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And with that, it's my pleasure to hand the floor over to Alejandra Reynoso, chair of the ccNSO.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Kim. And welcome, everybody, to our ccNSO Council Meeting #181. First, let me say that we will have two parts for this meeting. There will be an informal part and then a formal one. The formal will begin on Item #2 with a roll call. But first we will start the informal part with a presentation from the NomCom come with Ali AlMeshal. Welcome, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hi to all. Shall I start?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, please.

ALI ALMESHAL: Oh, great. Okay. My name is Ali AlMeshal. I'm one of the NomCom delegates. I'm happy to be here with all of these amazing people here for the ccNSO. So I will not take that much of your time. Just a very high-level introduction and overview about the NomCom and what we are looking for.

So I'm sure most of you know that and you have been either selected previously, were on the Board, been selected of any of the leadership

team. So we are looking for new team leaders and Board members that need to be seated at the last ICANN meeting.

And for that we are looking for people who know the cultural awareness and coming from different industries like the finance, government, technology, business, non-profit; and have [those of] critical thinking to serve on all of these leadership positions that has been open for this time; and basically people who are interested and why you should apply for that because you are all here looking for how the DNS and the domain industry work and how to support that from different perspectives and angles.

So this is the main reason why we said why you should be here and why you should apply for this type of position, to support the Internet and the DNS industry. Next slide, please.

So, we are looking for leaders, for whom we are looking for. Next slide.

We are looking for three Board members that will serve for three-year terms; and looking for diversity, looking for geographic, looking for gender. So please, please, you have the time. If you know somebody who is interested and you know somebody who has potential, or yourself, just please go and submit your application. Next slide.

And we are looking for one PTI Board member that will sit, again, for a three-year term. Next slide.

We are looking for two At-Large—one from Europe and one from North America. Those will be set for two years as At-Large ALAC members chosen by the NomCom. Next slide.

And for the GNSO, we are looking for one member. And it is a two-year term for a non-voting Board member on the GNSO. Next.

And for the ccNSO, we are looking again for one. And he will be set for a three-year term. So, looking for more applications of interested potential candidates. So please do apply. And the good news is that the deadline has been extended. It was on the 11th, which is tomorrow, and it has been extended to the 15th of March. So you still have a number of days to apply.

So if you can spread this out. If you know any of those who you can see them as a potential for any of these vacancies and open positions available, then please do apply and encourage them. And easily you can go to the NomCom website page and you can read all of the requirements for each and every single open position and for any other details that you would need. Again, the operational team of the NomCom will be able to support you and help you on to that.

Short and straight to the point. I'm done with that. And I think I've taken my five to four minutes that was allocated to me. Back to Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Ali. Indeed it was a very [expedited] summary, but very sharp indeed, [both]. Please, all, take note of this and spread the word as Ali said. And any questions? Well, go to the NomCom website. Thank you, Ali, for this.

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- ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you. Bye. [Leave you] for your meeting. Enjoy it. Bye.
- ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. And now we move on to the second part of this informal meeting. It is the Commemoration of Dotty Sparks de Blanc. And I am handing it over to Sean Copeland for the running of this part of the session.
- SEAN COPELAND: Thank you, Alejandra. We would like to thank Council for affording us a time to celebrate the life of nic.vi’s matriarch, my colleague and dear friend, Dotty Sparks de Blanc who passed away February 23rd. Stephen will speak a few words over a brief photo montage, and then we would like to invite any of you who wish to share your memories to do so. Stephen, the floor is yours.
- STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Sir. Kim, if you may. Dotty was an Internet entrepreneur, a ccTLD manager, and no less a founding member of the ccNSO.
- Dotty's involvement with the Internet dates from at least the early 1990s, with the establishment of rudimentary Internet service to the U.S. Virgin Islands, in conjunction with her husband Peter de Blanc. And in late 1995, they launched the .vi ccTLD for the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Her involvement in the Internet continued in the DNS with her husband in the late '90s by participating in various activities, including the U.S.

government's Department of Commerce green and white paper projects which, of course, eventually led to the creation of ICANN.

I first met both Dotty and Peter at the ICANN6 meeting, which was held in Yokohama in July of 2000 where we bonded over the earthquake which occurred during the meeting. I was quite a rocker. Got us all under tables.

Dotty's involvement in the ccNSO predates its initial formulation at ICANN17 held in Montréal, which I believe was in June of 2003, and its formal establishment the next year. She was a member of the ccNSO launching group, and that led to her being elected to the inaugural ccNSO Council during its initial formation in June of 2004. She remained on the Council until November 2015 when I had the honor to assume her seat on the Council.

She was involved in many aspects of the ccNSO besides the Council, including service on various working groups and committees, including the Delegation and Redefinition Working Group and the Framework of Interpretation Working Group which eventually has led to the two working groups I know manage.

Even after she retired from the Council, she continued to regularly follow its activities and maintained an active hand in the operations of the .vi ccTLD until her passing. She was, without a doubt, a pioneer, dedicated, and a steadfast friend. Thank you.

Sean, back to you.

SEAN COPELAND: Thank you, Stephen. At this time, does anyone want to take the floor and offer comment?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I would like to do that. This Pablo Rodriguez from nic.pr. Back in 2003, I had just recently come from [registrar.com] in New York [inaudible] Puerto Rico to work at the NIC.

And we were just starting to organize things around, and this lady calls at the university and she said her name was Dotty Sparks and that she wanted to speak to the manager. And then our founder, Dr. Oscar Moreno, who was a good friend of Peter—Peter de Blanc ... They were both mathematicians. They knew each other. They had worked together.

And she wanted to introduce us to ICANN. And more specifically, to this organization they were trying to build that was called the ccNSO. ccNSO? What is that about? And so our first meeting was in Indonesia in 2003, and it was thanks to Dotty who introduced us to so many people there. I remember that Dotty got us involved.

She talked to us. She said, “I will hand-hold you all and carry you through this, and I will teach you and show you and introduce you to so many people.” And so I remember that one of the first people I met was Chris. And there were so many others that, throughout the years, have remained friends and have provided guidance and support.

And all of this began with Dotty Sparks. She was the one that made a cold call and hand-held us and walked us through it. And I want to

publicly express our gratitude, our forever gratitude on behalf of Dr. Oscar Moreno who always admired Peter and her. And from my personal perspective, I always admired Dotty. She was open, straightforward, no-nonsense. And I will always be grateful for that.

So thank you to Dotty and to her legacy. And she will be sorely missed. Thank you.

SEAN COPELAND:

Thank you. Pablo. Chris, would you like to speak?

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Thank you, Sean. So I could spend time talking going to my first ICANN meeting, then meeting Peter and Dotty and being swept up into the fold and how incredibly important Dotty's influence was. And all through my years as chairing the ccNSO, Dotty would sit there and occasionally walk up and say, "Are you sure?" Which was always a very sensible piece of input from Dotty who then would send me a way to think about whatever it was that she'd decided I needed to be sure about.

But I'm not going to talk about that. I'm just going to very briefly talk about the most important thing in my relationship with Dotty, which is having dinner. I lost count of the number of times we had dinner in groups—in small groups and large groups—and the fun, the joy of being on a rooftop somewhere in Morocco or in a restaurant somewhere in Malaysia.

And I hope that when we're all together, or most of us are together in The Hague, we'll be able to remember that Dotty wasn't just a matriarch of the ccTLD community and ccNSO, but an extraordinarily fun, glorious socializer. And that that, really, is how we should be celebrating her, with fun and socializing. Thanks, everyone.

SEAN COPELAND:

Thank you, Chris. Does anyone else have anything to say? If not, I can give a few comments if that's all right.

I'd like to take a few moments to share the Dotty that I know with you. As a young and inexperienced entrepreneur, I met Dotty a week after a whirlwind meeting in a bar in Vancouver. I met Dotty through her husband, Peter de Blanc, an international telecommunications consultant living in the Virgin Islands.

As a Canadian who did not travel much, you can imagine my excitement traveling to the Caribbean to meet Peter. We formed an immediate, strong friendship, and Peter, Dotty, and I created a business partnership in the mid-1990s lasting to this day. Peter and Dotty were the most unique individuals I had ever met. The light they brought to the room and the love they shared was immeasurable.

So many stories to tell, but unfortunately not enough time today. But let's just say that you would experience something like this going to Dotty and Peter's house. You would see many of their musician friends playing perfectly, people dancing, and lots of wine flowing. They're so much fun.

From a business perspective, Peter and Dotty were old school where your word is your bond and trust is earned. Knowing them made me a better person in all aspects.

For those of you young enough to know who Julia Roberts is, you may recall the movie she did called Mona Lisa Smile that took place at Wellesley College. Dotty was an alum of Wellesley which impacted of some of the world's most dynamic and most remarkable women. Dotty was smart as a whip with a major in economics. Dotty was, before the Internet and long before it was typical for a woman, a respected analyst on Wall Street.

Dotty's passing on February 23 is profound, considering International Women's Day on was on March 8th. Dotty was another pioneer driving at gaining respect and industry dominated by men. Trust me, at early ICANN meetings it mostly was men. You can imagine her daily battles to be heard.

Somewhere along the way, Dotty tired of the long winters, which was understandable, and boarded a plane ending up in St. Thomas. Until Dotty met Peter, she was always serious and driven, from all I could gather. When Peter came along, Dotty came into herself. It was this Dotty that I knew—a force of nature with an ever-optimistic wit and a curious mind.

I believe, before this community actually existed, Peter and Dotty would travel to meet with their peers—with you. Being in business with Peter but not get involved with the registry meant I might meet them

anywhere in the world. Usually they were on their way to or from an event related to this community.

What struck me was the passion they had for this community. I was at Peter's bedside when he passed, as some of you know. One of my business partners and I had raced to Peter's bedside [as he had] called and told us, "Now is the time."

When we got to the hospital, Dotty was grateful and took a break. Peter woke and saw us and tried to tell us something, but was unable. He'd already communicated that he wanted us to help take care of Dotty. Until today, I've never said to anyone the last words I said to people. "Peter, it's okay. I'll take care of Dotty." My partner then said to him, "Peter, it's okay to go." Peter looked at us, trust in his eyes, and passed away moments later.

That promise has been a promise I have kept for the last 20 years. But it's not a one-way street. I helped Dotty with the business. She was there for me during many of my trials and tribulations. Dotty took care of me just as much as I tried to take care of her.

We held board meetings in Magens Bay and the bar would bring us down bushwhackers. Imagine being on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, nary a soul around but the brain trust of COBEX, holding a meeting at 10 a.m. We would have to cut things short on more than one occasion because a pending Council call had to be made. Now you have to understand that we would not leave Magens Bay until the very last moment that you would be able to make the call.

I learned a fair bit over the years, too much to list out here, but I will comment if Dotty had met you, then she knew you and remembered you even after one meeting. This came in handy for Dotty for the meetings both she and I attended together. She went out of her way to introduce me to many of you.

What you didn't know is she would tell me not only your name, registry or supplier you worked with. She would know any committees you were or had been on at ICANN, when you first attended your first meeting, and something personal about you. What I didn't know is that I should have brought along a pencil or a recorder so I would keep all that information. My point is that she cared so much about this community.

Sometime near the time Dotty stopped attending ICANN meetings, we began and continued to have a weekly meeting. Dotty was always happy to hear if any of you had passed along a “hello” over the years. She was always interested in what I supposedly might call the gossip of ICANN. And of course, the more official goings-on. I think for her, it kept her connected.

We in fact had a call the day before she passed. I should have been more aware, I suppose. Dotty was more on the ball than she had been in a while. In a nod to Byron's concerns, I was pretty happy having ensured the maple leaf was flying high in VI that day. I remember messaging Stephen and saying, "You're never going to believe this ..."

I said earlier that Dotty was ever an optimist. You could call Dotty and it did not matter how her day was going, she always had the same retort. And she believed it in a very real way. I think this is how she saw this

community every day and how she would describe the ccNSO if she was here today. "Never better."

Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Sean. I would like to have one minute of silence for all of us to give our respects to Dotty.

Thank you, everyone. As Chris mentioned, we will look forward to plan another gathering in person in the ICANN74 where we can celebrate this life together in one room. In the meantime, I would like to say our deepest condolences from the .gt registry.

Now we are going to move to the second part of this meeting, which is the formal part. And we are on Item #2 on the roll call. Kim, may I ask if we are quorate?

KIMBERLY CARLSON: Hi, Alejandra. Yes, the meeting is quorate.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. For a heads up, I have one AOB that is regarding the responses received on the recent ccNSO Council statement. So we'll address them then. I would like to know if there is any other business that you would like me to be aware of right now. If not, don't worry. I'll ask this again when we get there.

Moving to Item #3. We got a request to appoint a member to the Root Server System Governance Working Group. This will be discussed later on.

On Item #4, Minutes and Action Items. So I need to inform you that we don't have, yet, the official minutes because, as you are very well aware, there was only one week in between our two Council meetings. But it will be coming shortly. So for now we have tentative action items based on notes of the meeting, that they will be confirmed after we have the minutes available.

From this, all tentative actions and to-dos are completed, with exception of the review of Roles and Responsibilities, but we will deal with them under Item #15.

Moving along with Item #5. We've had some inter-meeting decisions. We adopted the amended Terms of Reference for the Triage Committee. We adopted the Council Statement. And we appointed Adam Eisner as a member of the SOPC.

For the next part, we usually have our written updates. But this time we won't have such written updates because, again, it's only been two weeks since our last meeting. So the only updates that we will get are anything that has happened in these two weeks.

I'll go through each of the items and see if there any anything to be announced, starting will the update on the ECA, CSC, or CSC Review Team. And I do have an update here. Yesterday we were notified regarding the Board approval of [inaudible] on budget by the ICANN

secretary. And soon we will inform the committee regarding this because this triggers the 21-day reaction/action petition period. So again, this happened in just less than 24 hours ago.

And also, we received a formal notification from the GNSO that the Contracted Party House has reappointed Becky Burr for a third term on the seat 13 on the ICANN Board of Directors. So those are the news regarding the Empowered Community administration.

From the CSC and CSC Review Team, there are no updates. Now, are there any questions regarding these last events?

I see none, so we're moving to Item #7, Update of Working Groups. Did anything happen since the 24th of February? If so, please raise your hand to our liaisons on these working groups.

Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I just implored, as you know, ICANN Legal to get back to us after six months with answers to the questions we submitted back to them in September, I believe it was. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. Okay, moving along with updates from ccPDPs. They will be taken from this ICANN meet. And moving to Item #9, Update of Liaisons. Did anything happen since the 24th of February?

Stephen, I see your hand up, but I believe it is an old one. Is it, Stephen?

Yeah, thank you.

Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL:

For the IDN Retirement, the full working group agreed on the deselection criteria for IDN ccTLDs as well. So that's now being incorporated into the basic document. And the third subgroup, confusing similarity review subgroup will start post ICANN73. But that was [inaudible]. The adoption is very recent. That was the 1st of March.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Bart. So, no more updates here. We are moving on now to the part of discussion and/or decisions for the meeting. And here we come to Item #10, Update on chairs, vice-chairs, councilors, regional organizations, and secretariat.

If there are any additional updates before we go to the reporting of the sessions, this is the time to raise your hand. Okay, I see none. So now we will go to each of the reporters of the sessions. So we start with the ccNSO-related sessions with ccTLD News Part 1 & 2. Biyi, would you like to give us a brief summary on how that went?

BIYI OLADIPO:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Yeah, we had two sessions on the 2nd and on the 3rd of March for the ccTLD News

Session. The first was moderated or chaired by Everton Rodrigues. And I chaired the second one on the 3rd.

The sessions went pretty well, and they were very well attended. I think ty well and we can do it very well attended. I think Everton's session, by my last count, was about 58 participants. And my session had just a little below 70. There were some point [we had about 72] and then we came down to about 68.

And the conversations were very interesting. No incidences, no surprises. Everything went quite well. And most of these sessions, the slides, the presentations were well queued and the presenters stuck to time. So we didn't have issues.

The experiment we had at the end of the two sessions where we had the breakout rooms actually worked quite well. But there were a few challenges with people who were not used to picking breakout rooms themselves because they were supposed to pick from the different breakout rooms to sit and interact with the presenters. So some people stayed in the main room while the others were in the breakout rooms. But I think those are things around education that people can get around. Other than that I don't think we had any major issues there. They both went very well.

And the topics were quite interesting. While Everton's session was devoted to developments around the ccTLDs, my session was devoted mostly around capacity development and trainings. And [inaudible]. The Meeting Planning Committee did a good job at looking at the way the flow would go. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Biyi. I am happy to hear that these were very successful and well-attended sessions. And I was very curious regarding the experiment because, unfortunately, I couldn't attend myself. But happy to know that it went relatively well for being the first time that we're doing this. Thank you.

Now we are moving on to Tech Day. For this we have Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Alejandra. Tech Day went off quite well. Overall, it was really interesting. We had, in the three sessions, probably around 100 participants, which is good. We've had more when we're in the room together, but that was not bad. Really good stuff, high quality program all around. And I encourage everyone to look at the agendas and pick a session that might pique your interest and dive into it because all the slides and recordings are available. So that's it for me. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Stephen. Indeed it was a very well-attended session as well. Something that caught my attention was the panel on DNS abuse because it keeps us in the loop at a different level, a technical level, regarding that.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: It does. It gets the conversation going at a different level. You're correct about that, Alexandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. And now we move on to the joint ccNSO-GAC session. For this, I will give you a brief summary. So the last time that we met with the GAC was in 2020. And this time the chairs of the ccPDP and the Reviewed Mechanisms and ccPDP4 IDNs provided an update. And also, the ad hoc group that has been working on the DNS abuse roadmap shared with the GAC a summary of our activities.

We were informed that there are many new GAC members that could be overwhelmed with the amount of information that they received from us that day. And I stated our availability and our willingness to come back to them with any topics that they wish to be informed about or even organize webinars if they deem them to be useful because we know that newcomers need to get up to speed. And we are, of course, available to give them that information.

Moving on to the ccNSO Session and DNS Abuse, we have Jordan.

JORDAN CARTER: Hi, everyone. Just a really brief run through. Because of the time zone, I wasn't presenting but I got volunteered for the report back.

The basic purpose of the session, if anyone wasn't there, was to run through the action plan on DNS abuse that the Council [worked with] the last meeting. And my read was that there was strong support for the first two points, information sharing and messaging. And when it came to metrics, there were some concerns raised about DAAR. But there was still support for the approach.

And the fourth proposal on the Standing Committee, people were concerned to make sure that it was just an information sharing group, not some kind of a consensus point or a group that would become seen by other parts of the ICANN community or by governments or international organizations. It has been some kind of a voice for ccTLDs, generally. So that was articulated by [inaudible], and there was quite a lot of support for that comment.

I think overall it was a good session, and there is an endorsement to proceed in the way that we've been pulling together. That's my readout on the session.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Jordan. And indeed we're going to [talk] a bit more talk a bit more about this particular topic later in our meeting. But I think you did a really great summary.

Moving to the ccNSO Governance Session, we have Javier.

JAVIER RUA-JOVET:

Hi, to all. Javier Rúa-Jovet for the record, from Puerto Rico in physical form. The Governance Session was great. It was attended at least by 80 participants. Very good conversations, first by David McAuley who presented the status of the update of the 2004 ccNSO decision-making rules which are ready for voting. And that voting will be put out soon, I think, on the 23rd of March. It was interesting to learn there how ccNSO has grown over time and the need to update these rules. And that was very good, very informative.

The second part of the session was on two very good presentations, one by Chris Disspain on conflicts of interest norms and examples around the community, ICANN and GNSO on what that means or what it means to disclose these potential interests that could affect decision making, usually economic interests.

And the second one was by Marika Konings from Policy at ICANN. Very good, too, on the Statement of Interest, this practice of also disclosing who you are, what a member is, what our allegiances or memberships are, its employer, that tends to happen before starting a work group or effort. That was very good, too.

And the discussion was great on whether ccNSO—if and when—or if it will go down a route of doing some sort of internal norm on conflict of interest. Very well moderated by Joel Karubiu from dot ke. And the session, again, it was great. It was well attended. I think the mechanism, the Menti poll exercise was successful. I think we have to ...

It was good. I think it worked. It takes a good temperature of the room on issues, and it seems to show rough consensus of what's happening. So, yeah, that's my readout. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Javier. Indeed, now the small subgroup of the GRC who will need to deal with the conflict of interest has some materials and information to digest. And I hope that they will be able to come up with something to present some advancement to present in the next ICANN meeting if it's not too soon. But thank you very much.

Now we move on to our just previous session before the Council call, the Q&A with ccTLD-related Board members. And with this, we have Pablo.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Thank you very much, Alejandra. And a good time of the day to all. Like Javier, I'm also presential in Puerto Rico. And let it be known then you are always welcome in Puerto Rico, ICANN meeting or not.

The recently-celebrated Board meeting with the Q&A with the Board members was extraordinary because it always shows that people are people and we can relate so much easier when we're speaking face to face. And we saw that as different issues were being discussed and presented.

Especially, I enjoyed very much when Patricio and others made the point that we are trying to go back to The Hague, presentially. And it is a big deal. It makes a lot of sense to us to come back together to start working together.

Also on the different issues that were being touched, such as the tardiness that Legal has in responding back to questions such as the one that was posed by Stephen. It delays some of the work that has been done by the ccNSO. And consequently, it is important to find ways in which we can curtail the time that it ticks to respond and what, if anything, can be done to ensure that we can receive responses in a timely manner.

At this point this is all I have. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Pablo. Would anyone else like to make any other comments from a recent session? I see none. Thank you very much.

Now we will move on to the plenary sessions. So the first plenary session was on Moving Forward with the Global Public Interest Framework. And for this we have Jordan.

JORDAN CARTER: Back again. Hi. I'll be really brief and I'll put a link to the framework in the chat. This session was about, I think, introducing it and getting reflections on it.

So they had Avri Doria as the Board [inaudible] and ICANN staff member presenting what's in this framework. The Public Interest Framework that they've developed is a tool for the ICANN Board mainly to use so far. I'm trying to understand that phrase, "global public interest" and what does it mean.

And so it sets out five categories around the technical coordination role, ICANN's role in the DNS marketplace, benefits to the Internet community, the multistakeholder community and policy development processes, and ICANN policies and practices.

And it notes the public interest aspects of those and then it sets out some questions, basically. I think there were about 35 questions all together in the framework that the Board and any of us can use to sort

of test the public interest aspects of any decision making that's going on.

And they were clear that this isn't trying to set up a new a new process or anything, but a tool to use within existing governance processes to test the public interest and be able to explain how that's been considered when decisions are made.

And they were sort of characterizing it as a pilot on two specific aspects, the SSAD stuff on the WHOIS follow up and the SubPro work that's going on—both GNSO processes.

A little panel was testing it. Someone from ALAC, someone from the GAC, someone from the GNSO. It had a middling reception in terms of where this could be useful. People wanting to see it applied in those two examples before getting a really clear [idea] on whether it's going to be a useful tool.

So if you're interested, take a look at the document that I've pasted in the chat. I took lots of notes if anyone wants to read them.

I'll had back to you, Alejandra, with that.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Jordan. And now we move to the plenary session #2, Evolving the DNS Abuse Conversation: Maliciously Registered versus Compromise Domains. And for this we have Irina.

IRINA DANELIA:

Thank you very much, Alejandra. And hello, everyone. So first of all, I want to say that I really liked how this session was arranged. And those who organized it did a very good job of stating clearly in advance what are the goals of this session, what is within the scope of the discussion, and what is out of scope. And it is [inaudible] really good example.

Talking about the content, it was focused on several items. First of all, why it is important to distinguish maliciously registered versus compromised domains. There was a presentation given by Maciej Korczynski from Grenoble Alpes University which showed quite an interesting statistic. In some TLDs, almost all malicious domains are maliciously registered. While in the EU-based ccTLDs, there is quite a big proportion of compromised domain names—from 25 to 40% depending on the category of their malicious activity.

Then the next topic was how to distinguish maliciously registered versus compromised domain names. And again, it was mentioned that there are basically two approaches: one based on heuristics and another one based on machine learning approaches. And an example was given—the COMAR project, funded by two ccTLD registries, AFNIC and SIDN, which provides a fully-automated approach for this and demonstrates a very high percentage of accuracy.

Then it was discussed what to do and what are the potential actions with regard to such domains—to delete, to suspend, to redirect, to transfer to another entity. And it was followed by quite an extensive discussion both by the panel and in the chat.

And the panel consisted of subject matter experts as well as representatives of gTLD registries and registrars. But a number of comments made during this discussion I find really interesting, and they could be taken into consideration and discussed within our ccNSO DNS abuse initiative. And I made a number of notes for myself and will be happy to share them with those who will be involved in this activity.

Thank you. I'm done.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Irina. Definitely, it will be very much appreciated for the DNS abuse group and future committees if you shared your notes with them.

Last in our list is a session that will take place after our Council call, but this is a kind reminder for Tatiana to report this back through the mailing list with a brief summary of what happens. And she says she remembers. Thank you.

Moving along to Item #11. So this is the launch call for volunteers for volunteer to the Root Server System Governance Working Group. As I told you, before were approached recently to appoint a new member by the 31st of March. This working group meets every other week, and it is expected that it has one more year of work. [In the] call for volunteers, the secretariat should include the basic recommendations so that all are aware.

Is there any question or comment regarding this? I see none. Since we have a decision, may I have a mover?

Sorry, I see Stephen's hand is up. Yes, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Just a quick question. What technical chops are required for being a meaningful representative on this group? Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: May I ask Bart to comment on that?

BART BOSWINKEL: I think what we will do is ... The technical requirements are listed in the original note asking for comments. It's been short, so once we send out the call for volunteers, we'll go back to the original call for volunteers—because we did send out a call for volunteers, I think about two years ago—and then include them in the new one.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Bart, I'm not going to remember an e-mail from two years ago, but thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: No, nor do I.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Neither do I. So that's what Bart is saying.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Okay. We're all on the same page there. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: But they will be circulated soon, so you will see them. Thank you, Stephen.

Now may I have a mover?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I move.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. And may I have a seconder? I see Pablo's hand is up. Thank you, all. It's in the order that I see them. But I see you, Demi and Jordan.

Okay, so we have a draft resolution. Any questions about the resolution itself? Stephen, do you still have your hand up? But I am believing it's an old one.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: It is. I'll have to find the right button to click to get to it.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay, no problem. So I don't see any questions, but Joke has been kind enough to put in the chat the call for volunteers for 2019. So if you want to check it out, it's already there. So we'll have now a vote.

So if you are in favor of this resolution, please use your green ticks. If you're not, use your red crosses. Okay, I see lots of green ticks. Thank you very much. You may now put them down.

And for good measure, does anyone abstain or object to this resolution? I see none, so this has passed. Thank you very much.

Now we will move to Item #12. It's the review of the working group charters and Terms of References.

So we'll start with the adoption of the amended charter of the IGLC. We have discussed this previously regarding their need to appoint vice-chairs. And I saw Pierre's comment that they have been already appointed, which is good. And we asked them to update their Terms of Reference accordingly. And they added the part regarding the appointment of vice-chairs the committee.

Does anyone have any questions for clarification? I see none, so we have a decision to make. So may I ask for a mover? I see Javier. And may I have a seconder? I see Jordan. Thank you very much. Any questions regarding the real solution itself? Okay, I see none. Now we move to the voting.

So again, please, if you approve use your green ticks to express so. If you are against or abstain, use your red cross. And just to remind everyone that the voting is for the Council members. But thank you for letting us know that you are also agreeing with this. Okay, thank you very much.

And for good measure, let me ask if there is anyone abstaining or objecting. Okay, I seen none. Please clear your green ticks so we can use them later. And this has passed. Thank you very much.

Now we will move on to the progress review of other charters. Do any of the liaisons have any update since our last call on the 24th of February? Stephen, I think you might be speaking but you're on mute. Okay, maybe he's not here.

So if no further comments, please do keep this in mind that we need to finish the review of the charters. And there is for some of them to get updated. So please keep this in mind.

Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL:

May I alert Council that this topic will come up again when we discuss the Roles and Responsibility? Specifically the charters of the Triage Committee and of the OISC. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Yes. Thank you, Bart. So moving along, we're now on Item #13, the ccNSO & DNS Abuse. So the small group has done a very good job in engaging and managing well this topic since the beginning going from exploration of the topic to an analysis of the suggestions, and then to seek support from the community. I think this is a good recipe for other topics because we are including involvement in the community and we are getting great feedback from them.

This work started in September 2021 with the preparation of the DNS Abuse Session for ICANN72. And so far I think they're doing a very, very good job. Also during the analysis process, using the methodologies for prioritizations on value/effort, I think we can see that this really works. So we should keep using that for future exploration of topics.

As Jordan mentioned, there were some concerns from the community members. Besides the one mentioned, I will remind of some that were raised in the beginning because ... Well, he said on the last session that happened this week. But since the beginning we received, for example, concerns regarding outsiders making suggestions to ccTLDs. Though we could see that there was an overlap between suggestions received from ccTLDs and non-ccTLDs in ICANN72.

But we heard our community and we tried to keep the substantive things that matter to receive feedback from the ccTLD community alone. And, well, also some people were concerned on how outsiders should participate in setting the direction of this group, speaking about liaisons. And the authority that this new committee that it has proposed should or not have. And also the concern regarding DAAR.

So for this, the other group will dig into the Terms of Reference to address these issues. But I would like to ask you if you have any other comments regarding this topic. Okay, I see none.

We have in front of us a very extensive background and a decision to make. But the idea of having this extensive explanation is to include and capture the scope of the role and the process in each of the stages

that this process will undergo. Do you have any questions or comments or need for clarification here? Okay.

We have a decision now regarding the adoption of the Roadmap itself. So may have a mover? Tatiana put her hand up. And I saw Chris Disspain. May I take you as a seconder, Chris? Okay, thank you. Any questions regarding the resolution? I see none, so let's go to a vote.

Again, please do use your green ticks to say if you approve or your red crosses in case you abstain or reject this decision. I see lots of green ticks. Thank you so much for them. You may clear them now.

For good measure, I will always ask if there is anyone abstaining or objecting. Hearing none. So this has passed. Thank you so much.

Now moving to the adoption of Terms of Reference for the DNS Abuse Standing Committee and a call for volunteers. As I told you before, there were some concerns and now the other group will be looking to address them. They're already looking to a draft, and it is not too difficult to tackle these concerns. So they will hopefully tomorrow sign off on the new version which will be circulated to the Council later. And afterwards it will come in the e-mail decision to adopt these Terms of Reference. So just for your information.

Any questions regarding this?

Okay, moving on. We are now in our Item #14 which is the chair and vice-chair election. So I hand it over to Pablo.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thanks, Alejandra. And I just want to take a second to acknowledge the privilege that it has been working for the ccNSO in various capacities. And it is an honor to work with and for our community.

With that said, as you all have noted we are going to engage in the elections of the chair and vice-chair. And as you may recall, the selection of the chair and vice-chair procedural calls for a formal election at this Council meeting. So what we are going to do is, Alejandra has been nominated and received secondment. Alejandra, do you accept the nomination?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, I do. And I thank you for giving me another chance here. Thank you so much.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: It is an honor to work with you. And I'm confident that the entire community feels that way. Hearing, all, that Alejandra accepts the nomination, I would like to see a mover. Is there a mover? Thank you, Stephen. Is there a seconder?

ALI HADJI: I second.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Ali. So if they aren't any questions or any comments, I would like to ask for voting, please. Let's use the green tick to accept, the red tick to reject or to abstain. I see nothing but green ticks.

Just for good measure, as Alejandra always says, any abstentions? Any rejections? Please use your red tick. I don't see any. So Alejandra, welcome back to be our chair of the ccNSO community.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you so much.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: So moving forward, we are going to go through the same process, but this time for the vice-chair election. We have two nominated vice-chairs, each one are from different regions.

First, we are going to go with the election of Jordan Carter. So, Jordan has been nominated, has been seconded. Although he has accepted his nomination, for formality we would like to ask. Jordan, do you accept the nomination?

JORDAN CARTER: I do, Pablo. Yes, thank you.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Jordan. After all, hearing that Jordan has accepted the nomination, I would like to ask for a mover. Thank you, Stephen. I see Alejandra seconding. Are there any questions? Comments? Hearing

none, let's move for the vote on Jordan Carter's nomination. Green ticks to accept. Again, I see nothing but green ticks.

And once again, for good measure, red ticks for those who abstain or object. I don't see any.

With that said, Jordan has been elected as vice-chair for the ccNSO community. Congratulations, Jordan.

Moving forward, we are going to engage in the election of the vice-chair. Biyi was nominated and seconded. He has formally accepted the nomination, but I would like to ask. Biyi, do you accept the nomination?

ADEBIYI OLADIPO:

Thanks, Pablo. I do accept the nomination, thank you.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Thank you, Biyi. Once again, as already mentioned, both vice-chairs are from different geographical regions. I would like to ask for a mover. Jordan, thank you. Apologies. I'm trying to look at a seconder. Stephen, thank you.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

Yes.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: So let's move for the vote. Green ticks for those in favor. Once again, I seen nothing but green ticks. Red ticks for those who are opposing or abstaining. I don't see any.

Consequently, Biyi has been elected as vice-chair of the ccNSO. Congratulations, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: And congratulations to all of the chairs and vice-chairs. I am confident, I know as a matter of fact, that you guys are of the utmost caliber and commitment with this community. And you will do a fantastic job. Thank you. Thank you for stepping forward.

With that, I would love to take the power, but I am going to return it back to Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you so much, Pablo. And congratulations, everyone. I think we all do a very good team, and we shall seek for new adventures together.

So moving along to Item #15, we have the adoption of the Roles and Responsibilities and assignments for councilors. This time we are not going to be able to have a decision on them today because we noted that some Terms of Reference need to be updated to ensure that we do

not lose people with knowledge and experience. And these are the cases, for example, of the OISC and the Triage Committee.

So what I suggest is that over the next three weeks, the relevant Terms of Reference for these groups are reviewed to ensure that, again, people with experience and skills in the area of each group can stay on or that we can invite more participants.

Any comments regarding this? Okay, I see none. So stay tuned because this will come later for us to decide.

So the next Council meeting is scheduled to be on the 21st of April at 12:00 UTC. So now we had two meetings really close together, and now we will have some time before we see each other again in a meeting. But just put it in your calendar to be there.

I am moving now along two Items #17 which is Any Other Business. Does anyone have any other business?

Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Alejandra. I just want to thank everyone for their indulgence with the Dotty remembrances. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Not a problem, Stephen. Any other “other” business? Okay, if not I did tell you that I had one.

So we at the Council, we are in shock, again, by war. This time in Ukraine. And to be very clear, we do condemn the use of weapons to resolve differences. The Council has received a limited number of comments on the mailing list, and myself privately. And these e-mails have showed variants on their messages. But one in particular was about the view of the Council with respect to trust in ccNSO.

So for this particular question, we will send a formal response in the next few days. And I would like to suggest for it to be along the following lines.

Trust in the ccNSO is about being a trusted partner to all ccTLD managers, independent of the environment in which they have been embedded. It is about living up to our own principles and acting predictable, even under the worst circumstances, and sometimes, even at the expense of one's own personal views.

The need to treat all ccTLD managers equally is fundamental. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers. The organization, people, or entities that are listed in the IANA database as ccTLD managers.

This foundational principle was confirmed recently with the proposed bylaw change to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. And this membership is based and follows the basic policy for ccTLD. That is the RFC 1591, as interpreted through our Framework of Interpretation.

Currently, the membership ends automatically after a transfer or removal from the IANA database. We do not have a process in place to

suspend or end the membership, nor did we want it as recently as ICANN70.

So with regards to this line of thought, I would like to ask councilors if they agree with this kind of response. And, of course, we will have a drafting document to further detail a complete response. Do you agree? If you do, please ...

Before that, Stephen I see you have your hand up. Is this a new hand?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: No, it's an old hand. But I agree with what you just said. So I was getting ready to do green tick, but my hand was still up.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay, no problem. Thank you. So if you agree that we follow this train of thought, please do use your green ticks. Okay, I see many green ticks.

And of course, for good measure—you can clear them now—if you abstain or object, could you let me know? Okay, thank you very much. So we will proceed with the drafting of this response on this particular path.

With that, I would like to move to item #18. That is the thank you. And I want to start by thanking Pablo for his role as vice-chair of the ccNSO Council. Your participation and contributions are very highly appreciated. So thank you very much. Big applause. And you can see all the cameras there.

The next one is a thank you to the MPC, to the Tech Working Group, to the SOPC, to TLD-OPS, to all the working groups for organizing the sessions for ICANN73. Thank you to all the volunteers that contributed to the work of the ccNSO and for sharing their experiences to the broader community.

A special thanks to our beloved secretariat—to Bart, Joke, Kim, and Claudia—and all their allies for their outstanding support, for the production of materials, and especially for their patience and the long days. Thank you so much. Big applause as well.

And with that, I thank everyone for attending this meeting. This meeting is now adjourned. Thank you so much.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: And a big thanks to our staff.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Noted.

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