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EVIN ERDOĞDU: Hello, everyone, and welcome to the AFRALO Activities at ICANN 59 call, on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017, from 17:00 UTC to 18:00 UTC. Today on the call with us, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Barrack Otieno, Sarah Kiden, Beran Dondoh, and Daniel Nanghaka. We currently have apologies from Seun Ojedeji, Ramanou Biaou, and Heidi Ullrich. On staff, we have with us Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Evin Erdoğan. I will also be doing call management. And our French interpreters today are Isabelle & Claire.

I would like to remind everyone to please state your name for the record, and also for the interpreters. And with that, I'll turn it over to Sarah, if she is on the line. And if not, I may ask that Tijani help us begin the call. Thank you.

Unfortunately, it looks like we are having some difficulty getting Sarah on the line, but we are dialing out to her. So thank you, everyone, for your patience.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, Evin. I am back on the line, so I can begin.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Hello. Glad you're here. Welcome back. Let's begin the call. So, please, begin.

SARAH KIDEN: If I am [inaudible].

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EVIN ERDOĞDU: I'm sorry, Sarah. We actually just conducted the roll call, so please begin. Thank you.

SARH KIDEN: Okay. So I think we can begin the call. Apologies for my connection. I hope we can get through the call without the [inaudible] right now. I am trying to learn, so we'll see how it goes. I think we can begin the call. And I'm going to invite Aziz to give a few remarks, introductory remarks, and then we'll go on to the next item on the agenda.

Aziz, you have the floor.

Can anyone hear me?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Sarah, I can hear you very well.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, thank you. So I believe that Aziz is not on the call today, but I think we can go on without him. I would like to welcome everyone to this call. Thank you for joining us. Thank you for [inaudible] session and all the time you're putting into organizing for the AFRALO activities at ICANN 59. We really appreciate it, and we've done so many things because of the dedication and time that you have put in.

So I think the next item on the agenda is supposed to be the review of action items from the last call, but I think [inaudible] let us just go

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through the items [inaudible] then you'll get updates from [inaudible] to the next thing. So I'm going to go through item number 3. This is the [set up] the ALS [status station]. This now I think will give an update. We can know how many people have... Yes, Gisella would like to give an update. So, Gisella, you have the floor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Well, maybe if you want, we can review the action items. I think it's a question, maybe it's important to do an update of these action items. So maybe we can review them. Gisella is asking, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. We can review the action items. Let me just load the page. Okay, yeah, so Gisella was supposed to follow up with [inaudible] constituency on members who have not responded to e-mails and to provide status by the end of last week. So she has an update.

Gisella, please give us an update about that.

GISELLA GRUBER: Can I have the floor? Gisella is asking if she can speak.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes, I said she could have the floor.

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GISELLA GRUBER:

So I wanted to give you an update, as far as my action items were concerned. And then I think it will be easier, so that you don't have to come back to me with each point.

I found the first time I did get in touch with the travel constituency that is under point 3 in the agenda. And I will show you what we currently have for travels.

As far as reserving and booking in a room [inaudible] people on Thursday, the date was changed, actually. And so Tijani will mention that. I think we will talk about that on the sixth item on the agenda. We now have Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, from 9:30 to noon. And we booked a room for about 100 people, maybe a little bit more. We will have interpretation, as well. So that's something that is completed, as far as I'm concerned.

As far as the showcase is concerned, I did get in touch with the agent on site. That is the person who is helping me find an entertainment group. And we are now faced with three groups that we have to choose between. And I will give you more information, as soon as I have more information. I hope to also send you a link to the different groups so that we are able to all choose a group.

It will also depend on what ICANN will allow, as far as where the hotel will occur. We will need to figure out how the ground is, if it's marble or if there is the possibility to use a rug. I don't know what the needs are, as far as the Gumboot. And so I will let you know when I have more information on that.

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As far as the last point, inviting the Communication group to come with us for the Activities 59 call, it was not really useful to invite them this week, because we actually don't have a final decision on the showcase. We don't have a final date, either, as far as community engagement, outreach, and so forth. So what we decided, between Tijani and Aziz, is that we will invite them for our next call, next week. So that will be an action item for me. I will invite the Communications Team for next week, for our call next week.

That's all I have to say for my updates. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Gisella. I do believe I missed... Did I hear anything about the people who are come... Last time, I remember we had...

GISELLA GRUBER:

Does it involve the interpreter?

It seems that you have dropped, Sarah.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I will go ahead and take the floor then, and I will move on to the next point in the agenda, item 3. Gisella already talked about that a little bit, as far as ALS participation.

As far as the fourth point...

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GISELLA GRUBER: Excuse me, Tijani, I will interrupt you, if I may. If I may, please. I think that I would like to show you something for item 3.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER: Even though we are very few on this call, very few of us, I still would like to show you something. I have an update to show you, as far as ALS participating.

We actually have, to this day, five people who have confirmed their travel plans: [Gabriel Ramakujo] from South Africa. Of course, he doesn't need to be traveling, so he's fine. And then you might have seen and read that we have people who still have not filled out their request for an itinerary. So to this day, I think it's quite alarming. I did ask to organize a call with the travel constituency before the end of the week so that I might be able to have a final update with them.

What we need to know is whether those people actually contacted them for their visa, if they have information at all on these people in red, and what to do next. I already sent several e-mail messages. If that doesn't work, I will go ahead and pick up the phone and call them personally, because we are only 30-32 days away from the meeting. And so everything that is in yellow means that the itinerary was requested, so the process has been started. So there is no real problem there. But I wanted to give you this update quickly. Thank you.

Tijani, would you like to go ahead and continue this call?

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Hello, Tijani, are you there?

Okay, Tijani is not answer. So I think we can move on to item 4.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I am here now, yes. I am on English channel, because on the French channel, I had to reconnect and my microphone is not working anymore. So I switched to English, and I'll continue.

I'd like to tell Gisella that the table that she presented is not up to date, because I have already my itinerary arranged. So I have my ticket, everything.

Coming back now to the agenda, item number 4, capacity building, as you know, we have formed a small group that work on the capacity building, and we already made a call for topics. We got some proposals. We decided to make a survey to all our ALSes about topics. And we have now the result of the survey. We have already the four top topics that we are looking for. So the next step will be now to have a call and to choose the speakers. This will be done this week.

After that, when we identify the speakers, we will set up the final program. This is for capacity building. I think everything has been done. I remind you that we will have four sessions, discussing for policy topics. And every session will be of one hour. Three of them are in the morning, and one – no, I think two of them are in the morning, and two of them are during lunchtime.

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What I can say more than that now, I invite you to go to the link. The link is on the agenda. You can see the topics chosen, everything, on the wiki [is clear]. Thank you.

Sarah? Oh, Sarah is not here. So is there any question about that? I don't see any hands. I don't hear anyone.

So I will go now to the item number 5, which is mentorship. We have prepared the page for mentorship, but unfortunately, we don't have the hyperlink here on the agenda. Silvia will make it available in the future when we get it.

As you know, I shared with you the table with the mentees and mentors. Now we have seven groups of from 4-6 people each group. Why this disparity? It is because we have more Francophone than Anglophone. So that's why we have more people in the Francophone side than in the Anglophone side. So the Anglophone groups will be four or five people, and the Francophone groups will be between five and six people.

For each group, we have two mentors. At least one is one of the former AFRALO leaders, the people who are very well experienced. And the second is either a volunteer or one of the people who have been involved in AFRALO before. So who has sufficient knowledge that they don't be mentored, so they will help to be mentor.

I think this is all I can say about the mentorship program. Any question about that? Any discussion?



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I don't see any hands, and I don't hear anyone. Shall I go to the item number 6, local community engagement?

So local community engagement, as Gisella just said, we plan to have this activity on Thursday afternoon. It is because we wanted to avoid any conflict with a [lab] session or with a Thursday cross-community session. But our partner in Johannesburg informed us that in this time, it will be winter. And in winter, the darkness comes really early, and people cannot leave the venue late, when it is dark, because there is an issue of security. So they propose to stop at 10:00.

Another issue, they said that all students will be on holiday. And in this case, it is very difficult to make them come back to this event. They proposed that we organize it on Monday. This causes for us a big problem, because on Monday morning we have two ALAC sessions. So it will be a big harm for us. We tried our best to change the two morning sessions of ALAC with Alan Greenberg, but at the end we found it impossible to do so because it is only four days, this meeting, and there is no other slots where we can locate those two sessions.

The decision was that we will make them in parallel. That means that me, [Sharon], Sarah, Aziz, etcetera, will not be at the ALAC sessions. We will be at the local community engagement session. And that means also that we will not have everyone we want to bring from ALAC, because they will be in a commitment for ALAC. But we will arrange ourselves. I am in conversation with ALAC and with Alan so that we make the best use of this opportunity.

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So this will be, in principle, on Monday at 9:30 until 12:00. And those will be students and the professionals from South Africa, from Johannesburg. But we will bring in the venue of ALAC, also the venue of ICANN, and we will have a brainstorming with them, as we did in Marrakesh. We will make a small introduction for them, and then we will make the [space learning] that will be, I am sure, very interesting. You'll see.

They asked for an update before the session, because they say that – that relates to anything about ICANN. I told them to ICANN Learn platform so that they can take the beginner's lessons on the platform. And I am waiting for that reply. So this was yesterday. I am waiting for their reply.

Is there any question and discussion about that?

I see no hands. I don't hear anyone.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Tijani, I am raising my hand.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I didn't see you. I am sorry, so sorry. Go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: No problem. No problem.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Because you are on the operator side of the Adobe Connect. Go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: No problem. Okay. So for the local community engagement, what I tried to stress is that as we are approaching the date and we will try and [drive]. We are coordinating with all the other teams, including ICANN, and [while] we are getting [us] a deadline for us to have plans, in terms of [inaudible] logistics will be next Friday, June the 2<sup>nd</sup>. So if I could ask you please to give us a limited [inaudible] so we can start our planning accordingly. For example, [inaudible] that would need to come, they need to register and get their badges. And we will have a list of people that we can provide to [inaudible] that they will be coming in person. You know, all of those details are so important at this moment to have very, very clear.

So I would like to check that we have that deadline for us to next Friday, the upcoming week, for the community engagement particularly. Yes, thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Silvia, I will try to have everything from the local partner. I sent him yesterday, because we just confirmed that we will do it on Monday morning, and only yesterday we secured the room. So I sent yesterday the [list] to our partner, and I am waiting for their reply. As soon as I have all the details, I will, of course, share it with the staff.

I know that there is an issue of security, and I know that we will [inaudible] work with security people about everything. So we are trying

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our best to make it as early as possible, but I cannot guarantee anything. It's not in my hands. Okay?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. I understand, Tijani. I am sorry that I insist, because if we pass the deadline, then I don't want to be in the position to say we missed the deadline to provide the information. So this is important for us to be able to coordinate internally. So [inaudible] for the –

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Silvia, what do you mean, internally?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Internally means between At-Large staff and any of the ICANN staff members who needs to know this information. For example, this is a [chain] of events. These are communications people that we may need to inform so they can come and take pictures and they can look at videos, whatever. We also have security people. So we are working a whole team here, so that's why I stress we need to have information as soon as possible.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I understand fully. For your information, I could tell everything. I sent them the link to the online registration. I told them that they have to arrive at 8:00 to pick their badge, because there might be queues the first day. I gave everything to make things go easily.

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But I cannot [concern] anything. I have to wait for their reply, and I hope I get it very soon. Okay? Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Any other remark?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Any other remark? I don't see any hand. I don't hear anyone. So I will go – Silvia, you are speaking?

SILVIA VIVANCO: No. I'm sorry. My hand is still up? No. No, no, I am not.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Who is speaking now?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I think Sarah wanted to speak. Sarah?

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TIJANII BEN JEMAA: Sarah, please take over. I am replacing you. So, please, when you arrive, take over. Sarah, go ahead.

Sarah? I don't hear you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Tijani, I suggest you can continue with the meeting, because it seems that Sarah is having not a very good connection.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes, please [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Daniel. So going now to item number 7, the assembly program. You know that we spoke about that last week, and we gave the program. If you want to have all the detail of the program, click on the link here on the agenda. It is there. This is not the final one. There is still room for change. So please, if you have any suggestion of change, please send it by e-mail. It is the best way to have something done. Thank you very much.

Any question about that?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes, please, [just very briefly].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Go ahead, please. Go ahead, Sarah.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Go ahead, Sarah.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I don't hear her.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah, we cannot hear you, Sarah. You are muted.

Okay, it looks like we cannot hear Sarah.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, any other questions?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Tijani, sorry for that. Just very briefly.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Go ahead, Silvia. Go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. I have Sarah here, so I don't know if I should go first or wait for Sarah. Should I go first?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Sarah is not [inaudible].

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SILVIA VIVANCO: So I will go with my [inaudible] [until you] Tijani. I [thank] you [inaudible]. I am following up on the outreach MOU. I was wondering if the program will be amended to include the signature of the MOU at that moment, or if you would like to include the signature of the MOU at the showcase, and if there will be an MOU signed at all at the Johannesburg meeting. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Silvia. I think I already answered this question by e-mail. The MOU will be signed in the showcase. This is what Aziz wanted. But Aziz is not here now. We cannot discuss it, since he's absent. This may change because he changes his mind. The MOU will be updated. It will be signed in Johannesburg. It will be signed normally in the showcase. But if Aziz wants it to be signed during the general assembly, I will tell you.

Is there any other opinion here about that?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Tijani, I have one more question about this. So we may already start amending the showcase program to include the signature of the MOU? And you will be so kind to give us the names of the persons, or person, who will sign it for you? And we will need to determine the time, as well, to [write] a photographer and possibly, I hope, someone to video also the event, so we have full media coverage. So we need to get that level of detail on the showcase program. Thank you.



TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Silvia, it will be done. I will assure you that everything will be communicated to you as soon as things will be fixed. We are not yet fixed about the final decision about where we will sign it. But now it will be in the showcase. This might change.

Second point, the MOU is not yet updated, and it will be updated very soon and shared with AFRINIC people so that they agree on the modification that we propose. And then when we have this, we will share it with you. And it will be – and there will be a very large media coverage. It is not for this only. I want that everything we do there will be very well covered, and especially our ALSes, and especially the local community engagement. This is the most important thing we need to cover very well.

So you will be updated about everything, Silvia. Don't worry. Any other remark or question?

I see now no hands. Hearing nothing, I will go to next agenda item. The next one is the promotional items. And here, Sarah is the lead. I can't speak about that.

Is Heidi here on the call? No, she is not. So I will speak about that all.

SARAH KIDEN:

I am on the call.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Sarah, yes, please. Sarah, please.

Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: My connection is not good. So just in case it drops, we can just go ahead. There are a bunch of promotional items. The last e-mail we received from Bob today said that because of funds, they were unable to get the USB sticks from Nairobi. So they did not get them. But he said [inaudible] would be some from Los Angeles and bring them for the ICANN 59 meeting. But the rest of the things are ready for both the ALS and for the ICANN meeting in Johannesburg. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Who is speaking? Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes, Daniel here. Sarah, you mentioned that Bob said that the USB sticks are not available. Is this also affecting the Africa Internet Summit?

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SARAH KIDEN: Yes, that is [inaudible] so we'll only have them for [inaudible] meeting. But they will come from Los Angeles and not from Nairobi. Thank you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: [inaudible]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Sarah, and thank you, Daniel. For the record, I have a few number of USB sticks remaining from our meeting in [inaudible]. You remember, Daniel? So I will make sure to send them to you through my brother, who will attend the AIS, who will attend in Nairobi. He will be coming, I think, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. So I will see how many I have. I will send them to you through my brother.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay, thanks, Tijani. I will be arriving, I think, on the 28<sup>th</sup> and will be able to receive the USB sticks then. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Sarah will be already on the site. I will ask him to give them to Sarah as soon as he arrives. Okay? And if you are there, you will be together. Okay, thank you. So this is something that I can do.

Any other... Sarah, have you finished your update about the promotional items? Sarah?

I lost her. So let me give a little more information about that. For the promotional items for transport, we will have the polo shirt. We'll have

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the AFRALO brochure. We will have the USB sticks, but they will not be personalized AFRALO. They will be ICANN, unfortunately. Also, we have the tablecloth that you will have also in Nairobi. And we will have the pop-up banner. We will have a booth in Johannesburg. Do you know that?

So in Johannesburg, we will have everything. I am very happy for that. We got everything we asked for, and we are really, really happy for that. Imagine that it is the first time that we have the booth in an ICANN meeting. And imagine also that we will have the polo shirts for the first time. I think it is a very important move. So we have to have our content as good as these kind of promotional items.

I have to thank here everyone who participated in this effort, especially Heidi Ullrich and also [Kerr Vancino], since we are taking the money from [Kerr] to have those promotional items.

Any other remark or question about promotional items?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Silvia, go ahead.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Today, I also got confirmation from Los Angeles office, from Susie Johnson, and she will be bringing 100 pens with the ICANN logo for the promotional items.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO: She will also be bringing 100 USB from the Los Angeles office. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. There is another thing. We also asked for the button, for the pin. And I think Daniel both ordered the pins. I don't know if they will be there. I forgot to mention it in my e-mail this morning. I will try to ask for it again. If we have them, we will have everything we asked.

Yes, Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKO: Previously, in one of the meetings, it was mentioned that you were going to consult with Glenn about the pins. Is there an update about the progress or any update from Glenn about the pins?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. Glenn cannot provide the pins if he doesn't have the funding for that.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: First of all, could this probably procurement be done in Nairobi for the pins? Transport it there.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, it is because we wanted to have some pins in Nairobi that we ordered them from Nairobi. I don't know the situation now. I forgot to ask about it this morning. I have to ask about it, Bob. And I hope it will be ready for 27<sup>th</sup>. Okay?

Any other question or information about that? Seeing no hands, hearing nothing, let me continue.

Agenda item number 9, the showcase. And the showcase, Gisella has already given the update about it. She said what will happen. She said what is the situation about the music and how the showcase will be organized.

And now any other business. Is there any other business? Who has something to add?

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, may I take the floor?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Gisella, go ahead, please.

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GISELLA GRUBER:

I just posted a [inaudible] to confirm what will occur on Wednesday, the showcase. So it will be Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00. That showcase will actually be held in two parts. The first part will occur in the ALAC room, and I would say it will be roughly between 6:30 and 7:00.

Now, don't forget that the common sessions will actually and at 6:30. So there will be a five-minute period that people will need to use to move from the main meeting room to our room. And then we will have our guest speakers. We will also have the signing of the MOU, as we mentioned earlier. And then from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM, it will be the second half of the showcase. And that will be in the main foyer, where the ICANN cocktail will occur.

So first, we will have the entertainment for about 20 minutes. And we're in the process of working on that, on the details. I do hope to have more information and [inaudible] for beginning of next week. So the first thing that we need to discuss is budget. We need to solve this budget, and also the type of show. And we need for it to only be 20 minutes. We need to make sure that it's not an imposition on the cocktail, but rather that it brings a party atmosphere to the cocktail.

And then afterwards, people will network with the other guests, to continue the cocktail up until 8:00 PM. So that's just a quick update that I wanted to give. That's it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Gisella, for this update. Thank you. Any questions? Any intervention? Any remark about the showcase?

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If there is not, any other business now? Is there something to add? Otherwise, I will close this meeting, until the meeting where there is only Daniel, Silvia from time to time, but Silvia [until now], Sarah from time to time, and myself. And I am very sorry for that. I hope that the next call will be better populated. I know why we have so few, because people are already in Nairobi for the Africa Internet Summit.

So this is the cause of this poor participation in this call. I hope that next week, people will be more... Perhaps we will have to change the time. We will see what is the Nairobi time so that it will be after the session in Nairobi so that people can participate in our call. Let me check it with people there, and then I will tell you.

Thank you very much, everyone. Ah, I see Gisella. Gisella, go ahead.

GISELLA GRUBER: I apologize. This was an old hand. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. Thank you. So if there is no other hand, let me thank very much our staff, and thank you all for your participation. I think that... Oh, yes, I forgot to thank our interpreters, our wonderful interpreters. Thank you very much. And thank you for participating to this call. This call is now adjourned. Bye-bye.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Thank you all for attending. Thank you all. Please, a reminder to disconnect your lines when leaving the AC room and the bridge. Thank



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you very much for attending, again, and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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