
UNKNOWN SPEAKER: This call has just started.

EBERHARD LISSE: Okay. For the record, I'm Eberhard Lisse. I'm standing in for Nigel, who is in [inaudible] at the APTLD, as is Stephen. Can we have a roll call?

Kim Carlson: Yes. Thank you. Welcome to the PDP and Retirement Working Group call on September 14th at 12:00 UTC. On today's call, we have Danko Jevtović, Eberhard Lisse, Marita Moll, Michele Neylon, Mirjana Tasić, Naela Sarras, Nenad Orlić. Apologies from Peter Van Roste, Peter Koch, Jaap Akkerhuis, Martin Boyle, Peter Vergote, Barbara Povše, Stephen Deerhake, Elise Gerich, Debbie Monahan.

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EBERHARD LISSE: Seeing that we have got more apologies than attendants, I'm really starting to have second thoughts about whether we should go through with this, but maybe we should go quickly and run through the action

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items and see how we get there. Hearing no objections, why don't you, Bart, go through the action items?

BART BOSWINKEL:

Yes. And so, as requested on the last call, the secretary was asked to provide an overview of email exchanges on say, in the early stages of the working group. It's included on the item 3, a full overview is available as well. This is just focused on a certain area.

The second item, so that's the availability for members shift on the call of the of the ISO 3166 standard. If you don't have one copy yet, please contact Jaap Akkerhuis, or the secretariat, so that's me, and we'll get you a copy, which will be marked and can be used for purposes of the work of this working group only, but if you want to receive a copy, please send an email either Jaap, or me directly, and we'll get you a copy. Action item 3, the presentation, so the outline of the presentation that Kim Davies gave two weeks ago has been circulated and so that action item is completed as well. Back to you, Eberhard.

EBERHARD LISSE:

Okay. I note that Allan has joined us twice already, and I also note Nick Wenban-Smith has joined us. This regards to Kim Davies' presentation, I have sort of worked on it for about 10 minutes to number the lines that we can make easier reference to, to make the documents we work with as easy as possible. I would share this for the list after Kim has given the okay with that.

Any other issues or anybody else want to stay anything to action items? Oh, I also note Nigel Robards is connected. He will probably only be able to use the chat. I hear nothing to action items, but we note Wafa Dahmani has joined. Work plan, what are the next steps? Where's my work plan?

BART BOSWINKEL:

Again, Eberhard, this is Bart, just for the record, we'll keep documents scrollable for everybody unless otherwise indicated. So the standard will be documents will be scrollable. Thank you, Eberhard.

EBERHARD LISSE:

Okay. Basically, we need to talk about how we are going to go about our work, and there has been some debate on the list about -- I've tried to push forward a little bit that we start using sort of a finite state way of defining what possible scenarios are there; what probable movements are there? And we don't really have to look at what triggers this beforehand. In other words, we first start with a collection of facts, then we do an analysis, and then we can start, when we have got all possible scenarios together, we start with the easiest and work our way down the list.

At the same time, I have noticed that we use different terminology. Peter Koch managed to confuse me quite nicely. Everybody uses different terminology, and I find it very difficult for nonmembers or casual users and maybe this will have to go through to some advisory committees, where people always give opinion without reading. We should have it as easy and consumable as possible. Therefore, we were

thinking of maybe, when we come across a term, define it, sort of keep a living document running, and when everybody agrees on a definition, we keep it, we number it, and we then later put it in our glossary of our final report. Any comments on that so far? I don't see anything other than a bit of agreement on the chat.

I don't really think that we have to look what triggers a retirement, because we have to deal with it whether it's triggered by whom it is triggered, and whatnot. The same applies to who triggers. We have had a little bit of discussion at the moment about the dot-su case. As much as I find it extremely interesting, it's not a retirement. We should maybe do a bird of a feather in Abu Dhabi -- that means find a place, maybe near a cafeteria or bar, and have some alcohol-free cool drinks, and find out what we can find out what happened, but it's not a retirement.

It's actually an addition to the exceptionally-reserved list, like dot-uk, and dot-eu, and we don't have a policy for that. The board has a resolution, which makes sense. We should however, note that there is no policy for the creation of a ccTLD if the code is on the ISO exceptionally-reserved list, and when I looked this a little bit further, I find that we don't even have a policy that states we have create a ccTLD for every code on the assigned list, and that is, for example, issue with regards to dot-um, which is on the assigned list, but no ccTLD is actually created. Any comments, further? Allan?

ALLAN MACGILLIVRAY:

Thank you, Eberhard. I trust everyone can hear me? I certainly agree with you that the dot-su is not a retirement, but as to what it is or is not, I'm not in position to render judgment because I'm not sure I have all of the facts on the table, and for me, I think dot-su may have been a situation where there might have been a retirement. I don't know. But certainly, as we go forward and try to develop a policy, I would like us to be a position to say, "If we had this policy, and we had the dot-su situation, what would have evolved?" And that's how I'm looking at it.

As I said on the list, I used this term, "pressure testing," so it is certainly an unusual case, and that's why I'm suggesting that if we can just get all of the facts out on the table, it would help us going forward to say, "With our policy, and given what happened with su, how would we have dealt with that within in the confines of the policy?"

So, that's why I'm suggesting that we simply just get all of the facts on the table. I'm not looking for a large discussion in the working group, but perhaps, we could ask Kim just to bundle together whatever documentation or exchanges that are already in the public domain; they can be put on the Wiki. That way everyone is using the same set of facts, and then we can move forward. I also have a comment on your issue on triggers, but I'll put that aside for the moment, and maybe we should just see if anyone has any other comments on dot-su. Thank you, Eberhard.

EBERHARD LISSE:

I see. Danko?

DANKO JEVTIĆ:

Thank you. I think that having the information about this case could be helpful, not only for this work group, but also for the next one, we expect after. And on another point, Eberhard mentioned the particulars of how the cc's are generated, and I can see that all inclusion -- there is some echo, someone's mic is on. I don't see the --

EBERHARD LISSE:

I hear a lot of echo, and I cannot understand what you're saying. If in doubt, can you post this in the chat? [AUDIO BREAK]

My view here is not to start a discussion or to dictate content. I actually think it's a very interesting case, and we should maybe debate it, even on the list, and I think the suggestion to put the stuff on the Wiki, is also helpful. My understanding is also that one of the dot-su guys is on this working group, so it might be a good idea that we look at making a bird of a feather session in Abu Dhabi, where we get together and have an hour or two over a drink or so and discuss this, and so we all know where we are.

And in a way, the ISO code was moved from assigned, maybe, to transition and then to exceptionally reserved, but the net effect is not a retirement. Yeah? But in the end, we need to define what we say, terminology, so we know exactly what we're talking about. We need to have the scenarios, the possible scenarios movement from list A to list B. Any possible scenario that is possible and then take it from there. I see Nenad.

NENAD ORLIĆ:

Thank you. In my opinion, educate is interesting in the quorum of either situation where retirement profits should be stocked, and how and why. It can be connected to what triggers the retirement, so if you want all the possible scenarios, one of the scenarios could be termination of retirement, and that's exactly how I see the actual case, so in that case, it might be useful to know [inaudible] about. [AUDIO BREAK]

Did you manage to hear me? Sorry.

EBERHARD LISSE:

I am back on from mute. I see no other hands. I don't mind -- maybe we should start listing all possible scenarios, and if it fits in one of those scenarios -- as I said, I'm not so much against or for dictating content here as I'm vice-chairing this, but personally, I feel this is not a retirement. They managed to get themselves into exceptionally reserved and that's it.

Okay. I'm also seeing here some comments on the side chat, which is very small. It's difficult to read. I also note that Barrack has joined the call on the phone only. Danko said, which in my view is correct, that creation of the ccTLD is within the remit of this working group. I fully agree with this, but what I think we should do, if we find that there is no policy for something; we should note it, report it to council, and move on.

Okay. Nenad, you can take your hand down if you're finished, and if there is anybody else who wants to say anything, please raise your hands, otherwise, we move on. So, next steps, what are we going to do really? [AUDIO BREAK]

I see here in the chat that Danko supports the finite state approach. I hear nothing further, so maybe we move on to the next agenda point and leave it there. Can you bring the agenda up again, Kim? [AUDIO BREAK]

So far, we would be talking now about work plan, and I would think we'll discuss it a little bit further on the list, so that the others are also not available, but we haven't really heard much objection to try the finite state approach, so maybe get all your scenarios that you can think of and put them on the list. Is there any other business? Sorry, before I do that, Allan had made a reference that he wanted to say something, but he hasn't said that yet.

Okay. Probably forgot it. Is there any other business? That doesn't seem to be the case. The next meeting will then be in two weeks, at what time? That would be 6:00 UTC, isn't it?

BART BOSWINKEL: 6:00 PM UTC, 18:00 UTC. In two weeks. That was Bart.

EBERHARD LISSE: Allan writes in the chat that he would like to have a discussion on what triggers a retirement. It's also an interesting topic, but it won't really -- and I'm not trying to stifle it again, but I personally feel what does this help us, other than that we sit together and discuss, debate a topic. If it's moved from one state to the other, we must then look at whether this qualifies as a retirement. Therefore, maybe describe all the states possible, all the different movements possible, and then we can agree on what we would think is a retirement, and then we take it from there.

Next meeting at 18:00 UTC, in two weeks, Thursday. If I don't hear or see anything else, we're done much earlier than we thought. [AUDIO BREAK]

I hear or see nobody, so I think we can close this call. Thank you very much. Sorry, Nick Wenban-Smith is typing something. Oh, he says, I'm efficient. As I've said before, it's my dual German/Dutch efficiency. Have a nice weekend everybody and goodbye.

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