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With that, I will hand the floor over to Maureen Hilyard. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Yesim. Well, good morning, good afternoon, or good evening wherever you may be. I know that it's a very dark 3:00 AM for me in the Cook Islands and midnight for Cheryl. But I can assure you that we're very pleased to be here, to be with you at the start of this ICANN73. During this first half hour or so, it's all about what's on for At-Large this week and how our community is engaged in the ICANN73 program.

We do want to welcome everyone, with particular mention to our new ALAC members and At-Large leaders who are with us today. It may be their first ICANN meeting. Hopefully, we can soon get to be able to see each other in person. That would be something special.

What we've got is a pretty full agenda, as you can see on the screen. I've just got one slide but it does let you know exactly what's going on. But we'll be looking, first of all, at what's on in ICANN that we should be taking note of. This is really just for the At-Large community and trying to encourage people to really make the most of this meeting. There's a lot going on and there's definitely a lot that would be of value to you.

After we've gone through the ICANN program, we'll go through how At-Large has actually been engaging itself in the community activities at this ICANN meeting.

You'll get a short elevator pitch of what their session is about and encouraging you to go along, we hope.

So, the session will end with a regular section that we have at our welcome and that's talking points with Jonathan, looking at what the At-Large position is on a lot of the issues that you may come across during the course of the week.

So, let's get into it. Looking, first of all, at our ICANN week. I think the little square boxes are the sessions that are on today. It starts off with an introduction to the ICANN Org Executive Team. This is becoming a regular at our meetings and I think it's really good that we all get to see who the people are who make a lot of the decisions within ICANN. It's really just familiarizing ourselves with people in the organization and what they do.

Then of course we'll all be engaged in the ICANN Plenary which is on Global Public Interest Framework and I'm going to ask Marita to give us all a little spiel on what that involves. Thank you, Marita.

MARITA MOLL: Good morning for me and afternoon, evening for everyone else. I'm in Ottawa, Canada which is 8:00 AM in the morning here which is much more civilized than what Maureen and Cheryl are doing and lots of others, too. Congratulations to you all for being here.

I am going to be moderating this plenary on the Global Public Interest Framework. A plenary is one of those meetings that doesn't have any

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conflicts on the schedule, so you'll be able to attend it. There won't be anything else conflicting.

If you don't know anything about the Global Public Interest Framework, that's okay because someone will be there from staff who will start out by explaining what this is about. It's a way for the Board to reach decisions on recommendations and processes. It's fairly new. It's a pilot and the community is taking a closer look at it to see whether or not this is going to serve our needs.

We have Avri Doria who is the Board shepherd on this and our community speakers are Justine Chew from our community and Paul McGrady who has been active in the GNSO. And Velimira Grau who is with the GAC. We'll have an hour and a half session and hopefully you'll all be interested and wanting to attend that. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Marita. Now, the next item is actually we're going to have Vanda Scartezini with a session which is new back again. It used to be a regular. But Vanda will tell us more about it. Vanda? I know she's here. Vanda, if you're speaking, you're muted. Okay, well maybe we'll hear from Vanda as soon as … I can hear you Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Hello?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, we can hear you. Vanda, we can hear you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: [Portuguese].

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: She is not talking about the topic. She is trying to unmute but she's already unmuted. She was talking in Portuguese.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, thank you for that, Sebastien. Perhaps somebody can … Yesim, can someone deal with that one please?

YESIM SAGLAM: Yes. Sure.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Okay. Let's go on to Satish Babu who is going to be talking about universal acceptance.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen. The universal acceptance session is at 13:00 UTC tomorrow, the same time as this one. It is entitled "Achieving Universal Acceptance: The Way Forward." This is a 60-minute session and it's a panel discussion that's chaired by the UASG chair, Dr. Ajay Data. It is a general team of promoting universal acceptance. There are three panelists. We have ALAC, GAC, and GNSO. From ALAC, I'll be speaking. From GAC, we have Nigel Hickson. And from GNSO, we have Christian Dawson.

So, after an initial introduction by the chair, the panelists will be responding to questions and there will be discussions. The questions that have been given to us, given to ALAC, are the following.

What is ALAC doing to promote universal acceptance? What are ALAC's plans in the context of UA? Would ALAC be able to join the UASG in celebrating UA/EAI Day around the International Modern Language Day which is a UNESC declaration which is on 21 February. So this is somewhat [inaudible] and it's been planned by the UASG [for the people who are] interested in joining them.

Could the ALAC help promote the UA ambassador and local initiative programs to garner more interest? And lastly, how can the UASG support ALAC in this effort and how can we increase collaboration to promote and achieve UA?

I'd like to invite everybody to attend this session. Thank you. Back to you Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. Yes. That sounds like quite an important session for us. So, moving on, DNS abuse always at the perennial for us. There's a session which is a plenary, so it's across the community. Jonathan will just give a few words on what is actually happening there. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sure. Thanks, Maureen. There's going to be a plenary which, as Marita said, is an unconflicted session on DNS abuse. DNS abuse has become

an ongoing conversation and a richly complex conversation within ICANN that the At-Large community has played a significant role in.

This particular plenary is about distinguishing between DNS abuse as the result of a domain that's been maliciously registered. In other words, somebody when anger domain for the purposes of using it for illegal activity, versus DNS abuse that results from someone's website or email system being taken over or exploiting a vulnerability in a WordPress plugin or something like that and looking at how those differences should be reflected in their response from the contracted parties.

It's definitely an important topic and one that we should follow. I think, from an At-Large perspective, our position has been that mitigation is the number one priority. In other words, dealing with the abuse as it happens needs to be more important than identifying the intentions of the abuser or the blame of the registrant, etc.

So, it should be a lively discussion and hopefully result in some more incremental change in the way that the ICANN community deals with DNS abuse.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much. After that … This is on the Thursday. There's going to be a forum on the geo-political legislative and regulatory developments. Unfortunately, I don't know too much about that one and I wasn't able to get anyone to speak on it. But that's something you can look forward too, I'm sure, on Thursday.

So, let's now move on to—keeping time, sort of—to our ICANN73 program for At-Large. And looking at the very first one, which unfortunately has just been pulled out this morning. It's going to be postponed until probably an intersessionary or perhaps at our next ICANN meeting. Unfortunately, the circumstances are those sorts of things happen. That's not a problem. So that's something we can look forward to later on.

So, next up is the Board and the ALAC meeting which is tomorrow. I think it's early in the morning. That's a session that the Board sent us a couple of questions and wanted to know basically how At-Large can actually help the Board and Org achieve its objective and their strategic plan and how they could be more effective and efficient.

So, we've got three speakers who are going to be presenting on this … The thing was: what are our key priorities?

For us, the firs step was going to be Marita and she's going to be talking on volunteer retention which is something that we've brought up several times within At-Large. She's going to be looking at how the Board can work on strengthening the multi-stakeholder model and diversity and inclusiveness, which is included into their strategic plan. But really to develop, to support this role that At-Large has within ICANN with regards to advice and public comment.

Our second speaker will be Joanna Kulesza who is going to be again looking at something that impacts on us as a community and that's improving policy development processes and ensuring that At-Large volunteers remain active and a representative part of the ICANN

community. So she's looking at how perhaps they can actually help us maintain that representation.

Then of course our third speaker is going to be speaking on something that our community has actually been working on for several months. This is Cheryl Langdon-Orr going to be talking about the importance to At-Large of the prioritization activity. We've had our small group working for, as I mentioned, several months on this activity within our system, and of course now we're going to be involved in a cross-community activity as well. And Cheryl and other members of our community will have a really good input into what happens there. So, I'm really looking forward to that session and hearing from our speakers and I'm sure that you will, too.

So, I'm passing it on to our next speaker who is going to be Eduardo talking about his monthly meeting. I noticed he's been advertising that on the email list anyway. He will also introduce the next speaker and so on to save a bit of time there. Okay, Eduardo. Thank you. Over to you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Maureen. Yes. Tomorrow at 16:30 UTC we will have a presentation on blockchain decentralized domain names and NFTs. This is a must-see presentation that will talk about alternate routes. Top-level domains are being sold at this moment as NFTs in the blockchain using blockchain technologies. So there will be discussions about [inaudible], collisions and things like that with this new technology.

Unfortunately—or fortunately—this thing is already here to say so it's good that we start talking about it and see where the intersection between the DNS system as we know it will intersect at one point in the future with this new technology and decentralized domain names. Tomorrow, 16:30 UTC. See you there. Bye.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. Sure will, 6:30 for me. That's fine. That's a reasonable hour. Okay. So now we move on to hear … Oh, sorry. Eduardo is supposed to— you're supposed to introduce Cheryl.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Next one is Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I don't mind. I can jump in without introduction.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Just making sure you're awake.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah, I'm awake. Yes. I'm just going to give you … To some extent, Maureen has done a little bit of a tease by telling you that we're also going to be talking about this very important topic and very on-trend topic in the Board interaction with the ALAC as well.

But in the ALAC and At-Large sessions agenda for Tuesday, March 8 at 18:30 UTC, we have a presentation for you on the prioritization of Recommendations Framework which will be an update, very much a whistlestop tour—I should say that more slowly—through a very wide amount of topics that we've been covering since the very end of 2020, in fact.

So, the Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group has a subcommittee which has dedicated itself since that time to taking a deep dive into each and every single recommendation from specific reviews and cross-community activities, such as the evolution of the multi-stakeholder model and the implementations from Work Stream 2's cross-community working group activities and we've applied various filters and aspects of tests to them and we've come up with a framework and a tool which we're going to be introducing to you all [inaudible] highlights and holidays. And we're also going to take a little tiny bit of time to hear from Org from the organizational perspective on the prioritization framework.

So you will get a lump of time from us where you'll hear from many, but not all, of our hardworking core members of this little OFB Working Group subcommittee but you'll also be hearing from Xavier and Becky and meeting Giovanni if you haven't worked with him before who will give you just a taste of what Org is doing. So it's very much on topic and on trend and I'll pop that in the chat so you can all refer to it as well. Thank you, Maureen.

And if we're going to go now, I think we're going to go to Hadia Elminiawi. Over to you, Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you so much, Cheryl. The second At-Large policy session is about the rights of registrants and end users for a secure and stable DNS. The session will be composed of three roundtables. The first roundtable will discuss the interest of end users. For the first roundtable we have four speakers. We have Leon from the Board. Pari Esfandiari, Jonathan Zuck, and Sarah Kiden, ALAC member. We will be discussing end users' participation in ICANN work according to ICANN bylaws, how to define positions that are of interest to end users, the [inaudible] tools that could help At-Large define Internet users' interests and the importance of safeguarding Internet users' interests for a secure and known future Internet.

The second roundtable will be discussing rights of registrants. We have for that Becky Burr from the Board, Tijani Ben Jemaa, and Brian Gutterman from ICANN Org.

This roundtable will be discussing rights of registrants as incorporated in ICANN's bylaws. To what extent are those rights implemented or put into effect? And also how to enhance registrant's rights further?

Then the third roundtable will be discussing how rights of registrants and Internet end users are taken into consideration when developing ICANN policies. For that roundtable, we have three panelists, Edmon

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Chung from the Board, Charles Mok former APRALO chair, and Holly Raiche from At-Large.

So, our panelists will pick one or two ICANN policies that are in development or have already concluded and point out how those policies actually satisfy or uphold the rights of the end users and registrants.

We will be also talking about how to continue enhancing the rights of registrants and Internet end users to provide a secure a known future Internet. We will also try to explore the public interest associated with upholding the rights of Internet users and registrants and how this impacts ICANN's policies and whether this leads to a policy that is by default in the public interest.

So the session is taking place on March 9th at 16:30 UTC. We are waiting for all of you to join us and participate. We do have some time for the floor. Thank you so much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I guess this is where I come in.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Sorry. Seun. Our next speaker is AFRALO chair. Seun, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

All right. Thank you very much, Hadia, and hello, everyone. Good to see some of your faces and of course welcome again to this ICANN73, especially for those of us who are newcomers to At-Large.

AFRALO is one of the regional [inaudible] within At-Large, and of course we normally run an activity which we call AFRALO AfrICANN session at every ICANN meeting. The one we will be holding during this meeting will be the 28th of those sessions.

The session is usually packed with remarks from guest speakers, which includes ALAC chair, Maureen. Some of us [inaudible] what's happening in AfriNIC would also be having [inaudible] who is the CEO of AfriNIC. We normally have our friend, Leon Sanchez, of course with his colleagues on the ICANN Board who will be joining us and we'll be hearing from our GSE team, led by Pierre Dandjinou.

We also [inaudible] discuss a topic, and of course usually come out with a statement, so for this particular meeting, the topic which we have been discussing will be AFRALO which will be finalizing the draft at this meeting is on DNS abuse policy development for end users. That is the topic [inaudible] a lot of DNS abuse themes. That's always coming up within ICANN and of course this is another one that would be [inaudible] and of course [finalizing].

I hope that you will be able to join us. It's going to be on Wednesday 18:30 UTC. I'm not sure it's a very friendly time for everybody globally, but I hope that those who are able to make it will try to join us for that session. Of course, as usual, we look forward to welcoming all of you.

I think that's it for me and I'll hand it over to Justine, I think. Justine, you have the floor.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Seun. I'm going to talk about the ALAC/GNSO bilateral. For those who are not familiar, GNSO stands for Generic Names Supporting Organization. That's the body within ICANN that deals predominately with policy development for the gTLDs (Generic Top Level Domains).

It's been a while since we had the bilateral session between ALAC and GNSO Council, so this is going to be a first I guess of many to come. It's scheduled for 9th of March at 20:30 UTC and it's going to be a 60-minute call, so we don't have a lot of time to go into depth about some of the things that we're talking about, the conversational topics.

But as I said before, this is a start. It's intended to commence conversations between two groups, ALAC and GNSO Council, on topics that we are interested in. And of course that are important to the GNSO Council as well.

The idea is that the conversations will carry on into bilaterals at the future and upcoming ICANN meetings and possibly also intersessional work between the two groups, two small teams or whatever that's [inaudible] session.

On the 9th of March, we are going to be focusing on four areas. The first one being the recommendations coming out of the standardized system for access and disclosure of domain name registrations. In

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particular, the recommendations out of the operational design assessment.

I'm not going to go into depth about what all those means. I would invite you to join us to find out more because I simply don't have the time here. It's just too complicated to get into right now.

The second topic that we're going to be talking about is the operational design phase of the subsequent procedures. The third topic is about DNS abuse mitigation. And the fourth one being priorities for both GNSO Council and the ALAC.

So, again, it's going to be high-level conversations, mainly, with the first three areas is going to be an update from GNSO Council in terms of what they have planned for those areas. And in terms of priorities, it's from the ALAC side [inaudible] going to be talking about member engagement.

And from the At-Large side, we're going to feature speakers such as Alan Greenberg, Jonathan Zuck, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. Maureen is supposed to be doing the welcome. Roberto Gaetano and Hadia Elminiawi. They will be either making a presentation or reacting to what GNSO Council speaker are going to share with us on that day.

Again, it's going to be on the 9th of March at 20:00 UTC. Please join us if you have a particular interest in policy.

I'm going to hand the floor over to Joanna Kulesza to talk about the ALAC/GAC bilateral. Joanna?

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Justine. It's lovely to see you guys, even though we still get to work remotely. Indeed, just very briefly. The ALAC/GAC traditional bilateral is scheduled for Thursday on our last day of the meeting. We have coordinated with the GAC ensuring that the two advisory committees maintain the opportunity to discuss selected policy topics. We have selected four of these. We will start with the public interest processes. That is a topic that was suggested by the GAC and welcomed by the At-Large, the ALAC and the Consolidated Policy Working Group. [inaudible] has kindly agreed to be our speaker there.

As Marita explained, during this session, we will hold a dedicated policy meeting where public interest will be discussed. Marita has kindly agreed to summarize the At-Large position and to give us an opportunity to align that with the [inaudible] Governmental Advisory Committee as well.

Our second topic for the GAC/ALAC bilateral is universal acceptance and IDNs proposed by the At-Large and welcomed by the GAC. Satish Babu, our At-Large universal acceptance liaison, has kindly agreed to propose a few items on our agenda to reinstate the work that has been done thus far. But clearly [inaudible] this year is about ensuring universal acceptance around the globe. This is a topic to be touched upon with the governments we will explore opportunities to work on the ground but also to consolidate policy work within the community. And Satish will elaborate on what has been done and what is on the cards.

Our next topic is the SSAD which has been mentioned already during this session as well. Alan Greenberg has kindly just accepted to speak on behalf of the At-Large with regards to the processes within the SSAD and hopefully as reflected during the dedicated Consolidated Policy Working Group call with regards to public interest.

And last but not least, during our previous bilateral, we did decide—the two communities did decide—that it might be substantiated for us to work more closely on the ground. There are good practice examples, countries, regions, where the At-Large structures work together with national government, agencies or simply are involved in certain grassroots projects that can be facilitated by the ICANN community. So we will devote also a portion of that session to look at the examples. Yrjo Lansipuro has been leading the work of the ALS Mobilization Group and has kindly agreed to report to our GAC colleagues on the work that has been done there and how it could facilitate to communities working hand in hand.

To those of you who are regulars for these bilaterals, two topics might be missing. That would be DNS abuse and SubPro. Not to worry. We have jointly decided that since a lot of time is already allocated to these topics during the meeting, we will move these two topics to intersessional bilaterals with the GAC and ALAC working together on them outside the public meetings.

I'm going to stop here. This session is quite packed with just a few minutes for Q&A, but do join us as yet another effort to make sure the meeting [inaudible] with our other communities.

Thank you, Maureen, and I hand the floor back to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Joanna. My final session—our final session—of the week of course is our wrap-up, and during that session it's really a time when we can basically do a debrief of how the week has gone, as sort of the opposite to what we're doing here where we're introducing everything. But also it gives us an opportunity. I think we've got about 40 minutes of time that has been given to us by the Board chair and the vice chair and the CEO who will be coming to the meeting to discuss what's on [inaudible] for the Board. We generally grill them about how they think things have gone at the meeting and what's moving forward. As well as being a wrap-up about our current meeting, it is also us looking forward, of course, as we normally do start almost next week we'll be working on ICANN74. So that's basically how things will pan out. As Joanna said, those sessions are on her session and that wrap-up is on Thursday.

This session has not only been an opportunity to introduce what we're doing but introducing you to the people who have actually put a lot of energy into preparing the sessions for this meeting and who are very much, everyone here and others who aren't mentioned here, very much engaged in the work that we do within ICANN, within At-Large and ICANN. Every day there's something on.

I'd like to take this opportunity, because I have got a minute left of my time, to thank the At-Large community for the wonderful work that they

do and the wonderful support that they give to really showcasing this at our ICANN meetings. It really is a pleasure to work with them.

But what we've got, one of the things I did want to mention before I move on, pass the floor over to Jonathan, is to mention another group that will actually be working in the background and has been doing so for quite a while come back just in the lead up to this meeting is the Social Media Group. This is led by [inaudible] who is from NARALO because NARALO is where the meeting was supposed to be held. She's the chair during this particular time. So I really want to thank her and the team for promoting what we're doing as well for this meeting. But I'm really looking forward to it. I'm really looking forward to seeing you at the sessions that we are running but also some of those important plenaries that we're not running but we are actually involved in and it would be really good to see you there.

So, now, Absolutely on time I'd like to pass the floor over to Jonathan to look at our talking points, explain them to [inaudible]. Thank you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Maureen. It has become a little bit of a tradition to discuss so-called talking points at the beginning of each ICANN meeting. The idea behind these is to try and put our finger on the pulse of what's going on during the meeting and the kinds of conversations that might come up. And for those of you in particular that are new to the At-Large community or to ICANN meetings you get a little bit of a sense of where

our conversations have led us in terms of consensus on some of the discussions that will be taking place during the meeting.

This began as a way for people to have talking points for the hallway, if they found themselves talking to folks in between sessions in a physical meeting. So here it might be during a fika. It might be an intervention. It might be a chat as part of a session. There's a lot of different ways that you might pose questions or press on issues that have become a priority for the At-Large.

Obviously, something that's missing from this talking points document and that kind of is a little bit of a shadow on the ICANN meeting is the situation currently going on in Ukraine. I will share that we held a single issue call on the situation in Ukraine and reached a consensus—pretty strong consensus—that ICANN shouldn't be doing anything to mess with the underlying Internet infrastructure and attempt to take sides in that conflict.

That said, there was an awful lot I have sympathy for the Ukrainian situation on that call and a push to find positive things that could be done and what, if any, non-infrastructure punitive things to be done. So the one example of a punitive exploration is looking at ICANN's vendors to see if there are vendors that they might want to suspend business with or something like that, given their position within that conflict. But for the most part, it was looking at ways to help and one of those questions was about how ICANN might go about bringing aid to the Ukrainian people which already looks like it will begin to happen, so that's an exciting announcement from the ICANN Board.

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Also, how we might leverage the At-Large unique network that we have with our RALOs and ALSes to help those in Ukraine that need it and that's a big project that will require a lot more discussion by the ALAC and a lot of organization and a better understanding of what would actually be helpful.

So there's certainly a lot more discussion to be had but I wanted to tell you that those conversations are happening within the At-Large as a member of the ICANN community and will at some point result in some advice to the board.

So, as far as the other more standard topics of discussion that go on almost in some ways it definitely inside of the ICANN community, these were some of the talking points that we have period hopefully, in addition to being on the screen, staff can put those in the chat so that you can get to them easily if they haven't already done so.

The First of these is this issue of universal acceptance. You've heard this discussed already a little bit references made to it in other sessions that are going to be going on during the course of the week.

Basically, universal acceptance is the idea that the software and websites that make use of domain names, whether it's an airline site that's asking for your email or an email system or a browser, etc., all have the capacity to fully exploit the new TLDs (top-level domains) that have been added over the last ten years.

So, as so it stands now, there's been a lot of improvement in the new long TLDs. One of the problems was validation of domains that were

more than three characters and a lot of that there's been a lot of progress on . New domains like dot-gallery, etc., are Having a better go of it both in email software and in web sites than they were even just a few years ago.

There's still quite a long way to go with respect to internationalized domain names and these are domain names that allow a user to go to our domain using just their own non-Latin script whether it's Cyrillic or Arabic or Chinese or Japanese or many of the other non-Latin alphabets.

So, there are a number of IDNs in the root now with promises of more but there's still quite a bit of long way to go. And the At-Large consensus is that further expansion of the number of top level domains and ideas without some more progress in universal acceptance is a tough commentary in ICANN, and therefore it makes sense that there be a lot of real work on universal acceptance before a new round of applications are accepted by ICANN for new top level domains.

Another topic is the compliance—ICANN and ICANN's contracted party compliance with GDPR which is the General Data Protection Regulation in Europe which in the end suggested that WHOIS in its current form had become illegal and required a lot of fairly quick maneuvering to make people compliant again.

One of the biggest issues being discussed right now in that area has to do with a Standardized System for Access to Data (the SSAD system) and it's meant to make it easier for those who have a reason to request data to have a standardized way of requesting it, being authorized

requestors, being certified to be able to ask for it, and get information back efficiently from the contracted parties that are the stewards of that data.

In its current form, the At-Large consensus at this point is that the SSAD doesn't deliver enough functionality to justify the cost associated with it. It's a very complex system to implement and yet it's not going to deliver enough because there wasn't enough movement in the policy discussions with respect to what kind of data should be made available and the speed with which it should be made available, etc.

So our current suggestion is that a ticketing system would make more sense, would be more cost effective, and would still be valuable, but the SSAD system that is currently proposed isn't worthwhile and is likely to become obsolete by the time it could get implemented, say, five years from now when the underlying regulatory environment may have changed significantly.

The third topic—and a perennial one—is the topic of DNS abuse. We talk about this quite a bit. As you our going out and doing your social media on DNS abuse, it's important to keep in mind that DNS abuse is really only a term that makes sense inside of the ICANN bubble, so it often is discussed outside of ICANN as cybersecurity threats, cybercrime, phishing, farming, malware—those are the terms that you want to be using when using social media to try and interest people in some of these At-Large sessions.

But DNS abuse has been an important issue, and over the last couple of years in particular, it has become an increasingly discussed issue, both

because of things that have happened with respect to the pandemic, but because the conversations have just heated up, both in the At-Large and the GAC and the Commercial Stakeholder Group.

So, our position on DNS abuse has remained the same which is that we continue to believe that it's a serious problem that both ICANN as an organization and the contracted parties need to do more.

And we are in conversations with the parties involved and trying to find a way to get at bad actors. On the session today, for example there's this idea of the distinction between maliciously registered domains and domains that have been taken over, but it's still a huge percentage of DNS abuse occurs on domains that are maliciously registered.

So, even with every slice at this pie, making the pie smaller in terms of definition of what really represents DNS abuse and what should fall within the purview of ICANN and the contracted parties, there's still quite a bit to talk about. So it's important not to be too distracted by the definition of DNS abuse which is ever-evolving and just focus even on the low-hanging fruit. There's plenty that could be done.

As we discussed when talking about the plenary, mitigation itself has got to be the top issue because that's where the individual end users are more concerned is stopping this stuff at its source as quickly as possible.

Okay. Subsequent procedures is another topic that will be discussed for the foreseeable future, and this is a reference to when ICANN may begin taking applications again for new domain names, new top-level domain

names, to be added to the root and what things need to happen before those applications are accepted.

And we believe that there's still work to be done prior to a new round but we're fully supportive of a new round and believe that it represents a kind of inflection point that means that everyone can come together to come up with negotiated improvements to the systems we have on a number of fronts prior to a new round.

There's issues related to DNS abuse that should probably be addressed. While perfection is not possible, some measurable success in this area seems worthwhile.

Universal acceptance. And then also applicant support and support for communities are top priorities for the At-Large community as well.

So these are areas that we think more needs to be done before there's going to be a new round of applications.

I'm going to skip over the Global Public Interest Framework and come back to it and let Marita take that on at the end here, just because she has some updates to what the good talking points should be.

Finally, IDNs. As Satish has suggested, security and usability require not allowing too many variant TLDs to be made available. I mean, this is a complicated discussion but it's sort of the idea if I register a domain, how many different versions of that in different scripts and languages, etc., should I be able to register as well and what will the implications be for DNS abuse and end user confusion?

So, at this point, there are a number of factors that require management policies and implementation guidance to enhance the end user experience with IDNs and their variant TLDs. So, look for that. It's a very technical topic but we'll continue to work on it.

Then, finally, on the registry transfer policies, we've been actively engaged in that working group and trying to find that balance between efficiency and effectiveness of the transfer policy, preventing the pitfalls of it and protecting individual end user interests.

There's been significant work in notifying the registered name holders in the different phases of this transfer process. There is a focus right now on establishing the transfer authorization code so that it's a more secure way of authorizing these transfers.

And then finally, there's been historically a 60-day transfer lock that once a domain has been transferred, it can't be transferred again and there seems to be a growing consensus within the At-Large and the community generally that this lock is too long.

With that, I'd like to turn it over to Marita briefly to talk a little bit about the Global Public Interest Framework and the kinds Of conversations you might be having about that and the talking points that you should be thinking about. Marita, please go ahead.

MARITA MOLL: Thanks, Jonathan. We're Oh so busy in our little corners, sometimes the messages gets crossed and the update to that particular Global Public Interest Framework talking point never made it into the wiki. In fact,

these talking points aren't wrong. It's just that we have added quite a bit of color around the points.

The first point in the end should read that the Global Public Interest Framework is the pilot that's under consideration as a lens through which the Board and community can situate their recommendations and positions.

This is what I was alluding to in my earlier talk about this session in that this is a framework that the Board is going to use to look at various recommendations and procedures that come to them. It is still a process that is under consideration. A pilot started in 91 and will be ending in 93.

The second point that's there that it remains to be seen if it's useful. Well, that's one of the things we're going to be talking about at the session today. Our second point—the new one—is just to Explain that it's based on and bounded by ICANN's Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. So it's not the global public interest in a general sense. It's A very defined and refined version of the global public interest and that is something that we need to always keep in mind. We are talking about a framework and the framework is bounded by the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws.

And our last point, end user interest. That What we are really looking for here period end user interest, as reflected in these governing documents, must be honored which is our bottom line on this but we are all still investigating how that will actually happen in practice.

So, thank you. And Heidi says that … She's already updated it. Yay! Okay, thank you. That's it from me.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks so much, Marita, for giving us the up-to-date commentary on the Global Public Interest Framework. I see one hand up. Sana, do you have a question?

SANA PRYHOD: Hello. Do you hear me?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yes, I do.

SANA PRYHOD: Thank you very much. I am not a question. I have a comment. Can I go on?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sure.

SANA PRYHOD: I would like to thank you all for all your support and for all your help and maybe for some understanding. I think the main problem is [inaudible] understanding. Just now I heard a GAC meeting. The Russian representative [inaudible] Ukraine [inaudible] Russia to ensure Russian [inaudible] Internet. Before [inaudible] Ukrainians do not believe that

we are so strong to squeeze out Russian Federation from ICANN. Now, after 12 days of war, we do believe that we are so strong. But it's not [inaudible] it was Ukraine who squeezed Russia from global Internet infrastructure. Russia began to prepare for such step. At least three years ago in 2019 when they attempted [inaudible] Internet. And it's not our responsibility of such step.

But I propose to think it's not [inaudible] proposition. It's proposition of Ukraine. Jonathan talked about cooperation between all national representatives in ICANN, in GAC, in At-Large, and so on. Now in Ukraine [inaudible] such cooperation. It is now [common proposition]. Russia will withdraw [inaudible] ICANN, but Russa representative still retain [DNSSEC root] service providers [inaudible] EURALO, for example. Thank you very much for [inaudible] from EURALO. But I, Ukrainian representative ALS was not invited for this discussion. Another Ukrainian colleague from another Ukrainian ALS was not invited. But Russian vice chair participated in it. And I did not see [inaudible]. I would like to look at your eyes. Thank you very much.

Just now, [inaudible] for proposition. We urgently need Ukrainian translation just to explain why. For example, [inaudible] Russian official translation. I would like to remember you that in 2014 it was official Russian translation for working group on Internet governance. And official Russian translation has the same [inaudible] for multi-stakeholder as for [inaudible]. The same word. [inaudible] spoke Russian at the time did not know the word multi-stakeholder thanks for official Russian translation. We urgently need Ukrainian translation. I am sure that it's a very easy step. Thank you very much.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oksana, thank you so much for your intervention. Those conversations are going to continue for sure within the At-Large community, within the ALAC. Please stay safe and our thoughts are with you.

We've run out of time for this particular session, so I hope everyone has enjoyed it. But feel free to reach out to any of the speakers that you heard today with questions and concerns as the week progresses. If you have a question about what session you should attend, etc., then please reach out and we'll all endeavor to help.

On behalf of Maureen Hilyard and the rest of the ALAC and the At-Large community, I bring this session to a close.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thank you, all, for joining today's session. This session is now adjourned and the recording will now be stopped. Thank you.

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