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ICANN70 | Virtual Community Forum - GAC Open Plenary  
Monday, March 22, 2021 - 09:00 to 10:00 EST

**GULTAN TEPE:** This is Gulden Tepe from the GAC support team and this session will begin. Please start the recording tech team. Thank you.

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to ICANN70 GAC opening plenary session scheduled on Monday 22 March at 1400 UTC. Recognizing that these are public sessions and other members of the ICANN community may be in attendance, the GAC leadership and support staff encourage all of you who are GAC representatives to type your name and affiliation in the participants chat pod to keep accurate attendance records.

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This session is being recorded and all materials will be made available on the ICANN70 Meetings page. With that, I would like to send over to the GAC chair, Manal Ismail.

Manal, over to you please.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Gulten. And good morning good afternoon and good evening everyone.

Welcome to the opening plenary of the GAC meeting held on the margins of ICANN70 virtual community forum. It's been one full year since we last met in person. I hope you and your families continue to be well safe and in good health and thank you all for your continued participation, despite the challenging circumstances and all the challenging time zones to some of us.

During this session we will be covering some administrative matters to help you participate to the meeting and feel comfortable in the Zoom room then we will go to the schedule highlighting important sessions and other worth noting remarks and reviewing notable developments since ICANN69. We will be touching on the current status of GNSO PDP, ccNSO PDP listing GAC priorities topics and providing a few highlights on each flagging administrative priorities that are worth noting, briefly summarizing inter-sessional work, and finally reviewing the updated communique drafting process which we agreed to pilot at ICANN70.

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We have compiled more slides than usual this time hoping that this would help you remain focused on follow the discussions throughout the session. But also to serve as a quick reference for everyone and alongside the thorough briefs you already received before the meeting.

All the material used during our meeting will be, if not already, linked from the annotated GAC agenda available on the GAC website, so please make use of the GAC annotated agenda as your meeting repository.

We normally start our plenary with a tour de table for self-introductions but given the remote set up we will be recording the attendance from the Zoom room, so we would kindly ask you to write the country directory or organization you represent besides your name. This would help us identify GAC members and observers in the Zoom room for accurate attendance but also to identify who is requesting the floor and prioritize GAC requests throughout the sessions.

Throughout the meeting GAC members and observers will be able to benefit from the language services ... interpretation services so over to you please, Gulden.

GULTAN TEPE:

I hope everyone would benefit from this portion of the session. I will go over some logistics and remote connection details, because there are new GAC members us with and it might be a good refresher and we covered some of those points during the newcomer session last week already. You may find the recording that call on GAC website, I will be sharing the link to the recording. Currently displaying the agenda page on our website first note would be to always remember to be logged in. And it would say your name on this part of the page. It says welcome Gulten for myself. Otherwise you will not be able to see the documents since some of them are not public. They were turn into public mode after these sessions take place.

As you can see, again my name is noted on this part. And scrolling down to be able to reach the page I will be sharing with you need to use the meetings and records tab, and going to ICANN meeting's agenda, under this addition part you can also view the previous meetings materials, scrolling a bit down. And here on the left side you can download the agenda in PDF format. And under introduction part you may find the resource briefing documents, which is highlighted over here. GAC meeting schedule, and overall ICANN70 block schedule. As actually some

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of our members asked that they -- data from me today. I'm scrolling further. Virtual participation, how --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Check.

GULTAN TEPE: And here is the briefing section.

We already published the briefings in English as well as their translations. You might review these session briefings to get an idea of the topics and details of what will be discussed during these sessions. And just as an example going to GAC opening plenary session you may find the agenda items already published under each session. Briefings in English and translations of this document with respect to Zoom room you're all familiar by now so just a quick refresher. You may see a hand raised icon under the reactions tab it's kind of hidden, but you need to click on the reactions, and you will -- you would be able to find it for instance I'm raising my hand right now. And please add your affiliation and the country or organization you're representing to your name, thank you, Manal, already reminded you that. You can do that by hovering over your name. More options will display, and you can

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click rename, and it would allow you to update your name and enter please also GAC into parenthesis that would also help us.

If you can't figure out how to do that you can also request that from me. I would be happy to do that on your behalf. You can also help our interpreters by following simple guidelines, before you speak, please make sure your microphone is switched on. Inform the audience that you will be speaking in a non-English language, this would provide a heads up for our interpreters, mute all other additional devices, your phone, iPad, so on, and please also review your notification settings, turn them off please, if you intend to read a statement please provide it to us in advance, and speak at a reasonable pace. If you intend to speak in a language other than English, please again, are remember to notify the audience because there is a brief switch over time, and switching between interpretation from non-English language and back to English.

Moderators should make sure also there's short pause after a non-English statement, and before the next speaker. Without this pause the first part of the remarks will be cut off, in answering so many different languages. And moving forward to remote simultaneous interpretation improvements, we already provided

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a demo during the agenda setting call, thanks to our language services department again.

But very briefly, about new implementations to Zoom. Basically there's a new icon on Zoom tool bar that says interpretation. Before this call I couldn't find it, because I skipped to update my Zoom application, please don't do that. Basically, you may click on this in order to select the language of your choice from the menu. We have 6 U.N. language, Portuguese and then the option to mute audio.

Before speaking you need to select your choice, for instance I will be speaking in English, so I selected it, and then participants will not only hear me speaking. If you select French or Spanish, then you will also be listening to French or Spanish interpreter so you will be hearing my voice slightly in the background and you can mute me by selecting the mute original audio option and then only listen the interpretation if you wish. One key point, if any presenter or speaker forgets to select language, everyone should unmute original audio in order to hear them and again it's located under the interpretation icon.



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Make sure that you have updated your version of Zoom, highlighting this again, and all of your features are available to you, if you are experiencing an issue that might be related to updated version of the Zoom application, otherwise it could just disrupt your connection to the sessions, moving forward, if you're unable to download Zoom or have dialed into a session via phone visit the relevant session information on the schedule to find an alternate. I shared those details on our calendar remarks that's being already shared with GAC members.

Some of our participants aren't able to download the Zoom application so we will be providing the listen only MP streams and CNR application is also available for your use. That concludes my part of the presentation, and if there are any questions please share it here in the chat box. And you can also send e-mail via GAC -- support -- GAC -- support at ICANN. Back to you Manal that's all.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank very much, Gulden. This is a very helpful, and thanks to -- I can see in the chat Fred Baker SSAC chair and Jeff Neumann GNSO liaison to the GAC offering to respond to questions so thank you for being here.

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And welcome to newcomer from communication... commission of Mongolia, and welcome everyone, and I do apologize for not being able to welcome each and every one, but good to have you all here. If we can go to slide 6 I believe, it's the block schedule and our GAC meetings will take place from Monday 22 of March to Thursday 25th of March, 900 to 1730 Cancun time, 1400 to 2230UTC. And I apologize in advance for those who may be challenged by these work hours.

We have 17 GAC working sessions scheduled over 14 hours throughout the week. In addition to a cross-community plenary on registry voluntary commitments and 5 communique drafting sessions plus one more in reserve. As you can see the different sessions are identified in different color codes, just to make sure you can differentiate between the sessions whether they are plenaries joint sessions, community sessions, GAC communique drafting sessions or something else. The GAC leadership will also provide a 30 minute daily update from 14:45 to 15:15UTC on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of March, so starting tomorrow.

For GAC members and observers this advantaged by the meeting assignment zone. That said it's important to note that this daily update will be outside the official working hours of the meeting,

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hence they will not be considered part of the official records nor be recorded or benefit from language services or technical support. But we will be supported as always, as a normal call by our great GAC support team. Following the same approach of every meeting we focused the meeting week on sessions addressing important and pressing topics including new gTLD, subsequent rounds, WHOIS registration data, DNS abuse. WorkStream 2 accountability and right protection mechanisms. We have 3 bilateral meetings one with the Board, one with -- and third with ALAC.

As for the GAC working groups they continue to meet off the official meeting week and are encouraged to report back to the GAC as needed, and members are invited to review the individual working group web pages for progress updates. During this meeting we will be receiving an update from the GAC Public Safety Working Group.

Unlike face-to-face meetings it's more challenging to remain focused and concentrating for long hours during the on-line meetings so we continue to allow a 30 minute break between consecutive sessions to ensure that you are able to refresh, stretch and recharge but also to have enough time to settle, and

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get connected to the Zoom room for the following session. We have grasped the opportunity of an unallocated 45 minute block later today to schedule an optional GAC informal social gathering. The objective is to give you all the opportunity to meet, and briefly introduce yourselves, in an informal nonpublic setting. The session is not on the official meeting schedule and will be viewed as a... for your feedback on whether we should or should not repeat it at future meetings, so please let us know what you think during the wrap-up session.

And finally speaking about the wrap-up session, the wrap-up session will provide an opportunity to follow up, conclude or agree on next steps on issues discussed during the course of the week, and also provide an opportunity for GAC members to take stock, and reflect on planning of future meetings and share ideas for future. If we can go to the following slide please. So this is a quick snapshot of GNSO PDP's divided into 3 categories, and thanks for the material, that was provided during the prep week, so... PDPs both wrapping up and these include the new gTLD, subsequent procedures SubPro for short, and review of all rights, protection mechanisms in all gTLDs, and those on going currently on going PDPs include the EPDP on gTLD registration data again EPDP Phase 2A and the IGO curative rights work track. We should

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be expecting 2 more upcoming PDP one on transfer policy expected to provide a straightforward procedure for domain name registrants who transfer their domain names from one registrar to another, and the second object an EPDP on internationalized domain names IDNs and this is track 2 and will track the IDN variant... and process to update the IDN implementation guidelines, which contracted parties are required to comply with. Worth noting here that the GAC GNSO bilateral meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, and topics on its agenda include EPDP Phase 2 and 2A in relation to the SSAD and DNS Abuse Accuracy scoping team and next steps on collaborating on SubPro.

The GAC leadership particularly Jorge as our point of contact to the GNSO is preparing for this bilateral in a manner similar to Board meeting preparations, that is through a pre-defined set of questions which I hope you'll find useful and you find that beneficial approach to repeat for other sessions too. If we go to the following slide on ccNSO, PDPs we have 2PDP he is, CCPDP3 which is developing a review mechanism for decisions pertaining to... transfer revocation and retirement of ccTLDs and CP, PDP4 reviewing and updating the criteria procedures and documentation of the process for the selection of IDN, ccTLD

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streams. Progress report and updates from ccNSO on both work group efforts are schedule twice on the 15th of April, at 800 and 1600UTC for 90 minutes. Calendar invites were already sent to the GAC and calendar reminders will be sent after ICANN70.

Moving to the following slide, and where we have the GAC priority topics, and as you may know GAC priority topics include subsequent rounds of new gTLDs and we have 3 sessions dedicated for this topic, and RDS WHOIS and data protection and so EDPD related processes and we have one session dedicated for this discussion, DNS abuse mitigation where we have allocated 2 sessions, IGO rights protection mechanisms, and finally the implementation of WorkStream 2 accountability recommendations.

Next slide. We will take the priority and try to provide quick highlights on each so on subsequent rounds if we go to the following slide, this process aims at determining how and when ICANN conducts the next round of new gTLDs, and what changes, if any, need to be made to the current guidebook of the previous round, which was in 2012, which is a fundamental topic as you may guess, and of high priority to the GAC. The SubPro effort within the GNSO is focused on determining the application... for

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the next round. And GAC members actively participating, actively participated throughout the process, the word group delivered its final report to the GNSO council on the 18th of January, and on the 16th of February we communicated to the GNSO council that some GAC members believe a number of areas of the final report do not reflect full consideration of GAC inputs and may result in potential GAC advice.

These areas include clarity and predictability of application process, Public interest commitment, DNS abuse mitigation, GAC early warning and GAC advice, closed generics, and options. The council adopted the final report on the 18th of February, and on the first of March our topic leads conducted a preparatory webinar for the GAC, regarding the SubPro PDP work group final report focusing on areas of interest to the GAC and potential interest for future GAC advice. Worth noting here that the Board will likely initiate an operational design phase on these recommendations and that an additional public comment forum will be held prior to the Board's consideration of the recommendations.

During this week we have 3 GAC session on SubPro, and we intend to have a thorough GAC discussion on areas of high priority. And

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also, we have our bilateral chat with the Board, as an opportunity that -- where GAC members may address specific areas for discussion regarding a number of high priority topics. So before moving on please make sure to refer to the GAC scorecard, which is annexed, annex B to the briefing as a key document for comprehensive reference on this topic.

Now moving on to WHOIS and data protection, public domain registration data indispensable for attributing content Services and crime. The WHOIS policies require the balancing of data protection and the protection of the public in terms of cybersecurity, user confidence, consumer trust, protecting consumers, and businesses, and efforts to date demonstrate challenges to adequately accommodate both imperatives. GAC members are engaged in all active phases of ICANN's work-related to WHOIS compliance with data protection laws. So, we have an EPDP phase one currently an implementation phase, EPDP Phase 2 was finalized and produced 2 sets of recommendations but 3 things were not finalized under Phase 2.

Namely the distinction between data of legal versus natural persons, and the visibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized e-mail address for registration contexts. Both of



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which resulted in the creation after new Phase 2A. The third thing being accuracy of gTLD registration data, which resulted in the creation of a separate accuracy work track which is expected to launch its scoping team soon. The chair of EPDP Phase 2A will present the team's progress during GNSO council's meeting on Wednesday and based on this report the council will assess the progress and decide on next steps including whether to provide additional time for the EPDP or terminate it. And of course the GAC looks forward to its continuation.

During the -- this week's GAC session, and bilaterally our objective will be to determine public policy concern on recent and ongoing developments, and to engage with relevant parties to resolve pending policy and implementation issues. If we move onto the DNS abuse mitigation, and yet another important top being a threat to the DNS abuse is a threat to consumers and Internet users, personal and commercial equally. Their trust in the DNS system, but also a threat to the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS infrastructure. There is still no community wide agreement on what constitutes DNS abuse, and there are ongoing discussions on DNS abuse regarding its definition, measurement, reporting, effectiveness of existing contractual provisions,

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enforce ability and... voluntary measures adopted by industry actors.

We anticipate publication of a SSAC report that would inform future work, and our pending implementation of relevant recommendations related to the different reviews the CCT review, the RD S-2 review and the security stability and resiliency review and pending consideration of important issues such as the, such as registration data accuracy.

The GAC leadership continues to follow up with the GNSO regarding the status of the promised framework paper that would lay down the different options, or alternatives at mechanisms for a community discussion on this important topic. The objective of our meeting would be to consider GAC comments on SSR2 review recommendations, discuss next steps including complete proposal to improve proposals and contracts and consider public policy implications of DNS over HTTPS. So during the 2 GAC -- we have 2 GAC sessions dedicated to the topic, and they are divided as follows. One on Tuesday dedicated for a briefing on SSR2 final report, and GAC comment and discussion of next steps, on complete proposals to mitigate DNS abuse and this which will include a representation by Japan. And second on Wednesday for

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a panel discussion on development and challenges with DNS over HTTPS and TLS. If we move to IGO protections, the GAC has been closely following and engages in this topic for a long time, as it relates to leader rights and legitimate holder of a domain name but also effective and enforceable processes to resolve disputes across jurisdictions.

The GNSO council initiated 2 phases for the review of all rights protection mechanisms, phase one -- now complete, focused on reviewing all right protection mechanisms applicable to gTLDs that were launched under the 2012 round and Phase 2, that is to start will focus on reviewing the UDRP the uniform dispute resolution policy in specific. Phase one working group delivered its final report to the GNSO council and the council approved all its recommendations, on the other hand, the council created a separate work track within Phase 2 to review recommendations to review recommendation 5 of the IGO, INGO curative guides protection mechanism the PDP work group final report.

The work track members are now confirmed and the GNSO council approved Chris ... as the chair and the work track held its first meeting on the 22nd of February. On a relevant note ICANN Board formally initiated the bylaws mandated consultation

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process to find a mutually-acceptable solution regarding GAC advice in relation to protections for IGOs at the second level. As they intend the Board intends to shift from clear registration notification as was advised by the GAC, to a post registration notification. Helps triggering the consultation process to find a mutually-acceptable solution.

The Board is now expecting a response to their letters and also in light of the discussions we had inter-sessionally for the GAC to clarify whether the GAC agrees with the Board's intended action. Worth noting here that on a Board back interaction group call, the GAC have asked whether further ICANN Board task should wait for the outcome of the IGO work track of the right protection mechanism, PDP, and hence we are wondering whether the consultation could be... until the work track finishes its work. So during the relevant session we will discuss the final report on Phase 1 of the review and discuss upcoming next steps in preparation for Phase 2.

If we can move to following slide on WorkStream 22 implementation a few years ago to achieve the... transition it was agreed additional measures were required regarding the accountability of the ICANN org and communities accordingly all

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supporting organizations and advisory committees are expected to implement regions that apply to their operations WorkStream 2 final report included nearly 100 individual recommendations spanning 8 topic areas, 42 of which need GAC attention and consideration. With the tracking tool now in place, agreement on implementation contributors is under way, and current progress is estimated to be around 40%.

The GAC Human Rights and International Law working group agreed to lead the implementation of recommendations on diversity and human rights core value and later today the working group will update the GAC on assessment and implementation progress of WorkStream 2 recommendations.

Moving to our administrative priorities. We have the operational design phase. GAC advice, and it relates to recent discussions within the BGIG, and the decision radar and ICANN meetings planning which is a priority emerging from CEO roundtable discussion was SO-AC.

So on operational design phase if we go to the following slide the operational design phase is a newly introduced concept. The objective of this additional design phase is to allow the Board to

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obtain relevant information about any operational and resourcing issues associated with certain policy implementation efforts. It's envisioned to take place prior to Board action on GNSO approved policy recommendations, and to be initiated through a Board request to ICANN org. The expectation is that an ODP will likely only be needed for conflicts... or other large scale implementation efforts. A reviewed version of the process was posted reflecting updates promptly, community feedback including feedback submitted by the GAC. The Board is considering launching the updated ODP into upcoming proceedings namely, the recommendations on SSAD from the EPDP Phase 2 and the new gTLD subsequent procedures. And initial review of the process will take place once a minimum of 2 ODPs are completed.

Moving to the second administrative priority, and this is GAC advice -- and to those who do not know the Board GAC interaction group includes a subset of Board members, and interested GAC members, and the BGIG for short has proven to be an effective venue for discussions to ensure effective Board and GAC collaboration. It recently developed an approach for discussion of issues of importance to the GAC, and most recently on a call on the 11th of March and in light of IGO protections.

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The group discussed the need for process clarity with respect to Board GAC consultations and how that process can be... and in that respect we discussed that a flow chart may be helpful in that respect to show the process and the time-line of the Board voting as part of the consultation process. And, of course, the group membership is open to any interested GAC representatives. Object on the third topic GAC action decision radar and GAC workload continues to grow, as you may all feel. It is observed that the GAC leadership needed a means to effectively track on plan for the GAC work.

Thanks to our amazing support team, the radar is now in place. It's a new tool being developed to track existing and anticipated actions requiring GAC attention and decision. Draft action decision radar document has recently been reviewed and is being beta tested and will ultimately of course be shared with the full GAC membership for feedback and comments. In addition to being helpful to the GAC leadership, the new tool will better inform GAC members and observers, I have to say newcomers and veterans equally, to determine collectively GAC priorities, and to facilitate identify topics of individual GAC members interest, and also to possibly flag policy topics or directives of interest not already on the GAC's radar. The radar would be made available

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on-line as a live document, but also the capability to regularly produce a PDF version offline.

Finally on the ICANN meetings planning and in general priorities that emerged from the roundtable discussions between the CEO and SOAC chairs, community leadership meets regularly before ICANN public meetings to review matters of cross-community impact and topics of March 20, 21 roundtables were heavily weighted towards public meeting issues.

On evolution of ICANN and public meetings ICANN org conducted a community consultation, there were different views, but several key features that the community generally agreed on. So ICANN org will update draft guidelines to reflect the feedback received and will recirculate the guidelines for community feedback by mid-April. And I would like to take to community to thank you all for your input including comments you provided during ICANN69 responses you provided to the post ICANN69 communique survey and also the written GAC comments that were submitted to ICANN org.

Another topic that emerged from those discussions is the community prioritization and planning, and the discussion was



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on advancing ICANN org's collaboration with SOAC chairs to are planning and prioritization, and also encouraging community to share information about each group's on going on and anticipated projects to help reduce simultaneous public comment proceedings, and to streamline initiation of new projects.

The third was an update from ICANN adaptive management crisis team, which updated us on the work they do to and assess the impact of COVID-19 on ICANN's work describing how the team is tracking global information about COVID-19, and how they plan for all the decisions including timelines for working from home, and, of course, travel restrictions.

So following slide quickly on intersessional work. Again with many thanks to your active participation, we have submitted a number of ICANN inputs to a number of ICANN public comment opportunities and cross-community efforts, and this included GAC input on the ICANN public meeting strategy, and the ICANN community consultation on the ICANN public meetings. But also on the operational design phase, and the drafts fiscal year 2022 to 2026 operating and financial plan and draft fiscal 2022 to operating budget.

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We have also sent and received different correspondences on various matters including the final report of Phase 2 of the GNSO EPDP, ICANN Board action on IGO protections at the second level, and the GNSO gTLD subsequent procedures final report. All GAC inputs and correspondences are posted on the web page and the link you will find within the GAC.

Other cross-community work carried out by our amazing support staff, and hardworking GAC leadership and active topic leads include the follow-up on ICANN69 action items, pre meeting preparatory webinars including the one we did on SubPro, we had... and outreach event. We had a first timers session, and also a pre meeting calls and interactions with the GNSO council, with the ALAC leadership, the Board GAC interaction group,... among SOAC chairs around 3 calls for roundtable discussions between the CEO and the SOAC chairs. One on one call between the CEO and the GAC chair, and a monthly call with the government engagement team, and onboarding and engagement if we go to the following slide, we have many new faces joining the GAC since ICANN66 we have around 70 new participants very happy.

And I would like to use this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our newest GAC member, St. Vincent and again The

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Grenadines, so a warm welcome to Emma and Roxanne accordingly the GAC leadership continues to work with staff to improve on barring and engagement with new members and to compile information that needs to be shared to help onboarding everyone. And we would very much welcome your views and suggestions in that respect.

Finally, with the communique drafting, as you may all know the GAC leadership circulated a discussion paper following the GAC agenda setting forth. We held another call dedicated -- if we can go to the following slide please -- we held another call to discuss possible ways to develop possible GAC consensus vice in a remote ICANN meeting as a pilot during ICANN P 0. Since ICANN67 the GAC has not developed a GAC communique vice R advice. Some GAC members expressed concern that in a virtual environment this set up may impede participation.

Some GAC members believe the GAC still needs to consider and provide advice in relation to important developments. During previous virtual meetings the GAC communique becomes formally adopted at the end of the 48 hour review period. It's now agreed to extend this review period to 72 hours provided that no objections are raised. Otherwise, the affected text would be

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deleted. Some GAC members expressed concerns with this current objection practice as it potentially lead to loss of carefully considered views. If we look at the diagram on the following slide. Describing the process as discussed and agreed for ICANN70.

So the following slide please. 2 weeks in advance of the meeting we start an optional issue identification phase for members and observers to declare interest in GAC advice and highlight topics of interest. Then one week prior to the meeting we start another optional communicate preparation phase for members to share text of key messages. Both phases, as I already mentioned, are optional, and do not preclude such efforts during the meeting. They are intended to facilitate discussions during the communicate drafting sessions. The target is to finalize the communicate during the meeting week, allow 72 hours review period but it's important to note that the objective of the review period is not to reopen already negotiated and agreed text. So the communicate becomes formally adopted at the end of the new 72 hour review period provided no objection is raised.

So by the Monday -- and we agreed that the publishing of the communicate may be more convenient to have it on the Monday so by the Monday GAC membership should be tuned to receive

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the formally adopted communicate or in the unlikely case of receiving objections the Monday message will be used to schedule a session within the same week around the Wednesday to resolve the issue and formally adopt the communicate to be published by the end of the same week. That's the post meeting GAC session will only be held in exceptional cases only when there is a formal objection.

So let's put the process to the test and make sure we enhance as needed for future meetings if we go to the last slide just to note we have 5 sessions scheduled for communicate drafting Tuesday to Thursday and early sharing of draft communicate language is encouraged of course and please do this in the draft ICANN70 communicate document and when inserting text in the Google doc please make sure you are in the suggesting mode, propose your text in the appropriate place, make sure the author is identified properly whether an individual or a group of drafters, and finally, do not forget to hit reply otherwise your edits will not be identified. So I'll stop here and please let me know if you have any immediate questions or comments in the remaining couple of minutes, I'm sorry if I spoke for so long, we have Kavouss on the queue.

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: (indiscernible)

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: I'm sorry, Kavouss. Please go ahead. Kavouss, if you're speaking, we cannot hear you, you may be muted.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Do you hear me now.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yeah, okay good morning good afternoon good evening.

Manal, in Arabic they say (speaking non-English). God save you. God bless you. A very balanced call, and peaceful lady dynamic and energetic. A lot of energy. God really save you. We are very happy to have you on Board, on Board of the GAC. Thank you very much for all that you have done. Thank you very much for the leadership, which I call them GAC management team but not leadership because no one leading anyone else. Even leader community of community leader I don't agree with that.

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Management co-ordination I agree but not leadership. Thanks to the GAC management team, help you. And in particular considerable and in depth appreciation to ICANN staff, supporting staff, Rob, and Julia, and very, very particular Gulden.

She provides considerable amount of useful information for all of us. We are grateful, and thankful to all of them. Manal, I don't know whether we have time but I have some suggestions, so I am at your disposal whether we have some ten, 5 to 10 minutes extra because your meeting will be finished -- it's almost finished at 4 o'clock Geneva time or 3 o'clock UTC.

If there is please allow me in any case I have some comments which in no way should be treated different than a constructive suggestions for improvement and nothing else. So please give me the Green light whether I could comment or not. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kavouss, and we are very keen to hear your comments, would it be possible that since you need ten minutes, would it be possible to have them during the wrap-up session?

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: It is possible if I am alive -- number 1 -- number 2 if I can attend that because there are many, many meetings unfortunately, the timing of this meeting is very painful. I have 3 other meetings at the same time, but I have opted to come to GAC.

I don't know about you if it you prefer to do it as wrap up sometime as wrap up less people attending but, in any case, it's up to you. You are the chair, and you decide, so but I have -- if I forget -- if I don't forget I don't know. Because now is it should be interactive, but I may -- okay so it's up to you whether you want to do it -- I can do it in 5 minutes but if you want to postpone for the wrap-up I am at your disposal thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay if you want to give a quick hint on the titles and then we can have a more thorough discussion later so please go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, the first is on -- is that what you've given is very, very useful.

Very comprehensive it remind me that we giving some status of the GAC or state of the GAC, like a state of the union, a state of the government. A state of republic. Should not be more than 20



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minutes. 15 minutes I think should be reduced. Everything is pre-written, paper and then should be just focus on the main, very main points. Many of the things that Gulden mentioned could be included in an information document, and just not to read all of those things because unfortunately,, in all meetings of ICANN, not only GAC we have this repetition, so -- the third suggestion is that in during the presentation, many, many acronyms and things they are used that some people like me they are not nomination knowledge comfortable may not be familiar with all these acronym so it is better that you have an acronym published for all of the things. SSR2 and so on so forth so it would be easy for the people to understand, to understand that. That is a very important.

Something that I have to mention at this stage you said that the final report of the I think if the GNSO or EPDP does not contain all input from the GAC and that would be subject to GAC advice, I wish to mention that if that final report becomes policy, and if we start to have GAC advice on the policy we -- will put the ICANN Board in a very difficult situation. The GAC advice versus policy. Policy versus GAC advice. That does not get us anywhere. We have given our views. It has been considered to the extent practicable, and when ICANN Board decides on everything, to

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become policy to the extent practice will be taken into account the minority statement so I do not see any useful effort to start for all of those things which has been subject to many input by us but it was not accepted by other communities. By other people. And it remains at minority statement. Not only from us, from many others so if everybody starts to do the same thing, we will have difficulty, but our situation is quite difficult because we have advice versus policy, or policy versus advice and words cannot decide on either side.

They could not ignore the policy and decide on our advice, they do not ignore or advice and saying that the policy, so it is better not to go that far. I don't know how we are going to do to all of those things so I think because ever the 5 minutes I have mentioned, I don't want to go further to this but maybe at the last meeting I will try but I request that these things, information document, the state of status of the GAC not more than 20 minutes. The acronym or glossary, and the situation that we should have a balance between GAC advice and the following reports that the start again the discussions will be taken into account. Thanks again to all the GAC supporting members or the GAC -- sorry, ICANN supporting GAC, and also all the colleagues in particular yourself, the GAC management team, and everyone has

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communicated to you, are and I hope in future we should have more interactive meeting. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Kavouss. All very useful feedback.

I've been taking notes. We will discuss them during the wrap-up session, but the part on advice, and the related subsequent procedures thing may also be discussed during the different sessions dedicated to this topic.

With this thank you very much everyone, this concludes the GAC Plenary, it is now time for a 25 minute break. After the break we will have our first session on subsequent procedures for 45 minutes, followed by another on WorkStream 2 implementation so please be back in the GAC Zoom room at 10:30 Cancun time, 1530 UTC and start our GAC discussions.

Thank you everyone.

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