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GAC MEETING WITH ALAC

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Manal. We're very -- the At-Large community and the

ALAC are very pleased to be here today. We have -- I would like to introduce you to Yrjo Lansipuro of course who is our liaison and has been, as Manal said, instrumental in coordinating with Ana a program for us today. And we have Hadia Elminiawi, who has been is on our EPDP team, Joanna Kulesza who is our head of capacity building and we hope to be sort of like coordinating a lot more through Joanna's work, and John Laprise who is sort of like our vice chair of policy in the ALAC.

But I'd like to pass on to Yrjo who has been sort of like the key person, the key liaison for our two organizations.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Maureen. My name is Yrjo Lansipuro, ALAC liaison to the GAC. Good morning, everybody.

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Now, we have a very short time at our disposal, so let's go without further ado to the first item. EDP -- EPDP follow-up to the joint statements from ICANN64. Hadia, please

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Good morning, everyone. My name is Hadia Elminiawi. I'm the

ALAC EPDP member. I'll be talking about the position of the ALAC in relation to our common point of interests, and I refer here to our joint statement in this regard.

So first, in relation to the distinction between natural and legal persons, we still see the necessity to have this distinction between natural and legal persons. The GDPR does not -- the GDPR requires this distinction, and we are not in the position of making laws, and for that purpose, a small working group has been set in phase two of the EPDP team work.

Second, with regard to accuracy, article 5-1-D requires that data is accurate in relation to the purposes for which it is being processed. And for that, the ALAC sees the necessity of having processes in place to assure the accuracy of the data.

As an example, the information commission officer suggests having a process to check the accuracy of the data collected and the source. Also, having a process in place to see when the data requires to -- needs to be updated and updating it.

Also, have -- keeping notes of challenges to accuracy.

All of these are good practices that we think need to be incorporated.

Third, in relation to the ability of contacting network operators and domain name holders in relation to a domain name, it seems that the technical field would remain as an option to be offered by the registrars. And as such, we see that it is necessary to make sure that we have adequate, reliable and accurate information through which we can contact the domain name holder. And, therefore, we see we need to make sure not to get rid of the admin contact unless we have this adequate information that enables contact with the domain name holder.

Also, we talked in our statement about a purpose or the possibility of having a purpose to satisfy the needs of the office of the chief technical officer, ICANN, OCTO, and for that purpose also a small working group has been set in phase two.

Then we have also -- with regard to purpose two of recommendation one which speaks about the -- ICANN's role in maintaining the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS, we see this purpose as required for the -- for necessary processing. And as this purpose has not been adopted by the Board, we find it necessary to rephrase the purpose so that it reflects ICANN's

public interest role in -- public role in maintaining the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS.

I finish now shortly.

And finally, we have been working now on a system standardized model for access slash disclosure. In phase two, we've started. And we personally think that the work of the group is going in the right direction. We hope it continues -- it continues like that. And finally, I would just mention the disclosure of the data, and when it comes to this discussion, the ALAC will have the position of the need of grouping the disclosed data.

And thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Hadia.

Will there be a comment from the GAC side? Ashley? Yes.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes, U.S., please.

UNITED STATES: Thank you.

Thank you very much for that. It sounds like we continue to be aligned on many issues as it pertains to the EPDP. And with respect to purpose two, that's something we haven't really figured out yet how we're going to handle. If I understand correctly we still have to wait for there to be some sort of consultation between the Board and the GNSO Council, but perhaps leading up to that and afterwards, we can regroup together and maybe chart a path forward on how best to handle that particular purpose.

Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you.

I think we have to go forward to keep within the time. So next we talk about capacity building.

There was a focus group meeting earlier this week on Monday, and I'd like to ask Joanna to report on that.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you. Thank you very much, Yrjo. My name is Joanna

Kulesza. I am the co-chair of the At-Large Capacity-Building Working Group together with Alfredo Calderone.

Indeed, on Monday we held a small meeting with Iriel (phonetic) who has been instrumental to initiating this collaboration on capacity building between the two communities together with Pua. We had a very fruitful meeting trying to understand how to best facilitate both communities, especially the newcomers because both communities have a certain rotation of newcomers, how to best facilitate them in accommodating the complex ICANN environment.

The take-aways from that meeting are definitely joint sessions. Just to give you a very tangible outcome, Pua was kind enough to distribute the message. Just over lunch, starting right after this meeting there is a capacity-building session in the ALAC room on cybersecurity.

Now, coincidentally, cybersecurity places very high in the GAC agenda, even coordinating the poll which Pua was kind enough to provide us with the results of that poll. She was kind enough to provide us with.

So cybersecurity is of high importance to the GAC community, and At Large is trying to facilitate a discourse on how to best prioritize both privacy, as discussed in the context of EPDP, and security. For us, it's the notion of end users, but as Yrjo has emphasized on a number of occasions, end users are at the same time citizens of individual countries.

So this broad community of end users here represented by states and represented through the regions within At Large is seeking consensus on how to best prioritize those both themes and topics.

Capacity building is supposed to facilitate that through joint sessions. As I already said, the first capacity building session just this afternoon. But we are thinking of making that engagement durable. We would like to have joint capacity building meetings and sessions also between ICANN meetings. We will try to make sure that those are provided in multiple languages because that is how At Large works in all the ICANN languages.

Just yesterday we had a capacity-building session that was supposed to explain how At Large provides policies, policy advice, how the ALAC provides advice to the Board. That session has met with a good response, and the materials from that session will be turned into an ICANN Learn course. Now all of our sessions are open. All of the GAC members, their duties permitting, are more than welcome to join us. Those sessions are available on online. As Pua was kind enough to note and I'm sure she'll provide you with more information, all of the resources that At-Large has are available online through ICANN Learn courses but also through our Wiki page. If there is a need for more providing more information, I am happy to provide that.

So the content that is building developed within At-Large -- that is, the Webinars. That is, ICANN Learn courses. That is, sessions during meetings or intersessionally -- are all available also to the GAC community. You are more than welcome to come and join us. At the same time, this joint effort is seeking to best attend to the needs of individual users at the level of nations, regions, and eventually at the ICANN level.

So the take-aways from our Monday meeting are joint sessions, online resources, intersessional work that pertains to -- what we refer to hot topics. We are working on a hot-topics list. We also had a session during this meeting on hot topics. They include, as already said, GDPR, WHOIS, security -- John is going to talk probably about universal acceptance, which is especially significant for underdeveloped regions, that are well represented here in this room as well. So it is something also that At-Large is putting emphasis on.

I'm going to stop here. I'm happy to answer questions. Thank you. Thank you for your attention.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you very much, Joanna.

Pua, would you like to take the floor.

PUA HUNTER: Thank you, Yrjo. Pua for the transcript. Joanna has nicely

captured everything that we discussed in our focal group meeting. So given our short time frame for this session, I will -- I have nothing more to add. Thank you, Yrjo.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you. Any other comments from the capacity-building

issue? Kavouss.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes. I think the At-Large is the best positions and best place to do

this capacity building because you are representing billions of the people, that no other AC or SO have that large representations. It's coming from your name, At-Large, so you're in a better place and so on, so forth.

What I suggest perhaps for considerations, some of the subjects that you do the capacity-building, other international organizations also dealing with the same subject, perhaps, if possible, some sort of consultations or some sort of contact with those in order to avoid overlapping or in order to also enrich what you are doing because you are the best source of this information. They may not have the same information. Therefore, it is suggested that you consider that possibility. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Kavouss.

So we can go further to the point 3 on the agenda. Other initiatives for intersessional cooperation in addition to the capacity building which is going on.

Ana, you had this idea.

ANA NEVES: Thank you very much. Well, in a nutshell, what we thought about

this is that I think that we have a very good opportunity having these joint meetings between GAC and ALAC to have some meetings on the uncooperation on policy areas of comment and end users' interests.

So bearing in mind that perhaps we are going to have a new round of the gTLDs, we thought it could be a good idea to have a joint group, like, with four, five people from each ALAC and GAC and to start to have this discussion. And then when we have something more substantial, we will -- we bring that to the GAC and to have a meeting at the plenary.

So I think the challenge now is to find, like, four or five people from each group to start this kind of work. And we see gTLDs -- well, we can discuss the gTLDs and so many other things that we cannot even think for the time being.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Ana.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yrjo, we have Switzerland. So, Switzerland.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Sorry. Jorge.

SWITZERLAND: Thank you so much. I was going to comment on this. So perhaps

I'm anticipating what Yrjo was going to mention.

But we had some chat because yesterday we had the first meeting of the focal group of the GAC, which is being constituted. I cannot speak for it, of course. But Luisa, I guess, is in the room from Canada.

But what I discussed with Yrjo is that given the difficulty to really have people engaging in this very wide process, having a second working group with ALAC perhaps would be too burdensome for the people who are ready to engage in this.

And then my question or my idea is why don't we use the channel which has been created because in the end, in the focal group of the GAC, we are not exchanging any military secrets. So it would be great to have ALAC people on board through a common endeavor. And the more we are, the merrier and the more

resources we could concentrate. So that's my idea. But as I said, it's just personal.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Jorge.

I saw a hand over there. So, please.

SERGIO SALINASPORTO: I'm going to speak in Spanish. Please, your headphones.

Okay.

I'm Sergio Salinas Porto for the record. I am chair of the Latin America-Caribbean Region, LACRALO. I would like to take a few minutes of this session just to talk about the .AMAZON issue. Quite recently, the Board issued a resolution on this issue. However, I think that there is clear violation of the multistakeholder considerations here.

We are convinced of the fact that there are eight countries that have already expressed their position. They are part of the ACTO, and they have stated they are refusing to proceed with the delegation of .AMAZON to the Amazon Corporation.

And in our region, we represent the users, as LACRALO organizations, and a statement was given to the Board. This

means that two of the three parties have expressed their position about this.

So I would kindly request you to understand that part of the responsibility relies within the GAC. You represent the citizens of each of our countries. Therefore, I believe it is important to make a request for reconsideration of the Board's decision. And I think it is important not to live this in a vacuum.

Each of you should fulfill your responsibilities of representatives of citizens of your countries. This opens a very dangerous door for the future different, potential situations that may affect not only Latin America but also other regions of the world.

One more comment, and this is something that has to do with general culture. There is a book called "The Open Veins of Latin America" in a Spanish title written by Uruguayan author, Eduardo Galeano. So I suggest that you take into account that book in order to understand this has to do with a (indiscernible) of ones against others. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you for this comment.

Now I would like to hear reactions to the proposal by Jorge from the ALAC side. That is to say, we would -- we would use actually

the existence of the GAC focus group on new gTLDs to get our cooperation going.

First I would like to hear somebody from the -- is there anybody from our side who would like to comment?

If not...

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Iran, please. Kavouss, go ahead.

IRAN: What Ana said and what Jorge said, I agree with both of them. But I think we don't want -- not "we don't want." It's better not to give a particular name to this group. If we call them GAC-ALAC Joint Activity Group. Depending on the subject on the table, we take that subject: Geographic names, subsequent procedures, EPDP, or any others.

The views of GAC and ALAC are very, very close, if not identical. Therefore, I don't think that we should have a sort of determinant group dealing with issue of common interests without giving them specific terms that avoid the people say, Okay, I'm not involved in that. So we look in that one. We log on that and we see the interest, and we -- this is something. It's not opposed to

any of them but giving a little bit more larger and more expanded area. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Kavouss. Yes.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: I think I saw Canada, right? Luisa.

CANADA: Thank you, Manal. This is Luisa Paez from the Canadian government. I just wanted to acknowledge the request from ALAC as well echoing the remarks from the representative of Switzerland. I think the GAC focal group that will be looking into internal GAC efforts for input for the subsequent procedures of the new TLD, we would be -- I just wanted to put into the record that we are open for this dialogue. And we will take it back to the group and see how we can go in terms of next steps. Yeah, I'll leave it at that. So I just wanted to acknowledge that.

And, obviously, as well as the representative of Iran mentioned, we have lots of common interests with ALAC, so we -- it is important to continue this common dialogue. But we have to look a little further in terms of how we would actually look like. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you. I'm very happy that this idea of a dialogue on open

policy questions has been welcomed at least. I haven't seen any big opposition against.

So I think -- I think taking into account the time, I now would like Maureen to say a few words and then we have to stop. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much. Maureen for the record.

I'm actually quite thrilled about the response and that you're willing to dialogue with us. And we do have a lot of commonalities and we're willing -- very willing to participate in discussions with you and also on your terms.

So, you know, like, whatever -- whatever means you feel is appropriate for us to actually select -- have these meetings and for how often, I'm sure that Yrjo and Ana will coordinate something together and get back to us.

Thank you very much. We are thrilled with the positive response we're getting. As Joanna says, you're always welcome to the capacity-building sessions we hold, the programs online. And we welcome you there. Thank you.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Thank you, Maureen. You want to...

Yeah -- so, thank you. And I'm happy to say that we are able to finish this meeting two minutes before time. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Just to thank Maureen and Hadia, Yrjo and John and everyone

from ALAC basically and also to especially thank Yrjo and Ana for the tremendous work they put in this intersessionally.

And thanks Jorge, Kavouss, and Luisa for the creative idea. I think it's good to have this coordination. It's a good idea that we already have a (indiscernible) space.

I agree, we don't need multiple working groups.

And, Kavouss, it's good, yeah, to extend even this coordination in other areas as we move forward.

So I rely on Ana and Yrjo to continue our progress and to present something to us in Montreal. And meanwhile the focal group -- its work has started and we invite our ALAC colleagues to join. So thank you very much.

To my GAC colleagues, please remain seated. We will be proceeding with our meeting with the Board.

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