EVIN ERDOĞDU:	Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone, and welcome to the EURALO monthly teleconference, on Tuesday 18ʰ July 2017 from 18h00 UTC to 19h00 UTC. Today on the call we have with us Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig, Yrjö Lansipuro, Christopher Wilkinson and Fiorella Belciu. We have listed apologies from Gabriella Schittek from staff, Roberto Gaetano, Sandra Hoferichter, Clement Gently, Matthias Markus Hudobnik, Bastiaan Goslings, and Sebastien Bachollet.
	And we just had Matthieu Camu join us as well on the call. Welcome Matthieu. And on staff we have with us today Silvia Vivanco and myself Evin Erdoğdu, and I will also be doing call management. And I would like to remind everyone to please state your name for the record and for transcription purposes. And with that, I will turn it over to you, Olivier.
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Evin. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And today have we missed anybody in the rollcall? I'm not seeing anybody shout their name out, so the rollcall is complete. Today's call is going to be hopefully a little shorter than usual, since we have a reduced set of people having joined. It is traditionally the summer month, where our attendance figures aren't as good as during the rest of the year. We're going to make a [inaudible[on the consultations and there are fewer of them thankfully at the moment.

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Then we'll be spending some time on the RIPE NCC proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding for the Purpose of Collaboration. We haven't discussed this formally during one of our calls. I'd like to spend some time on this, perhaps even more than the five minutes that are there. After that we'll have the section on the EURALO FY18 Outreach and CROPP Strategy. And then a very quick update on the EURALO By-Laws Task force, the EURALO ALAC Engagement work, and then any other business.

And with it I should ask, is there any other business to add to the agenda as it is at the moment? I'm not seeing anyone putting their hand up, so the agenda is adopted as such. And our first item is the Review of the Action Items from our last call on the 20th of June. There are three action items; the first one is to do with a RIPE MOU draft, and we have not received any feedback so far apart from just a few positive notes. We'll be discussing this in a moment.

The second one is for Sandra, Wolf and me to follow up with Heidi and Silvia on the possibility to obtain [inaudible] for a couple of members to participate at the IGF in Geneva, and we will be discussing this on the call today. And the third one is to make sure that the EURALO CROPP travelers to EuroDIG, the ones for this year, have finalized their trip reports and have circulated them in the mailing list. Wolf, you're one of our CROPP coordinators, have we received the trip reports from all of our CROPP travelers? Do you remember by chance?

WOLF LUDWIG:	Wolf Ludwig for the record. Thanks, Olivier. I think there's only one of our reports still missing. Except the other reports are available now, yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Okay, excellent. What's the next process Wolf for this? Is sending a reminder [CROSSTALK].

WOLF LUDWIG:	I need to upload them. I tried to do it by myself on the workspace. If I cannot manage to upload them by myself, I will send them to staff and ask them to bring them in the popup place.

| OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: | Okay, excellent. Thanks for this, Wolf. These are important because if we don't show feedback from our CROPP travelers, we face difficulties in future CROPP requests that might be similar to this one. So since our five CROPP travelers this year traveled to EuroDIG, we might be faced with difficulties later on. Anyway, that's good. I think we can then swiftly move on to the next agenda item since we'll be discussing the rest of those action items during the rest of this call, and that's the upcoming public consultations.

There were two statements recently approved by the ALAC. One on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law. And the other on the Draft Framework for Interpretation of Human Rights. Both of these were actually drafted by EURALO groups of EURALO individuals, and we will be discussing those shortly a little bit |
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later on with the EURALO At-Large structure engagement because these actually made use of our new system or of our tech system should I say for Engagement of At-Large Structures.

The upcoming statements, the new ones that have been received to which the ALAC still needs to make a decision, there's one on the Draft Framework of the Registry Operator to Respond to Security Threats, and one about the Generic Names Supporting Organization Operating Procedures and ICANN Bylaws. At this point I'd like to open the floor to find out if anybody has any interest in any of these two to be opened as a public consultation. And if so, if there's also an interest from anyone to pick up the pen and draft a first draft on this. The two are not interrelated by the way. You could flag it and say it's important to respond to this and decide that you don't wanna be the main penholder. Any comments or questions? [AUDIO BREAK]

I don't see anyone putting their hand up. I note that Wale Bakare has joined, in addition to everyone else in the rollcall. So present, the ALAC will need to determine on whether they wish to pursue any public comments for these two. But EURALO is not going to ask for the ALAC to proceed forward on anything specific.

So we can move to agenda item number four, an Update on the discussion with the RIPE NCC to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the Purpose of Collaboration. Discussions have started quite a while ago and thus far there has been very good -- and that was when Wolf would share. There has been very good collaboration between RIPE and EURALO on specific projects. And one of them, the largest one of them being of course of course the European [inaudible] Governance.

EURALO is a partner, RIPE is a partner and I happen to represent now EURALO on the board of EuroDIG, and Chris Tuckerage from RIPE NCC is also on the board of EuroDIG.

So there's been good collaboration and thanks to this meeting quite often, to the fact that other RALOS have signed now, all of the other RALOs have signed a memorandum of understanding with their regional internet registry. It was quite some incentive for EURALO to sign a memorandum of understanding for collaboration with their European regional internet registry.

The link to the document is included in your agenda. And what it basically mentions is -- and I invite you to have a look at the draft -- it was based on the draft that APRALO, the Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization signed with their own regional internet registry. And we can see the changes, just a couple of changes basically. One is of course the changing of APRALO with EURALO, but the important thing here are the different clauses.

So first it says, "Whereas the RIPE NCC and EURALO recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration and support between the Parties on Internet-related issues." And two, "Respect for each party's independence is recognized and activities will be undertaken in the spirit of partnership to support Internet coordination activities and to extend the benefit of the Internet to all stakeholders." And three, "All collaboration is carried out on a voluntary basis by both parties. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to be legally binding and enforceable in any court of law."

I guess that's pretty much standard for an MOU like this. There are six points which we, as in EURALO and RIPE, are agreeing to collaborate on. The first one is regularly updating each other on areas and activities of mutual interest. So keeping a good communication channel, really. Second one is encouraging awareness of each other's activities and mission among their respective members, including encouraging Internet end users' participation in EURALO and in the RIPE community.

So that's going to be some common outreach, and I think that we can count on RIPE to help with disseminating EURALO information, perhaps brochures. Perhaps if we have any of our members that are going to a RIPE meeting, and it has happened by the way. Some of our members going to a RIPE meeting on their own dime, but having information that they can distribute with the help of RIPE. Perhaps even we could look in the future at having our brochures somewhere on one of the booths somewhere over there if there's some space.

Thirdly, promoting Internet development in the European region by encouraging participation in [inaudible] relating to Internet standards, policy development and Internet governance. I think that goes without any further explanation.

Number four, promoting an open bottom-up multistakeholder Internet governance model. Again, shared values. One has to remember that RIPE is a -- what's called an ISO Organization. So [inaudible] etc.

Five, and here there is a change from the original APRALO model. It replaced, "Promoting the use of IPv6 among their members in order to ensure the future growth of the internet." This has been changed to,

"Raising awareness about IPv6 adoption and its importance to the future growth of the Internet."   One of the reasons being that RIPE actually does not actively promote the IPv6 to members in the same way as APRALO does. And I think that there was some kind of question that was asked with regards to the exact language of this. But certainly, raising awareness about IPv6 adoption and its importance to the future of growth of the internet doesn't seem to me like a showstopper.

And then six, collaborating on joint capacity building events and related activities of mutual interest, including meetings, training courses, projects and workshops in the areas of Internet policy and Internet governance. And I think that's one interesting point here. If there are chances in the future that we can do joint capacity building events, if we use some of our CROPP money, let's say, to send someone at a RIPE meeting, then we can certainly -- or even at any other meeting, we could have a joint capacity building event with RIPE. So that opens the door to all sorts of things.

You can see that the MOU term for the time being is one calendar year. So it would be a bit of a pilot for one year.   But then it gets automatically extended and lets any of the two parties decide that they've had enough. So I open the floor for comments and questions and thoughts that you might have should we make any amendments. Should we suggest anything else to add to this agreement?

And just before I open the floor, one last thing. The aim for this, and that's why I wanted to discuss this today, and open it today so that we can then send it out to our mailing lists, to wider mailing lists and move forward with it, is we are thinking if we come to an agreement that this

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should be signed by the – well at the third meeting of the year, the annual general meeting that will take place in Abu Dubai, RIPE has a strong presence in the region as they are not only the regional internet registry from Europe, but also for the Middle East.

So they would be able to [inaudible] that we could have maybe during the European stakeholder session that we sometimes have with RIPE and with us in attendance. The floor is now open and I see Christopher Wilkinson's hand up. So Christopher, you have the floor. [AUDIO BREAK]

And I'm afraid at present we're not able to hear you, Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER WILK: I think that's better.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's certainly better. Please go ahead.

CHRISTOPHER WILK: Apologies, I had to log in again. Somehow we got disconnected. First of all, congratulations, it's necessary to have this cooperation agreement between EURALO and RIPE. Secondly, I would ask, what extent is this very generous or is it a [inaudible] of other preexisting agreements between the IRRs and the RALOs in other parts of the world? Particularly in Asia. Is this specific to RIPE or is there a certain amount of harmonization through ICANN or through ALAC between the different regions?

Thirdly, I would draw attention to the fact of RIPE effectively controls one of the root servers. It is a very important historical asset that Europe holds together with the root server in Sweden. I know nowadays the specific location and authority of a individual root server is much less important than it was 20 years ago. But on the other hand, if there is ever a political or a technical issue between the US administration and ICANN, the role of the IRRs outside the United States would become extremely sensitive and very important.

And in that case, first of all, I don't propose any specific drafting, but I do think that -- and I haven't been able to read the small print in detail on this screen here -- but I do think we need language tucked away somewhere there where both parties commit to mutual cooperation to sustain the stability of the global internet. Just [inaudible] language that reflects this sentiment that in spite of potential political difficulties -- and I remember this to date of the jurisdiction subgroup in Workstream 2. And I've been impressed by the extent to which opinions are diverging between the American legal profession and the political interest in other parts of the world.

I think we need language there which reflects mutual commitment to support and promote the stability of the global internet, full stop. I think that's all I have to say particularly as Olivier has already in effect read the text to us. And I'm sorry that I haven't seen it. The font is so small on these screens. I don't think I have anything else to say at this point. Olivier, perhaps you could comment on some of the points that I've raised. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Christopher. Olivier Crepin Leblond speaking. I believe you have the ability to zoom in. There is a plus sign underneath the screen that will let you zoom in. I'll also ask staff perhaps to type the -- put in the link in the chat so you can maybe click on that, and then you'll be able to download the text and read the text directly.

Now, in response to your comments, first thank you for your kudos on some work that is going on with RIPE and the preparation for this. There is indeed harmonization with other regions. Four other regions have initiated the same proceedings, and some have -- I think that all of them now have signed with their region internet registry. So the history of it is actually several fold, it comes from several fronts.

On the one hand, the ICANN meeting in Beijing, which was quite a few years ago, I recall having breakfast with Ray Pozack, who at the time was a board member on the ICANN board, but as you know, was one of the first if not chair of ARIN, The North American Regional Internet Registry, and was also very strong. He was selected on the ICANN board from the address supporting organization.

And for a number of years he basically said, I don't understand why the At-Large community has so many links with things to do with domain names, but very little to do with IP addressing and the Address Supporting Organization, and it's really important because this sort of stuff, the allocation of IP addresses also affects end users directly and there is the need for end users to be interested in this.

That was the one thing, but at the same time, the first At-Large review, I believe, and maybe it was also the other first At-Large Summit, also had

text in their summary that showed that there needed to be more collaboration with the Address Supporting Organization and the Regional Internet Registries. So it's not something that was just isolated, it was something that was actually At-Large wide, and all of the RALOs as a result then went forward and contacted and started collaborating with the Regional Internet Registry.

The actual text in the At-Large recommendations was not only restricted to the Regional Internet Registry, but also to other bodies in their regions that might be promotion for not only region wide but also locally, etcetera. And indeed our Outreach and Engagement Working Group has a tool that shows all of the representatives across the country code Top Level Domain Operator, the GAC member, etcetera. There's a whole number, on the many levels that we have many layers. So, local, regional and global at the same time.

And finally, your suggestion to add language that both parties should commit to mutual cooperation to sustain the global stability of the internet, I would like to open the floor on this and ask if there's support for this. I personally think it's a great suggestion, but others might think otherwise, so please put your hands up now if you wish to voice opposition, or are in agreement, or type it in the chat. The floor is open. And I note in the chat that Sylvia Vivanco has mentioned that all of the Regional At-Large Organization's now have agreements with their respective Regional Internet Registries. So, EURALO should be the next one and unfortunately we'll be the last one, but we're triple in our region. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

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WOLF LUDWIG:	Thanks, Olivier, it's Wolf Ludwig for the record. I think I have carefully listened to the suggestion Christopher made and you have explained the context quite well. But in my opinion, the concern Christopher raised regarding the mentioning of the stability, in my opinion it's already somehow included under, "Whereas: Part I. The RIPE NCC and EURALO recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration and support between the Parties on Internet-related issues."

So I think internet-related issues, stability of calls, operational ability, etcetera, are very important issues and, in my understanding, already included in this formulation, internet-related issues, and I think we should not single out one aspect like stability too much, otherwise we then have to add or to name all the particular basic elements. So my suggestion would rather be leave it like we have it in this formulation under "Whereas: Part I" which is a more general one, but what in my understand also includes the aspect of stability. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you for that, Wolf. Next is Yrjö Lansipuro.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:	Yeah, this is is Yrjö Lansipuro for the transcript record. I think that I would be in favor of including the language that's suggested by Chris. I mean, it would actually flow quite nicely from "Whereas: I" now ends, by saying, "including mutual cooperation to sustain the global stability of the internet." And of course, if we want to emphasize that this is not the only one, we can use this phrase that lawyers use, "including but not limited to." Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Yrjö. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Wolf, would that work for you? So, having under 1, "The RIPE NCC and EURALO recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration and support between the Parties on Internet-related issues, including but not limited to mutual cooperation to sustain the global stability of the internet."

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, I have already indicated that I agree with that modification.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: With a green tick, thanks for this. Christopher Wilkinson, what's your thought on that? And anyone else wishes to talk on that or on any other point. Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Thank you. Well, I thank each of you for your understanding and interest on this point. It's a reserve safeguard. To some extent this goes without saying but there are sufficient, threats is a strong word, but there are sufficient uncertainties including RIPE, and indeed EURALO membership, that language along these lines could become useful in the future.

If there's a problem down the line EURALOs have better contacts with their governments at the political level than does RIPE. That's all I have to say and I think between Yrjö and Wolf we've got language that does the necessary. Thank you.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Christopher. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I'm not putting in the chat the resulting language. Under, Whereas: 1, "The RIPE NCC and EURALO recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration and support between the Parties on Internet-related issues, including mutual cooperation to sustain the global stability of the internet." That work?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: That looks good for me, thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: There is one little thing, "including but not limited to."

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, okay, thanks very much for this, Wolf, good point. I've just put it in the chat as well. Excellent. Next steps for this. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Next step, sending this out to the mailing list with that proposed amendment and I think, should we wait maybe a month, by the middle of August if we don't get any other mentions or anything like that, then we can send an email to RIPE NCC with our proposals and hear from them.

And then we'll have enough time, if they don't like it or they want to modify it in another way, that will go off fine. Excellent, I see a plus one from Wale Bakare as well in the chat. Right, well that's fine. Thank you very much for this input everyone.

Let's move to agenda item number 5. The EURALO Fiscal Year 18 Outreach and CROPP Strategy. We still have 20 minutes to this call, let's try and go through this quite swiftly. This year's CROPP, it's still year 17 CROPP, the fiscal years finish at the end of June and the Fiscal Year 18 started on the 1st of July 2018.

And there are quite a few other meetings that one could focus on this year, rather than doing what we did in previous years which was to send five people to the European Dialogue in Internet Governance. The FY17 Strategy shows a number of ideas that we had. It was the annual EuroDIG event that has happened all over Europe since 2008. There's the annual ICANN Studienkreis meetings that usually take place either in August or September.

There's the European School on Internet Governance in Meissen, but we're not sending anyone using CROPP to that, this would last a whole week, it's slightly different. But of course we've had members involved in national IGF initiatives. And there are a few interesting other meetings that take place, Re:publica was one of them, and what else. Re:publica was one and what was the other one? RightsCon that took place in the Netherlands this year. And in fact, we didn't manage to file a CROPP request in time, but thankfully Bastiaan Goslings who lives just around the corner.

It wasn't in Netherlands was it, RightsCon was in Brussels, but he lives just around the corner and he was somehow partially funded to go there, or helped to go there. Wolf Ludwig, you represented me in a meeting that took place at the Outreach and Engagement Working Group, I believe it was in Johannesburg a few weeks ago. Could you

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks, Olivier, it's Wolf Ludwig for the record. Well actually, it was once again a sort of updating previous regional strategies and focus. And there was nothing new from the other RALOs, it's more or less updating existing strategies or partly improving them as much as possible. And I explained again that there are certain points to be considered. Let's say, if we compare NARALO with EURALO, our situation is far more complex than in North America. In North America you don't have a big language issue.

In Europe you always, when thinking about enlarging the events, we could possibly suggest for CROPP funding, we somehow need to concentrate on a European wide event or conferences, etcetera, which are conducted in English. It doesn't make sense to send somebody to a national event which is conducted in a national European language. And I don't think that the money would be well invested for CROPP funding for such a narrow and a national wide conference.

And therefore I explained why we stick on EuroDIG. EuroDIG became a masterpiece for regional IGFs. Even outside Europe, I think it was so far a good focus to concentrate on this. There are other opportunities, like we tried this year as you said, with RightsCon. I'm 100% sure that this is a good alternative, as Rupublika would be a good alternative. Re:publica is meanwhile, most of the programs are conducted in English, so German is not the main language anymore, and with around

8,000 participants it's, in my opinion, one of the best outreach opportunities in the European context on net policy, I can imagine.

This year I think we also, as our workshop proposal to the IGF Secretariat was not approved unfortunately, the workshop we suggested on the public interest, etcetera, we now have to take into consideration what we will also discuss. In another point that possibly for the coming year we could also consider one/two travel slots from the CROPP program for outreach at the IGF. So there would be the opportunity to start with the IGF end of December in Geneva, then keep an eye on the next RightsCon conference and find out the date and location. So it will most probably be in one of the Benelux countries again.

Then to consider Re:publica. The only point about Re:publica we should discuss in detail, to my knowledge there are at least four to five EURALO members who are based in Berlin who could easily go to, and are going to Re:publica this year in May. I know that Annette Mühlberg has attended Re:publica and Jimmy Schultz has attended it. And therefore it's a good question whether really additional support would be needed for our CROPP slots when we have people on the ground. So these are some considerations we have to discuss in detail again for the update of our regional strategy. That's all for the moment.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I don't see any other hands up but I have a few comments on the points that you've made. First, when it comes down to Re:publica taking place in

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Berlin, and since we do have people that based in Berlin, having seen prior CROPP requests in other regions where a meeting was taking place in a specific town that had a local At-Large structure, and the request was made for people to travel from another part of the world to go to that, the request was actually refused because of the locals that were there and it just did not make sense to ship someone across the region to go to an event where you have locals there.

So I think you're quite right in pointing this out when it comes down to Re:publica, and it might be the case perhaps that we could solicit our members that are based locally to, perhaps in the EURALO monthly call after the event, to tell us about it and give us a little summary of what went on if they have attended the event themselves.

Another point I wanted to make was that we are currently working with Jean-Jacques Sahel and Adam Peake from the region, and of course also Michael Yakushev from the region, on them being able to also make suggestions of potential meetings that we might be interested in sending someone to. One of the meetings which was suggested, in addition to EuroDIG, was also SEEDIG, the South Eastern Europe Dialogue and Internet Governance. Wolf, you know quite some things with that, would this be a good option, SEEDIG?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, thanks again, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record again. Yes, actually, SEEDIG would be another good opportunity, but we have fellowships meanwhile including SEEDIG. So this is a point we have to consider, because at the beginning, the first couple of years, after the

creation of EuroDIG, we didn't have any money resources for own travel fellowships, before I think three years ago when I ISOC stepped in and provided. So there are different channels to ask for fellowships via ISOC, via EuroDIG, and I think for next year we will be again, like this year in Ohrid in Macedonia where I participated, there will be another option.

For next year, according to some first planning, nothing is already decided, these are only some first considerations on the Secretariat level of EuroDIG, as the next EuroDIG will take place in June in Georgia in Tbilisi. It will take place in the region in South Eastern Europe therefore there are discussions already then to put together SEEDIG and EuroDIG as we did in Sofia in 2015, what made perfect sense when EuroDIG is held in the region already.

Then we were not in the region like in 2016 in Brussels and 2017 in Tallinn, they choose their own location last year in Belgrade and this year in Ohrid, but as I said, the discussions are streamlining towards the option to have SEEDIG and EuroDIG next year back to back again. So this could then be combined.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Wolf. That's something I was not aware of. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I am not seeing any other hands up at the moment. Are there any further comments on this topic? So whilst you're pondering as to whether you want to put your hand up or not, I'll comment on this. Wolf, I think it's a great thing that the two, both EuroDIG and SEEDIG will be together.

It will certainly be an opportunity to send some people there. I understand, of course, there are a number of things taking place. One of the concerns, of course, that I have is that EuroDIG is taking place in Georgia, and Georgia at present is in the APRALO region, not in the EURALO region, so we'll have to work this one out.

And just as an aside, I have contacted, whilst in Johannesburg, the person on the board, the board working group that deals with the geographic regions reporting. I have contacted Chris Disspain and he has come back to me and said that we should give him a few weeks and then the board will move on this.

If I can just quickly recall the report, it's a report that was given in 2015 by a GNSO, Generic Names Supporting Organization Working Group on Geographic Regions, and the main recommendation there, or one of the main recommendations was that specific countries could have a onetime chance to choose what region they wanted to be in. Specific countries, as in countries that might have been half way between one region and another region, and one of the countries could be Georgia. There was also another country that affects it directly, it could be Armenia, etcetera.

So the moment the board moves forward on that then we might have the At-Large structures in these countries coming into the EURALO region. I see two hands up at the moment, with first, Silvia Vivanco having put her hand up. And then I'll give the floor to Wolf Ludwig immediately after that. Silvia, you have the floor.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Olivier. This is Silvia. (Inaudible).

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Silvia, I can't hear you too well. Not very well, I'm not sure if it's just me.

WOLF LUDWIG: Same problem here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so it's not only me.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Is that better? Can you hear me now?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: A little bit better, yes.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, I had the microphone very close to my mouth. I just wanted to (inaudible) planning the events that we may be interested in participating at EURALO. And I made a quick comment on the chat. You can see there the Fiscal Year 18 Strategic Plan is always a good document to have as a conceptual basis for the staff to review whenever the CROPP submissions have changed. So I would encourage you to (inaudible) the document and file it as soon as possible.

And I know and I hear a lot of (inaudible) in there, so there is a new edition of the RALO CROPP Strategic Plan. So I think there are enough elements for you to propose (inaudible) procedure, but it's very important for the staff members to review the CROPP (inaudible) document, so they can review it and reference the document (inaudible).

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Silvia. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I did miss a few of the words that you said, the sound wasn't that great. But what I understood is that there is the CROPP's Annual Strategic Plan, for Outreach Strategic Plan, needs to be also finalized, and that works hand in hand with staff as well. So I think we can work with Regional Vice-Presidents to summarize or to update our Strategic Plan.

Accordingly I can't imagine there are vast big differences that will take place from last year, but certainly, we are now I think in a new era of collaboration and I'm very regular discussions with Adam Peake who keeps a real look out in the events in Europe. Wolf Ludwig, you have the floor.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. You made an important reference to some history. Some years ago I wrote a very extensive statement when this GNSO Working Group on the ICANN's regional model was still working. And I pointed in my statement to the diversity of Europe, that Europe is not just European Union but that EURALO, in many other respects, we are much more concentrating on the council of

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Europe model which is including 47 or 48 European countries, including such places like Armenia, like Georgia, etcetera. And I suggested to be less dogmatic in such issues and to be more open to inter-RALO, let's say, collaboration.

I think we would not see anything from APRALO when we include people now from Georgia, when we will convene our next EuroDIG in Tbilisi, etcetera. So this now would be a very practical point to be discussed with Jean-Jacques Sahel, with Adam Peake and with Chris Disspain, better in such a case we can find a sort of agreement in CROPP in the CROPP Review Team, better under such circumstances we can be less dogmatic with allocating travel slots to travelers in such cases when it makes perfect sense. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And what I'll do then, as an action item, is to contact Chris Disspain to follow up on the geographic regions work. He did say it would take a couple of weeks after the Johannesburg meeting but we should see some movement for the implementation for the recommendations that were accepted by the Board, by the way, to take place. And so the question might not even happen, or might not even land on our desk, because by that point, by the time we have to file CROPP requests, etcetera, those countries might be in our region.

But that said, there has been in the past some good flexibility with Global Stakeholder Engagement Vice-Presidents in that they have sent some Armenians to some of the EuroDIGs. So it's worked in that

direction and I can't see any reason why it shouldn't work in the other direction. In any case, we are seeing the last 8 minutes of this call, so perhaps we need to get moving please.

And let's go to the next agenda item and that's the EURALO By-laws Task Force. Silvia, you just dropped out, I think that you mentioned. I just mentioned the action item, did you catch this?

SILVIA VIVANCO: No, I did not. Sorry.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Silvia. So the action item is for me to contact Chris Disspain to follow up on the Geographic Regions Working Group and for a discussion to take place also. And maybe, Wolf, do you want to follow up on that so we share the role, so you get in touch, copying me, with Jean-Jacques Sahel and Adam Peake on the things for Georgia this year?

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, agreed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks. And what I mean by 'things for Georgia' of course is on the regional standing of Georgia for the next EuroDIG and for SEEDIG as well, yeah.

Agenda item number 6, EURALO By-laws Task Force. The call that was supposed to take place yesterday was canceled due to a lack of

participation and a number of people who were on holiday. The progress has been pretty good. If you recall in the last call, we were questioning, we had a whole discussion on the qualified majorities and on the voting structure, etcetera, and the quorum, and the dispute resolution notes. We've now found consensus on that and we're now moving with a few more points which Florian Hule has not presented yet in writing to the working group. So there isn't very much to update you on this month.

But the working group will soon see a number of new proposals and I do hope that within the next few months there'll be a first draft of the by-laws that will be then shared with the EURALO Board, and then shared with the wider At-Large EURALO community. Wolf Ludwig, you're one of the main people moving this process forward. Have I summarized this well or are there any points that I completely missed?

WOLF LUDWIG: No. Wolf Ludwig for the record. You have summarized it pretty well. So the last point was dispute resolution and now we have to go for voting rules, but Florian has to submit a next draft and this will provide the basis for our ongoing discussions.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this, Wolf. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And we'll move then to our next agenda item, and that's the one about the working group on EURALO At-Large Structure Engagement, led by Yrjö Lansipuro. One of the things that we've done recently in that working

group was to have on the one side a database of all of the competencies of our At-Large Structures.

And on the other side we've looked at specific calls for comments and identified two calls for comments by which we could do a little pilot test, if one could call it. One was a comment for Draft Framework of Interpretation for Human Rights, and the other one was the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law. And both Human Rights and Privacy are topics that scored very highly with our At-Large Structures. As a result the first statement, the one on Human Rights, was drafted by Bastiaan Goslings.

We had three At-Large Structures that were focused on Human Rights. One of them was the one whose representative led the work on Human Rights in the Work Stream 2 Cross-Community Working Group on ICANN Accountability. So that person was among the people who were asking the questions and it would have been a little silly to have the same person answer the question. So Bastiaan Goslings was the only one of the At-Large Structures I saw (inaudible) that had interest in this and drafted a draft and it came out quite well.

The second one, the one on WHOIS Conflicts, was drafted by Christopher Wilkinson, with input from a number of At-Large Structure representatives and individual users that were marked in our database as having an interest in this topic. And I think that out of 12 or 13 people that we manually contacted and solicited directly and said, this is something that's right up your alley, this is a topic that you're interested in, 9 of them responded, including some of our At-Large members.

So we've got Bastiaan Gosling, Werner Hülsmann, Andrei Kolesnikov, Yrjö Lansipuro, Annette Mühlberg, Valentina Pavel, Rainer Rodewald and Erich Schweighofer, having taken a very active part with few feedback from a couple of others, but these were the ones that really helped with drafting. I think that the experiment was quite conclusive. But I'm going to turn to Yrjö Lansipuro, since he is the Chair of the working group, as to what our next steps could be. And I'm sorry for putting you on the spot here, Yrjö, I just wanted to summarize quickly. But the floor is now yours. Yrjö Lansipuro.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Yeah, thank you Olivier. This is Yrjö Lansipuro for the transcript record. As you said, I mean, this test was successful. It sort of validated what we could call the EURALO approach to the activation of the ALSs and so far so good. I have to note that when we have so many inputs for a statement, that of course makes the work of those who are coordinating and putting it all together in one statement, it makes their work more difficult, and I want to congratulate and thank for Bastiaan and Chris who did that.

But for the next steps, I think that we have to be on the lookout for issues where we could use the same method. Let's be selective in the sense that not every public comment opportunity is something that will engage so many ALSs, like this time. But those that are interesting for many ALSs, let's repeat this exercise and perhaps we can convince other RALOs that this is the way to take.

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Further down, of course, there are other ways we could work with ALSs, that is to say, for instance, exchange our best practices in enhancing the role of the ALSs in the multi-stakeholder set-up in their countries, and so on and so forth. But that's for the future. I think that the key thing, actually, is the word that Olivier used here earlier, manually. That is to say, this includes a lot of manual work, (inaudible), that is to say, we have to treat every ALS as an individual and not just sending general messages to them. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Yrjö. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And indeed, by the way, the work that EURALO has done on building the database has now been used also as an example by NARALO. So they're following closely in our footsteps. Great idea to look out for a new statement or a new public comment for the close future. Wolf Ludwig, you're next.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks, Olivier. Wolf Ludwig for the record. In this direction what Yrjö's just mentioned before, that there may be other examples or other topics where we could work on the ALS level or even go a step further in the community or corporation. Yrjö and I, we were approached by the GAC, by the Swiss GAC member, who invited us to have a closer look on the GAC Principles and Guidelines for the Delegation and Administration of Country Code Top Level Domains.

And in the last GAC communiques there was a long part on this, what is more or less a basis of agreement of the GAC reflecting the GAC Principles regarding new gTLDs, etcetera, 2007.   And the common

ground for such a (inaudible) would be into context of the (inaudible) of the public interest. Therefore the Swiss announced already some interest in getting involved in our working group on the public interest and this topic could be used as an example to explore the relevance of the public interest in the context of Country Code Top Level Domains and further discussions. So this could be a next working step and I will follow up with Jorge on this and I will keep you updated.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Wolf. Great news. Some more collaboration and some more work moving forward. I don't see any other hands going up. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And we are now then I guess moving to agenda item number 8, but not without having thanked Yrjö for this great work and I look forward to flagging out the next statement that comes out so we can do some more of this great, great work.

And by the way, had it not been for EURALO, I don't think that either the Draft—well, perhaps the Draft Framework of Interpretation on Human Rights might have had a statement from the ALAC, a statement of support, but certainly the Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law; privacy is not such a great topic, such an exciting topic for other parts of the world, and so the other RALOs have not consistently, or not been so eager to comment or to do something about it.

So I'm really, really pleased that this was a EURALO led effort and that we effectively put something together and the statement was drafted

and ready and sent out there. Which by the way, was not out of line with other statements that were received by ICANN, specifically also, from contracted parties. And I know that sometimes we disagree with contracted parties, but on that occasion we did.

There's one more angle that is coming up, that we, as in our committee, have taken a great part in recently, and that's the GDPR, the General Data Protection Regulation. That is a European wide regulation coming into force very soon and that has gotten ICANN and its community to stand to attention, because these issues have been going round in circles for a while but now a quick solution needs to be found. It's a completely different chapter and what I would suggest is that during our next call, likely to take place in September, we could have a discussion on the GDPR.

And perhaps an update, since ICANN has now discussed it at the Johannesburg meeting. The ICANN Committee Leads have discussed it and staff, and the people in charge have said that they will now put a plan together as to how to deal with this. So I think it could be an interesting topic to have someone come and talk to us about and explain to us what are the next steps and how can we, as At-Large Structure representatives, as individual users, can take part in these discussions.

We're now in agenda item number 8. Any other business? Going once, going twice, I don't see any hands going up. We're six minutes past the top of the hour. I'd like to thank all of you for having spent that hour together and contributed to this call. I hope it was interesting. And if I could please ask staff to remind people on our mailing list of the

recording once it is up. Perhaps the recording and the transcript. So let's wait until the transcript is out there, and also mention, so both the post-call recording but the transcript, once it is put up, for people to have and their wonderful reading for the month of August.

I understand that traditionally we have taken a recess for the month of August because it's been pretty hard to get anyone to be on a call during that month when most people in Europe are taking a break. So, our next call, if I don't hear any objections, will be in September. And in the meantime we'll follow up everything by email. I don't see any objections to this.

So, thanks everyone and this call is now adjourned. Have a very, very good summer. Take care and good bye.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks a lot and good night. Bye bye, thanks.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Thank you all. This call is now adjourned. Please do not forget to disconnect your lines from the bridge and the AC room. Thank you all for participating and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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