It will be interesting to incorporate this into the Articles of Association. Maybe we can do it simply by saying that there is an MOU and that the Association should be exercised in accordance with the MOU. So, that’s it, more or less, from my point of view. Any suggestions for the resources part?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you Florian. It’s Olivier speaking. So, the floor is open now for suggestions. First, I wanted to thank both of you, and Erich as well, for having sat together and worked on this. I can see some good progress. Now, the floor is open for comments and questions. Then, I guess, we can think of looking at specific parts and looking at how we’re going to move this. The reference document at the moment that’s on your screen is the current EURALO Memorandum of Understanding with ICANN.

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier, I have another comment –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead, Wolf. You have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig, for the record. Just to be clear about one point. This sounded a little bit misleading, some remarks from Florian. In fact, the logic of the existing [inaudible] original bylaw was then, according to German bylaw standards simply due to the fact that the majority of the drafting group were German at the time. It was mainly [inaudible] and [inaudible], and then including me. But we were conscious, right from the beginning, that we will never get a majority among the EURALO founding members if we would suggest or insist to have the association strictly under German law or registered in Germany. Therefore, it was never, ever attempted to make any official registration, which is the usual procedure in Germany. In Germany, associations only exist when you are registered, then you are an [inaudible], which is abbreviated by [inaudible]. And if you are not registered formally, you do not exist.

This is slightly different in Switzerland. You can create an association according to Swiss law with a seat in Switzerland, and you need no official registration. You are recognized once you have a founding assembly and once you have the minutes of the founding assembly that say that the bylaws, they are largely approved by the founding members, etcetera. And if you document this in such a way, you are officially recognized without being registered, you can open a bank account, etcetera, which you could never do in Germany. Just to make it clear that it was never registered in Germany, we would never have got the approval of the founding members at the time, so the rationale of the original bylaws was the German standard, but it's not a German association. And the question is now, with the new bylaws. I think we've found approval already during the past meetings and calls that

the easiest way to do the new bylaw is according to soft as with association bylaw standards, and if you do it according to the association bylaw standards, we could also clarify and then say, "Okay. It will be a European association. It will not only be a Swiss association like the Swiss ISOC chapter. It will be a European association with a seat in Switzerland, and this is possible if one or two members of the association are based or have a residence in Switzerland." This would be, in our case, easy, because I have my residence in Switzerland, Olivier has a residence in Switzerland, so we could easily fulfill this requirement for the seating of the association according to the new bylaws. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. I must say, I'm slightly confused by what you're saying. Are you saying, then, that we need to register that association?

WOLF LUDWIG: No.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, we don't. Okay.

WOLF LUDWIG: In Switzerland, it's not required.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Alright [CROSSTALK] So, you basically are saying that you could link this to the Swiss [inaudible] or Swiss [inaudible] by [inaudible] by getting with those people who are based in Switzerland. Is that what I understand correctly?

WOLF LUDWIG: Right. Right.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alright. Okay, well, let's see. We have Sebastien Bachollet in the queue, so Sebastien, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Olivier, Wolf, and Florian. First of all, from my memory – a bad one, but – my thinking when we decided to start discuss bylaws in [inaudible] to be able to sign the MOU and start the EURALO, even if we are not all in agreement with the bylaws and we thought that it was more important to run and to work and to do something and spend more and more time on the bylaw at that time. Then I agree with Wolf that it was done and not – I don't even remember if we voted on, or if we decided that it was the basis we would work around this basis, but we didn't as a full group of participants or even founding members of EURALO, we decided that it was not more important.

The current discussion, it's needed and interesting. I think one of the questions Olivier just raised is that, do we need to be registered? We don't, but then there is a question, "Do we need to be somewhere in Europe – in one country?" For the moment, I have heard that the

answer was yes and let's do it in Switzerland for obvious and good reasons, but do we really need, if we are not incorporated, to be somewhere specific – in one specific country? And I am not arguing against Switzerland. I know how to do bylaws in France; I don't know how to do bylaws in Switzerland, but I don't think it's a big deal.

But the discussion raised an issue for me: who will be the founding members of this EURALO with those bylaws? Yes, Wolf, you say that you have already two people living there, but then it comes to the question of who are the members? Is it Olivier with [inaudible]? Is it Wolf with [inaudible]? Is it Wolf [inaudible]? And then, immediately, the question of the [inaudible] discussion for the ICANN review, it's quite interesting. But it's why I – my preference, if I have one, it's to be not incorporated somewhere; to take as a basis some law or the possible bylaws in Switzerland, and that's it, because we – it was also a discussion, "Do we need a checkbook?" For the moment, we don't have specific money; everything goes through ICANN. Do we want to intend to do – to have some specific incomes? It's a case of some constituency within ICANN – the Business Constituency, for example. But I think that those questions, we need to be clear on them, and then it will be easier.

The bylaw, itself, I trust that the people who have knowledge with Swiss bylaws, they will do a draft with no problem at all, and it's not my concern. I just want to be sure that we are in line with what we want to do, and with the way we want to operate. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Sebastien. It's Olivier speaking, and I had put my hand up, but you mentioned my question, too. So, Wolf – any thoughts on this?

WOLF LUDWIG: Wolf Ludwig, for the record. As I tried to explain before, we agreed already more or less that the new bylaws should be done in the most simple way, in an easy way or in the shortest way possible, and this is easily feasible according to Swiss bylaw standards. There are only minimal criteria, compared to other bylaw standards in other countries, and such minimal standards for this association must be fulfilled, and the you are fine and you are on the safe side. To my memory, there is one requirement regarding the seat. This means you can be a European or international association, according to Swiss regulations, but you need to define the seat of the association, even if you are not officially registered. So, if the seat gets this sort of reference, the association [inaudible] and in this context, I saw this would be the easiest way to say, "Okay, let's officially – let's formally say that the seat is Switzerland." It can be Baden. And if two of the members – and in this respect it's not really important whether Olivier is an individual member, not an ALS representative, and I would be an ALS representative – it's only necessary that you have two physical, natural people who are linked to the seat, or who are linked to the place. So this, in my opinion, is a simple formality. It wouldn't actually create any further implications or obligations, etcetera, so it would be just a sort of a formal act. And it would be the easiest way to proceed, in my opinion. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Well, next is Florian, who had put his hand up, and then who had put his hand down again. I don't know – Florian, did you want to say something?

FLORIAN HULE: No, no, no. Actually, Wolf already made my point. There are no further obligations or even implications. Actually, you just need the seat – not even the members do not have to be linked in any specific way. You just have to appoint a seat. That's it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. In the queue is Oksana Prykhodko.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Thank you, Olivier. Oksana Prykhodko speaking. Actually, rather than raise the issue of editing EURALO bylaws, EURALO incorporation was our last problem. We would like to change [inaudible] procedure. And now, I don't want to agree with Wolf that it's not very important who will be founding members – the new or the old organization. I can't understand in which organization I participated just now. Could you please clarify it for me? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Oksana. [CROSSTALK]

WOLF LUDWIG: The founding members would be all of the existing ALSes.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So – let me just jump in. It's Olivier, here. I'm a little confused here, Wolf, because what we're doing is re-drafting the bylaws of the organization – of EURALO. We're not looking at rewriting a new Memorandum of Understanding and signing it with ICANN. So I don't understand why there is any change to the founding members of the association. I thought that absolutely still exists; it's just the association which still exists – the unincorporated association – is just changing its bylaws. I'm a little confused about why we would have to start thinking about this whole thing of founding members again.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, by the way, I didn't bring up this issue of who would be the founding members. The members are our members. It's a question about formal procedures. We newly adopt amended bylaws. And the bylaws would be according to these bylaw standards. It's a formal procedure and would be a formal act, so we could convene a General Assembly, and I would suggest we should do it as an Extraordinary General Assembly, and then the only and main issue would be the amendment and adoption of the new bylaws. So, we can take minutes from this General Assembly and it would somehow be comparable to a Founding Assembly. But of course, we do not reinvent EURALO, in my opinion. That is not needed, in my opinion. We just adopt new bylaws. We need to have minutes of this General Assembly, and it could,

according to Swiss and ICANN – check this with a lawyer [inaudible] – it would be more or less the same thing like having a new or a Founding Assembly. Just to clarify that it's basically rather easy to do something like this. Let's take the example of the EuroDIG Support Association. EuroDIG existed already over years, and we had no legal structure at all. We had some problems in between, because we got sponsoring money from several sponsors and in the first years, this sponsoring money was transferred to private accounts of [inaudible]. And at a certain moment, we said, "Okay, if EuroDIG continues after the first years, we should have something like a legal structure or a legal [inaudible]." And then it was quickly decided, "Okay, let's do it the Swiss way, the most easy way." Then, we drafted the bylaws, we circulated among the core people of EuroDIG at the time, and then it was in June 2012 – this means four years after EuroDIG existed already – we made after the Stockholm EuroDIG Founding Assembly of the Association. So, this was done outside the country – you can do it wherever you want, and at this Founding Assmebly in Stockholm, the bylaws were adopted. A lot of people around were interested to sign it, and with the signatures under the adopted bylaws and the minutes from the Founding Assembly, I could go as a next step to a Swiss bank and open a bank account, and this is the moment when, in Switzerland, an association is recognized. Whether you are registered or not is not the point. The moment you have a bank account, etcetera, and a seat, you are recognized.

So, this is just to make clear that we do not need to recreate EURALO. We just can make a General Assembly, adopt the new bylaws, etcetera, and this is enough for the formal procedure.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking. Let's have – Oksana, your hand is still up, so you may follow up on this.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Yes, thank you very much, Olivier. I would like to ask again, Wolf. You mentioned the financial issues. According to my memory, the only one consensus we reached during our very long discussion of EURALO bylaws rewriting was about not mentioning financial issues. Am I right?

WOLF LUDWIG: The way you put it, it's misleading. I said in the existing bylaw, there is a long chapter about financial issues, which are completely irrelevant, because so far, EURALO never had its own financial resources. Every –

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: That is why we reached consensus to delete this part of the bylaws at all.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, exactly. Except what I'm saying is, that's the reason why we said, "Let's delete it." And the only mention we need in the new bylaws is simply stating that the association does not have its own financial resources. It is getting all its financial support from ICANN. That formulation would be simply enough to clarify, okay, we do not have our own resources; we are dependent on ICANN funding. That would be completely enough. I see no contradiction.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Great. But why [inaudible] cannot use for example, Ukrainian jurisdiction? Just now, you have [inaudible] democratic laws [inaudible] for organization registration. [CROSSTALK] I do not want – sorry – I do not want to waste my time to, how to say, to discuss [inaudible] jurisdiction of our EURALO bylaws. I would like to change to a very practical issue. For example, [inaudible]. Who will we elect? Again, Vice Chair or Secretariat? According to each procedure, what would be the quorum of [inaudible]? Sorry for my very practical questions. Once again, sorry for not answering the questions of a higher level, because I understand that it's very important to reach consensus on them. But maybe we have more important issues. So [CROSSTALK]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Oksana. Thank you. It's Olivier speaking. Let me just jump in, here. Whatever is going to happen over in Copenhagen is going to follow the current EURALO bylaws and according to what we've done in the past General Assemblies, etcetera. So there's no change on that. With regards to the current bylaws, I was under the impression that we are just going to follow the shape of what Swiss bylaws are using, which are pretty straightforward for association bylaws, and that's it. That's how far it goes, as far as Switzerland is concerned. I did not understand that we would be carefully following a specific system so as to be recognized in that specific country. But secondly, I think that yes, we have agreed that no incorporation and no bank accounts – all of this stuff relating to banks and so on – [inaudible] just going to say that the association will not have its own resources, and that's it. But I'm eager to get moving forward now with the first

draft of these bylaws. So, let me just turn over to Florian and then see what we're going to do next to get a first draft out. Florian Hule.

FLORIAN HULE:

Thank you. This is Florian, for the record. We're just drafting the two major discussion points [inaudible] the resources, the list of recourses is necessary. It's even necessary to say we don't have resources; we only use resources from ICANN, because it's a required legal minimum. The problem regarding the legal form, you are actually giving yourself a new form; you're giving yourself a new form of the Swiss association. There is no – in private law, there is no just following the standard and not becoming the form. If you agree on the legal standard of the Swiss association, you become a association.

Regarding the timetable, I think we won't have the new bylaws ready for Copenhagen. I think that our new bylaws will be ready during the summer. ICANN requirements are, for me, now much clearer, because I've read the Memorandum of Understanding, and – yeah. Those have been actually the most pressing problems.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks very much for this, Florian. It's Olivier speaking. So, now, I'd like to ask about the next steps, really. Where are we going with this? You've had your discussion in Austria and set a few lines. Is the first draft available, and could we start having a look at that?

FLORIAN HULE: Yes, there is a first draft. I can send it out to you. It's really just a rough outlining with some annotations, if you want to have a look. It's not actually much more than the required legal minimum, and the purpose of the association as it was put down in the original bylaws. This is also a rather important thing: you have to state the purpose of the association, because that's required for historic and practical reasons. So, if you'd like me to send out the first draft, I can do that. Just don't expect too much. It's really the absolute minimum.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, it's Olivier speaking. The easiest would have been to share it with the group here on Adobe Connect.

FLORIAN HULE: Okay. I will try to do that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: [inaudible] need to be [inaudible] need to be [inaudible] for this, or – ?

FLORIAN HULE: [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We should be able to share your –

FLORIAN HULE: Okay. I actually have no idea how to do that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, if we just start sharing, then you've got a choice here that should be made available to you to share a document or share a screen.

Did it work?

FLORIAN HULE: I have to convert it to PDF, I think, and then it would work.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. It takes a little while. I do have a hard stop at the top of the hour, so it's just to have a quick browse over that. In the meantime, can we just discuss next steps? What is our timeline for having that first draft, and then moving on with this? One of the thoughts was, if a draft was ready, we would present it to a wider – to the EURALO Board first, next week – and then we would present the next iteration at the General Assembly in Copenhagen. Are we in line for this?

WOLF LUDWIG: Olivier, as far as I understood, the rationale of today's call is, we had a mandate, as far as I understood it, to meet in Vienna. So, we had a working meeting in Vienna to clarify some basics. So far, we didn't have, what in my opinion was, a disadvantage. For such a delicate procedure like bylaws drafting or revisions, you need a qualified penholder. And therefore, we are a big step forward, having Florian, who is a lawyer, who may make himself familiar with Swiss association law, and he came up with this first rough outline of the revised bylaw.

And to continue this discussion, there were some points we had to clarify. This was, again – and we are now more or less briefing the Taskforce about what we discussed in Vienna, and some of the basic questions are still there, because they are substantial. The apparent legal status and the future legal status of EURALO, where we agreed it shouldn't be incorporated, and we shouldn't do it anywhere in any jurisdiction where we would need to be registered or incorporated. And the second question was again the question of resources, and I think we found approval here now, that we all agree that we never had and we most probably will never had our own financial resources; therefore, we should only refer to the support and funding by ICANN. And then, another important question which is still a tricky one is the membership admission, which is somehow different to usual association admission procedures. They are very specific because finally, it's ALAC who finally decides about new members, and not us. We only have a consultative role in between, with our regional advice, etcetera, okay. And that was my understanding of the meeting today and I think we found some more agreement during this call here and then now, Florian can continue. He is, you can see in the documents, there are still some white spots where we have to [inaudible] add new text, etcetera, and now we can continue on the basis of the points we had on our work space and were the points we had discussed and agreed already before.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Wolf. It's Olivier speaking, and Florian has, indeed, shared the first draft, or the 0.1 draft, on the screen. And I think the screen is now unsynchronized. So I don't know whether Florian, you just wanted to take us quickly through the different points on there, or we'll just

leave it at that for the time being. I do recognize that the call – we haven't got that much time to go through this, and of course it's a work in progress, in which case we probably should just leave you to work on it. But its good to see that the different parts are in there.

Just a question for Wolf – you mentioned the questions – well, I mean, for example, the bottom of the document, I can see the signature of the President of the Assembly of Founders, and the signature of the keeper of the minutes. That, I understand, of course, is strictly according to Swiss bylaws, that have to be signed, etcetera. What penalty would we have, or is there a trade-off in actually amending these things and not actually have a signatory at the end? Because in previous bylaws, we didn't have a signatory. Do we have to adhere strictly to the format of those bylaws, or can we just take this as a good practice as far as the format is concerned, and just make up our own?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes, we can more or less do it our way, because strictly speaking, for the creation of the Swiss association, you need three founding members. There are not more requirements than having finally three signatures. In the EuroDIG case, we had dozens of signatures under the founding bylaws, but in this case, when we do an amendment, we do not have to have the signatures of all the members. It would be enough if we have a clear message and understanding or description in the minutes of the General Assembly, where we adopted the modified bylaws and for any adoption according to previous rules and the new rules, for changing bylaws you strictly need a two-thirds majority minimum for any such amendments. This would be the only requirement. And if we would say

in the minute of this General Assembly that we got two-thirds of our members approving this amendment, it would be okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you, Wolf. Oksana Prykhodko, you have the floor.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: About which General Assembly are you talking just now? How can we adopt these changes to bylaws? Maybe it would be by electronic voting, or other means, or we have to wait one year, two years, again? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Oksana. It's Olivier speaking. I believe it would be electronic. Because we don't have a funded General Assembly, and we don't have enough people in the room at that point, so I believe it will be electronic. That's [inaudible], as well. No problem.

Okay, Silvia Vivanco, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Olivier, and everyone. Regarding the timeline, I understand that based on the last conference, the ICANN Legal Department was supposed to provide advice and review of the Finance document. So at this moment, we are reviewing the first draft, so I was wondering if there is any idea of how long it will take to have a final draft. The Legal Department has told us that they will be traveling to

Copenhagen on March 5, so they will need to have a final draft – if you want to approve it in Denmark, by next week at the latest. So that’s one point, and the second is that if you want this draft that you are looking at on the screen to be posted on the Working Group page and if you are asking for comments from other Working Group members, please clarify that. And the third point is that there was a EURALO Board call to be scheduled for next Monday or some day which is next week to review the draft. So please let us know if you still need that EURALO Board call to be organized. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Silvia. Florian Hule?

FLORIAN HULE: I don’t think it is possible to have the bylaws done in time for Copenhagen. I don’t think it’s possible with just doing the writing and the research on Swiss law. I think that we need a much larger department or something like that. Even with help from Erich, I don’t think we will have something nearly final until summer. It just takes time.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Florian. It’s Olivier speaking. So that effectively redoes our timetable. I would say we don’t need the EURALO Board call next week. We can just get things moving. Of course, if we can get a first draft or a more polished draft by the EURALO General Assembly, then we can go through that first draft

during the EURALO General Assembly, and then we wil. continue after that. And we can then set an agenda – a timeline, as well – as to when we believe these bylaws will be ready by. Does that sound fine?

[CROSSTALK]

FLORIAN HULE: [inaudible] possible a more polished working of the first draft, even a more clear and more precise one is definitely possible until Copenhagen.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, fantastic. Well, thanks very much. We have one minute until the end of this call. I really have a hard stop. I have another conference call starting in, now, about thirty seconds. But I think we’ve got a plan to move forward. I wanted to thank you for having spent time, as I said, to produce this “zero draft,” as one could call it, perhaps. Please let us know – I think – are you going to send a copy of this to At-Large Staff and they can put it up there, or do you not want feedback yet?

FLORIAN HULE: If you want me to send it out, I can do that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, excellent. Feedback – on the issue of feedback, I don’t think there is much we can do about the minimum requirements.

Okay, excellent. Thanks very much. Anyone else? I don't see anybody yet on the list, so it looks like we're all fine. No further comments. So, Florian is to develop a draft before Copenhagen that is to be presented to all in Copenhagen, and we'll make time in the General Assembly for this.

Right. Well, thank you very much, everyone, and this call is now adjourned.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks.

UNKNOWN 1: Thank you everyone. Bye-bye.

UNKNOWN 2: Thank you all. Bye.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, all. This meeting is now adjourned. [inaudible] will now be disconnected. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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