Community completed the acceptance of the cwg proposal into the icg. Now the icg goes into its next period of dlib deliberations. All of these activities are accessible remotely for people to attend, participate, and we hope you and all u u ukrainian stakeholders will participate in this important process which is going now through its very critical last mile. So everything is open, everything is accessible to you online. And if we can helpful to you in any way, (saying name) who represents icann in your region is always available to you and i'm sure will be very happy to support you in any way.thank you

Cherine Chalaby: we have thomas, wants to talk on behalf of the gac, probably

Thomas Schneider: thank you. And welcome to ukraine. You have, as you heard, have made a support statement for the cwg proposal to be sent to the icg, but with regard to the accountability work to the ccwg, we have decided in the gac to send out a few questions that we have started to discuss here in buenos aires to all gac members with a deadline of 10th of july to give them their views on these questions that we will then compile and send on to the ccwg as an input.so of course this is also -- goes also to ukraine, to the ukraine gac member, and we're hoping that we get an answer from you in this time.thank you very much

cherine chalaby: thank you, thomas.we've got eight minutes left, so i am just about to close this -- the line.anybody else?okay. So one more. So there are four in the line, and i'll close it at this point. Thank you very much.okay. Five in the line now. Okay. That's it. The line is closed.next speaker, please.

Erick Iriarte: i will speak in spanish, if you would like to put your headsets on. I know the translation is really very good.i will put on the table an issue that i thought has been close, but i think it will have more implications than it had at the very beginning. It is about .amazon. Yesterday, the trademark caucus, the congress in the united states, have sent a letter to icann saying that you should review your decision about .amazon because of a complex situation because icann is being told that if they do not make that review in a relevant position regarding accountability as well, the process of the iana tradition will be difficult. So it's curious to understand how the congress of united states linx .amazon to the iana transition with something we may call in some cultures blackmailing.it's clear that one of the arguments of this letter is that international law, the trademarks should be -- or should have precedence.so i think that the gac have found a solution for the human rights working group and international law working group because it has been now supported by the congress of the united states.but this is not following the regular path. The governments of peru, brazil, and other governments in the region, based on a ministerial statement of all countries in latin america, made a statement supported by the gac. And if i'm not mistaken, the government of united states is member of the gac.so within this complex situation, we know that this is a letter, and of course does not go beyond the intention or the willingness of some congressman, this letter is put on the hands of the icann (indiscernible), the condition to review this decision. Because otherwise, there might be problems in the iana transition

Mike Silber: erick, thank you. I think you raise an interesting question. To me, this touches on what's been discussed earlier in terms of reviews, because we've landed up with a number of issues which have been possibly a little more complex than at the time the

applicant guidebook was discussed and debated and agreed and finalized. And hopefully in a second or third or however many additional rounds we go through, we'll be able to refine and improve the process each time we go through it so that certainty becomes greater. Because to me, the biggest issue is not so much a case of right or wrong, because i don't think those are necessarily terms that are relevant in this circumstance but rather questions of predictability, certainty, and fairness of process

Cherine Chalaby: okay. Thank you.we have five minutes to go and four more speakers, so i think it's going to be difficult to engage in a dialogue, but i'd like people to be heard.so if you have a question or something to say, please say it. It has to be about the new gtld. If not, please leave that question for later on.so next speaker.yeah

Werner Staub: werner staub from core. I have a point about the next rounds. I've stood here many times arguing for recursive rounds where each time a round takes place, the next round is already announced so the people don't jump on the coupling one but they will actually prefer to have the subsequent round.not having this has caused a great deal of damage, actually, but there was other damage as well. Essentially, we might compare the process that icann has to that of a building permit process in a public authority.imagine a public authority that gives building permits once every 15 years. You know, imagine the quality of urban planning.it is certainly going to be damaging if we don't have, you know, short periods between rounds and predictability precisely with respect to time probably much more than anything else. Because if you lack predictability with respect to time, the other predictability is probably pointless.now, we might actually do this by drawing on the excellent resources that icann has now. Icann has built up a team of experts, you know, in terms of how to handle all the issues associated with this.what we might do could be to ask the team or somebody in a team to draw up a straw man. Just the way an engineer would design a process. Then we would have a reference -- not saying this is the way that it should be, but we can compare that reference to what people would like to have.i believe this would be faster than what we did before. When we first compiled rules, then we spent five years trying to translate them into implementation.

Cherine chalaby: thank you, werner. All right. Next speaker, please.i know there's a question online. I'll read it at the end, if that's okay, brad.

I have some suggestions for implementation.   First, there appears to be several with (indiscernible) ombudsman review processes with regard to gtld reviews. The gtld and ombudsman process (indiscernible) provide for review of process and not even errors in oval workstation or other substantive problems that might occur in the new gtld review. This results in a --

 excuse me, siva. Could you speak closer to the microphone and slower. Thank you.

This results in applicants having no recourse other than top-level relief through a mechanism that does not address anything other than process reviews.second problems, like the irp, are prohibitively expenses for developing countries. Icann organization which is usually on the differing end of the irp should consider the cost of the irp process for those in the developing country, even $1,000 is expensive for some applicants, let alone tens or millions of -- tens of

thousands or millions of dollars.the effect of this incomplete and inadequate limitations lead to a situation where the applicant does not have any recourse, and icann makes decisions with (indiscernible) immunity.so these are some of the limitations that the staff executive community and board may have to look into and correct.thank you

cherine chalaby: thank you very much.next speaker, please

jordyn buchanan: jordyn buchanan with google. I want to come back to the conversation (indiscernible) started earlier but come at it a slightly different way because i think i agree with mike it's not icann's responsibility to be a marketing organization and it's not really icann's core competency either. The industry ought to survive and thrive on its own merit. But if we step a little further back and think about when the program was starting and we were thinking about launching new tlds, what were some of the objections people raised or concerns people had. One was these might be confusing, people might not understand them and it might make life more complicated on the internet as opposed to better.there's some evidence that some of that's happening. Some people understand them. Some people don't. I think there's a lot of opportunities with new gtlds, but there's also some ongoing challenges as well.and so icann has the opportunity, and i would say responsibility, to help people understand that these things have arrived, and that they work and how they fit into the rest of the internet in order to address that concern that the community identified up front going into the program.similarly, some people said these things might not work all the time. We know that. Ram has been talking for years about the challenges with universal acceptance of the that's another area where i think icann could help make sure that challenges that were identified going in at the start of the program get addressed, and we don't just simply toss these tlds out into the world and hope that the objections that people raised earlier on just magically go away.so i think that's the way to think about it, not that we want to market them but we want to make sure that we put them out and that we're addressing some of the potential harms that people raised in advance.and the other thing i'll just add at the end with idns in particular. We have a lot of opportunity now. There are a lot of idns. People can now get email addresses in their own language, but they basically don't work anywhere. Anywhere. And there's a lot of work that could be done. It's really hard to bootstrap because there's a lot of chicken-and-egg problems but i think icann has been with usg but can get more additionally involved to make sure those technology steps happen so that the promise of idns in new gtlds is realized as opposed to being left on the floor.thank you

cherine chalaby: thank you. Bruce? Bruce would like to say and then ram.thank you, good points.[applause]

Bruce Tonkin: yeah, thank you, jordyn. I agree with those points. I know this week there's been some meetings on working out a plan of action with respect to universal acceptance, and i think that's absolutely an area we need to put resources into. And the other topic, i also agree with you, which is idns. The availability of idns in typical end-user software is pretty weak, and, therefore, the take-up has been low.some of these ideas in terms of funding programs i hope will be put forward once the cross-community working group gets going on how to use auction funds, but i'd love to see some ideas come out of that process to

invest further in both the universal acceptance problems and also the problems, or a subproblem of universal acceptance, but the take-up of idns and their usefulness.

Cherine Chalaby: ram.

Ram mohan: thank you, jordyn, for the comments.the conversations with board members on some of the topics you brought up, i find tremendous resonance with what you're saying. There is definitely a commitment, and i'd go so far as to say a responsibility to ensure that important new areas of technologies get the adequate coverage, adequate resources that are necessary.icann has some demonstrated experience here. It's done quite a lot of work in dnssec. It's putting and continues to put a lot of effort into idns and it's just starting on the universal acceptance piece.so i think in the -- if you look at the constructive pieces of either new areas of technology or new things that are being uncovered as a result of the expansion, those are the kinds of things that we do need to commit both time, attention, and energy, not just from icann, the organization, but from icann the community.

Cherine Chalaby: thank you.and mike wants to say something, and then fattal, you'll have the final say in this session.

Mike silber: thank you. You followed up on my comment.   I just wanted to say thank you. I think the clarification and the direction you were going in was incredibly useful and i really appreciate it

Cherine Chalaby: okay. And mr. Fattal, just a second.we have a question in french from a gentleman called pierre (saying name). In fact, there are four questions. A lot of them are about ipv6 and internet speed and supporting young communities in africa. One of them is about tlds. I would like to take this off-line. We don't have time to answer that, but i just want to acknowledge that we've received the question and we'll deal with it off-line.you thank you very much.

Khaled Fattal: thank you, cherine. My name is khaled fattal. I'm with the multilingual internet group, you might know it as well. First of all, i would like to thank jordyn for raising the point we just heard about universal acceptance and i would like to thank you, the board, for acknowledging and responding to it, we have three or four responses which is exceptional.why this is relevant. Because i think when we were talking earlier on about lessons learned, i would like to share with you something that perhaps we can use that experience of lessons that were not learned so we don't repeat the same mistake.we launched the new gtlds with idns, and many idns have been authorized, they're running, but guess what? They don't work very well.and i think we're finding this out because we're learning from the process as we go forward. And here's the challenge to the board, and it's an opportunity as well.there are other critical topics that are not being addressed, and it may not necessarily be within the remit of icann and -- or names and numbers. However, and i want to quote fadi from last november when we were both in geneva, that some of the issues that need to be addressed like cybersecurity in this new ecosystem, child protection online in this new ecosystem, roles and responsibilities in this new ecosystem. So for those of you who might think this is a pitch for our summit, it's not. I'm actually informing the board that it is for icann to step up and be involved in these debates, in these conversations

to weigh in or what needs to happen because names and numbers are one of the critical -- or some of the critical factors that need to weigh in in making the global ecosystem safer, not only online but also off-line. And there are numerous cases.so for that, there is an opportunity for icann and for the community to step up and show where they sit on roles and responsibilities and on the issues i just mentioned. And the next summit we're doing is in september. It's in south america. It's a southern africa summit and it's hosted by microsoft, and you're all invited to weigh in. If you want to step up, say what you wish to do.thank you very much

Steve Crocker: thank you

Cherine Chalaby: all right Kuo-Wei Wu:

Cherine Chalaby: all right. Thank you very much. This concludes the session on new gtlds and we move on to the next session.

SUZANNE WOOLF: yes. I'm Suzanne Woolf and we are moving on now to the block we'd set aside for comments and questions on the the stewardship transition process and the icann enhanced accountability effort.so same rules of the road. Same preferences. If you want to speak, please identify yourself, please speak slowly and clearly for the translators and scribes, and please be brief so others will get a chance to speak.before we go on, are i do want to congratulate the community on a milestone today in this process, that all three of the operational communities have now delivered their portions of the proposal to the icg. It's a very important milestone. Congratulations to everyone, but it is only one milestone.[applause]

Suzanne Woolf: it's only one moment along the way, and so we still have work to do and let's continue with that.go ahead, please.

Thank you.

Steve Delbianco: thank you. Steve delbianco speaking for netchoice. I want to talk about an institution that is set by opposing factions who do back-room lobbying and delaying tactics that result in gridlock on policymaking. And i'm not talking about icann. I'm talking about the u.s. Congress. And despite that gridlock, congress has made amazing progress since ntia announced the transition 15 months ago. Understandably, the u.s. Congress was frustrated and surprised that it hadn't been adequately consulted when the transition was announced. They reacted by looking for ways to assert their role and leverage to do so. They immediately held hearings. Fadi, you and i, secretary strickling, and others were there. They drafted legislation that would have let congress spend up to a year second-guessing our community proposal after we prepared it and then they passed appropriations measures that restricted funding from ntia to do the transition.so look, an amazing thing happened over the last year. Congressional staff immersed themselves in the arcane details of this transition. They started attending our icann meetings and there are three of them in the room here today. And finally, they created brand-new legislations known as the dotcom act, which reinforces ntia's minimum requirements, and then requires icann to implement the bylaws changes that the community -- both the cwg and ccwg -- have asked for. And that was in response to what i and a number of other witnesses asked for. And on tuesday, the house of representatives

overwhelmingly passed that legislation and today -- just this morning -- the key senate committee approved the same bill. Congress has done its part by backing the community which puts the onus on us to deliver a solid proposal and we're doing that and we have a ways to go. But let's not miss this moment to show some appreciation for congress backing us and backing the community and the staff members who made it happen. Please.[applause]

steve delbianco: thank you.

Suzanne woolf: thank you for that contribution. Next, please.

Hi, i'm (saying name) an icann fellow and i'm not going to follow your agenda. I'm going to talk about something totally different and also i think put in the general comments and other inquiries at the end of your agenda means you actually marginalizing the other issues.so i'm going to talk about these.those that decide where to hold the icann meetings, please how long are you going to ignore the cries of visa seekers? We have been through so many troubles to get this visa to come to argentina. I -- my visa was issued on the day -- and i was held at the airport because they did not inform the authority.some have suggested that i should actually change my nationality and get another one. Well, no. I am going to stick with that iranian importantly and i'm going to get -- but what should be changed is your approach, is where you are going to hold the meetings. Whether you have actually negotiated with the governments beforehand. Do they know about it.so the next ccwg meeting is going to be in paris. They decided this five weeks ago. Do you know how long it takes to get a visa from a french embassy for iranian or other nationals that want a visa? At least six weeks. How long do we have to be humiliated?[applause]

fadi chehade: i'm -- i want to start by telling you that i'm very, very sorry about the difficulties you've had. This is not pleasant or interesting. It's very bad. So your -- what you called your humiliation i'm very sorry about and i personally apologize for it.there is a limit to what we can do. Can we do more? We will always be able to do more, and we will try harder. Believe me, we do not just pick a country to do a meeting without applying all of our abilities to get the government to pre-agree to help us with visas.we do. We do.but it's not always simple. Most of the systems that provide visas are used to deal with government -- governments, right? We're not a government. We're not planning to be a government. And therefore, we apply everything we can to enable the visas to be easier.as i'm sure you know now, some countries are easier than others, and therefore, we should -- what you're asking is for us to continue making this a key criterion when we choose locations and we will do that.at the same time, i want to tell you that our staff has been working very, very hard on this issue. Even just here, i mean, we have coordination teams on the ground working with the argentinian government to help people with visas.are we doing a perfect job? Clearly not. If we leave you this frustrated.as to the meeting in paris, which i really would like you to participate in because that meeting is richer and more meaningful when people from all over the world are in please do join us remotely. Please do participate. As hard as this is. But we do make every meeting possible remotely and if you can't make it to paris, we hope you will join us remotely.we do have people in this room from the french foreign office. I'm going to

ask them to find you and to see what we can do --- to help you get the visa and be with us in five weeks. So everything we can do, we will facilitate and do. And again, my apologies to you and i don't know what else to say. I'm as hurt as you are and we will do everything we can and double down our efforts.

Suzanne woolf: thank you very much, fadi.next, please.

Rudi vansnick: rudi vansnick speaking for npoc, the not-for-profit operational constituency.npoc is the youngest constituency in icann. In fact, this month we are celebrating that the npoc baby is becoming four years old. And with that, working with the largest, widest, and most diverse community who is serving millions of citizens across the world. We have constantly focused on engaging our members and are devoting all our resources to enable our community, the not-for-profit, to identify together the operational impact of the iana transition on our partners.to date, we have essentially observed the work in progress, combining all stakeholders' opinions and visions, knowing that operations put together with the tactics and policy will impact ngos and the next generation. Therefore, npoc will contribute in the last phase in providing the ngos' concerns and offer full collaboration in making the iana transition a success. I note the concerns of the ngos have a lot of similarities with the concerns of a large portion of the global internet community such as fundamental rights, education, security, and more on.in conclusion, npoc commits to continue to engage the ngos in the further debate as we improve the presence of our community in the process along the many different actions taking place in the world. Between now and dublin, we engage npoc will bring in as many as possible reactions from the not-for-profit community in a summit in dublin. Watch us. We will be there.

Suzanne woolf: thank you very much for those comments. Next?

Izumi okutani: this is izumi okutani, the chair of the crisp team and i really want to join suzanne and the others in congratulating the names, the cwg stewardship, in completing the proposal submission, and i feel very positive collaborative-wise in this process and i'm very pleased to see discussions moving forward during this meeting for the icg.and i'd like to share that in parallel to the icg process, we have started dialogue with the leaders of the other operational communities in an informal manner, so that we can identify any issues that needs sharing of information amongst ourselves.and i'd really like to thank jonathan and lise for sharing this collaborative spirit, and it's been very constructive and helpful and the fact that they have expressed they wanted to be considerate of the proposal which have already been submitted by the other operational communities, so we find this very helpful.we note that in -- on the ipr issue, that the icg have requested the cwg to quote from their word, reconcile, based on the proposals which have already been submitted, and we're happy to share any facts or information that we have related to the proposal that we have submitted on the numbers community on the intellectual property rights.and i'd like to also share the status of preparation on the numbers community since the last icann meeting, so we have already prepared implementation -- started preparation towards implementation, which is -- [timer sounds]-- developing the sla text and the review committee. We'd like to thank the icann board for providing this input on the sla so -- and we are pleased to see that there were

no major show stoppers in the comments submitted from the board.based on this, i feel confident that we can move forward in finalizing the sla between icann and the rirs and would like to also emphasize that we want to be conscious of the time lines, including by -- for the three operational communities, so including the numbers and the ccwg process, so that the proposals that we will come up with will be pragmatic, in line with these time lines that we have -- are trying to work towards. So thank you very much.

Suzanne woolf: thank you, izumi, and i think steve had something he wanted to add?

Steve crocker: thank you, suzanne.the board is not a -- posing -- and icann is not posing any problem here. We'll be happy to close up arrangements with the numbers community, and the only issue is the harmonization of those conditions among the three operational communities, which is an issue between them and the icg and so forth.the icann board and icann staff don't have any problem and there's -- we'd go along with anything reasonable that can be put together.

Izumi okutani: thank you.

Steve crocker: yeah.

Suzanne woolf: thanks very much, steve. And next?

Werner staub: werner staub from core. I have a point about the recommendation to strengthen the independent review as contained in the recommendations for a transition. They're certainly something to agree with. It is also very timely in the context of the fact that it is seen that the independent review is one of the difficult things that we have to deal with now.the icann bylaws already call for a standing panel in a review as one of the options that icann can implement actually without changing the bylaws right now. I would submit that it is right to start that as early as possible because we're actually in danger of getting more independent review procedures, losing controls, specifically in the context where the rules are not adapted to the problem and very often the parties really affected by the process are excluded from it.

Suzanne woolf: all right. Bruce is the board's liaison to the ccwg. I think that's probably appropriate.

Bruce tonkin: yes. Specifically on the independent review standing panel, certainly the board governance committee has discussed that and our plan is to put out a call for expressions of interest to form that standing panel. The only thing we held off on a little bit was just incorporating some of the text from the current ccwg draft in terms of, you know, what direction the irp panel is going in.so the process i'm expecting is that we'll send a draft of a call for the members of the ccwg for their comment and then we'll publish it publicly and, you know, set up a panel. So essentially we agree with you, werner and we'll be working on that in the next month or so.

Suzanne woolf: okay. Thanks, bruce.next, please.

Rick lane: hello. My name is rick lane. I'm with 12e9s century fox. There's been a lot of discussion at this meeting about the fear of government capture and we share those concerns, but government capture can come from a variety of ways. It can be, you know, over the top, you see it coming, you know it's there and you see the interaction. But it can

also be done underneath, where you don't see the interactions. And so therefore, our concern is that governments could try intimidation of icann, there could be quid pro quos of icann, you help us here, we'll help you there. And from our perspective, we think what will solve that, help that, is transparency.so therefore, we are supporting the business constituency's suggestion that a bylaw be added to require icann or any individual acting on icann's behalf to make periodic public disclosure of their contacts with any government official, as well as activities, receipts, and disbursements, in support of those activities on behalf of icann.disclosure of the required information facilitates evaluation by the multistakeholder community of the statements and activities of such persons, in light of their functions as representatives of icann.we think that type of disclosure, we have it in -- up on capitol hill with our lobbying disclosure act. We have foreign agents registration act in the u.s. It helps create a transparency and a trust that there aren't deals being cut between icann and government officials, you know, down the road that we just don't know about. And when we believe that this type of bylaw will be critical to ensure the trust that we all want to have with the board, icann, and the multistakeholder community. Thank you.[applause]

chris disspain: sorry. Just a question for you. And it's a very interesting suggestion. Would you apply that to members of the community as well?

Rick lane: i think, you know, as much transparency as possible is worthwhile, so i think it's something to look into, but we're focusing on right now is governments taking over and government raising issues that we just don't know about, and they have a lot more power than an individual. They have a lot more power and influence over certain decisions, be it policies or otherwise, that individuals do not have.

Chris disspain: so you may have misunderstood you. What i mean is would you apply that to members of the community's interaction with governments.

Rick lane: oh, you mean the icann community.

Chris disspain: yes.

Rick lane: no.

Chris disspain: why?

Rick lane: why would i --[off microphone] because that's outside the --

chris disspain: but you're part of icann.

Rick lane: no. This is about the corporate structure of icann. This is about the resources that icann has at its disposal to hire lobbyists, to hire influence peddlers, to do things with the resources that they have at their disposal that other people don't have, so this is about transparency of icann as a corporation, not icann as a community.

Chris disspain: thank you.

Suzanne woolf: okay. Thank you very much. Next, i guess.

Jordan carter: thanks, santa cruz. Jordan carter.

Which is a rapporteur on the cross-community working group on enhancing icann accountability. It's always fun having two jobs. I just wanted to say two things, really. One is thank you to the community for the wide range of well-expressed, passionately expressed

views on the accountability topics of this meeting. When you look at what's happened just at this meeting, it's felt a bit heavy at times, but the -- things feel clearer to me, i think, as one of the participants is going to have to try and help us get a final draft proposal ready for public comment in the next five weeks. Which isn't intimidating deadline at all. But the second point i wanted to make from the feedback here and the links from the cwg names proposal is that the dublin deadline is not an optional deadline. We have to get there in dublin. We have to have a chartering organization sign-off in dublin.and that means that over the next 15 weeks or so, people are going to have to compromise. You know, we're going to have to do the work to come up with a good model. So all i want to say is that unless we want to disrupt the transition and slow it down by a number of months, that's an obligation that we all have.so my request isn't of the board. It's of everyone who is participating in these discussions, which is to go away and be really clear about what your bottom lines are and be really clear that if there's a set of bottom lines that can't be met by a compromise proposal, the thing that we're risking is not more time on accountability. The thing that we risk is the transition proceeding on time or even potentially at all.so i think it's just a sobering note that i'd like to make, really. Go back, think really, really hard. Thank you.[applause]

suzanne woolf: thank you, jordan and actually, i want to go back for just a second. Thomas has a comment on the previous -- the government transparency topic and then we'll go to...

Thomas schneider: thank you. I just wanted to inform you that actually icann is listing all their meetings that they have, wherever they go and talk to governments, whether it's a public meeting like eurodig or something like this, or whether it's bilaterals, and there's a monthly report produced that is at least available on the gac side. I think it's probably also available on the icann web site. So there is actually transparency about when icann talks to governments. Thank you.

Fadi chehade: thank you -- thank you, thomas. Indeed, to the prior speaker, mr. Lane, everything -- all everything, all of our engagements with governments are list to the gac and on the gac side. Secondly, we do not have any lobbyists outside the u.s. Thirdly, our lobbying activities in the united states are disclosed as per the law.   So they're completely disclosed exactly how much we pay whom is all disclosed as the law requires. So i don't know what else we can do to be more transparent but happy to get more input from the community and happy to comply.

Suzanne woolf: thank you very much, fadi. Next and then we have a video hub question.

Kavous arasteh: thank you, kavous arasteh, this time i hope you will allow me to speak. First two interdgetry parts. I fully support the demand that the visa issue is not that you negotiate with this individual country. When you have an invitation from the country to the host, one of the conditions would be please facilitate to the extent possible the visa. But this has been done previously by switzerland for the itu and it works well in 99 cases it works well. If they need any in verytation letter from icann, you will provide an invitation letter to take it to the embassy and i'm proud that farzaneh will maintain its nationality, iranian. I'm iranian, i'm proud to be persian with the culture of i rawn. Second i'd like to appreciate jordan carter and steve delbianco and becky burr and the three cochairs of ccwg and the entire icann staff.

They've made a considerable amount of work. My question with the previous meeting is still valid and i hope you answer that question. The last issue is that i have proposed in the ccwg a compromise approach. We should take a lightweight approach with respect to this transition. We should not go to the area that we cannot finish. It is unfortunate that if we go to the ntia with something which does not have the broad support of the community, that is one of the conditions of ntia. If that condition is not met, it will be out. So we have to make every effort that condition be made in order for the condition to be met, we should be quite straightforward. To the extent possible, simple, not complex and make it practical. Then we have to do everything possible if there are remaining questions, there is this workstream 2. We can do that another time. So let's not miss this opportunity. And i request the co-chair of the ccwg to take my compromise seriously. I am standing behind that compromise and there are several other people that are pushing for that compromise, thank you very much. Muchas gracias.

Suzanne woolf: thank you. And first, fadi, i think had something on the visa.   And then chris, you'd like to respond on the ccwg.

Fadi chehade: thank you. So just very quickly, all the things you mentioned that we need to do to facilitate the visas, i.e., criteria as part of selecting an area, invitation letters, we do. We go even more than that. We actually have coordination teams that are positioned in country specifically to work with the foreign affairs departments. This is all happening.   I mean you know that kavouss, and there are difficulties of course for some passports and this is sad, i know that. My dad spent a good 4 1/2 years standing in line to get us a visa to come to america. Four and a half years under bullets in beirut. I know how hard that it and i respect it and i know what the lady -- but please be assured that our team is doing everything possible without icann having a flag to make this work. And you have my commitment on that. And, as i hand the microphone to my colleague chris disspain to talk about the ccwg, i made some comments yesterday in the ccwg room that i want now to underline with something very important. We -- all of us, board, staff, are 100% committed and rooted in our work in the bottom-up multistakeholder work that is happening now.   Our -- how we can stand in front of the world and say we did our job as staff to facilitate this process or as a board to enable that process is by fully respecting the multistakeholder process and how it's working. Participating in it as individuals did from our board yesterday is to strengthen it, not to weaken it. Laying out the risks that we see forward as staff, as facilitators, is to strengthen and because we believe in the process we do it. But this is not to take away anything from the bottom-up nature that we respect and that makes us who we are. Chris.

Chris disspain: thank you, fadi. And kavous, i just wanted to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you've made and one of the gac in the ccwg and your willingness to engage with all of us to try to find a solution. And to say that i think everyone is being heard, including you. And that what you said just now is effectively what you said this morning, i think everyone's taken that on board and is working with it to come to a consensus-based solution. So thank you.

Suzanne woolf: thank you very much. We should go to our remote question and then back

here.

Brad white: we have a question or comment from mr. Haroi arcos at the internauta venezuela. Mr. Arcos.

Remote hub: good afternoon. We are saying hello from the university of venezuela in the republic of venezuela. We would like to thank the participation for this interactive hub and also to take advantage of having this connection. We want to contribute our concerns. We would like to express our support to what argentina has said about how icann released the domain to the british moldinas islands.   You are taking part because of this fact, are you taking part within a political aspect that has not been defined and is currently in a dispute based on what united nations says, this is an illegal fact. A proposal from argentina is then to establish a working group so as to review the situation as soon as possible. So as not to be in danger and not to repeat these mistakes in the future in icann. This is how we see it. And this is why we are supporting this vision and the proposal of generating this working space. Additionally, when we talk about the iana stewardship transition, we would like to call to your attention the new relations that are resulting from the service providers, those that manage the resources, and the users. Because we are worried that because we see that the concept of being citizenship -- of being a citizen is deleted when we talk about contracts. Contracts that you have to adhere to is like being in a parking lot or similar. (bell) the citizens included in contract should be reviewed so that we propose to generate a working group so that within the legal framework all citizens around the world, all users around the world should not be affected. And their basic rights should not be affected because they are recognized internationally. And if they accept this contract with the corporation with a domicile outside a country where the services is provided would help rule that contract. So this should be included in the iana stewardship transition process. Because this whole process where we are reviewing the protocols may help establish new relationships with users and give rise to the internet all of us want. Finally, we have a question. Because this morning -- we understood that we are working in a multistakeholder model. So we would like to ask ourselves, all of us, why don't we use a similar mechanism to choose a ceo so that it should not be restricted space limited to receiving emails? All stakeholders may then contribute to the list of criteria and to the nominees. Once again, thank you very much to the world community. We are working for a safe, stable, reliable and free internet. Hi to everybody from caracao, venezuela.

Suzanne woolf: i believe you had a comment.

Gonzalo navarro: gonzalo navarro speaking. I assume i have to give an answer in spanish. Thank you very much for the comments. If i understood correctly, we may -- we may have three different answers. The first of these answers is i understand the problem of the moldina and falkland islands have not been mentioned. This mentioned by sergio last meeting and i think that that topic may be raised after the meeting. So one would rather wait and listen to sergio before saying something in that respect. Secondly, if i understood correctly what you were saying, icann has a multistakeholder model that represents that possibility that any constituency or any individual willing to participate and willing to

contribute may do s so in that respect. I think this is something that is in place. But, of course, we may stress the need to have more information in this respect. After and i commit myself to do that. We may talk about this offline. And with respect to the election of the ceo, we held a session where george sadowsky, who is the chairman of the committee for searching for the new ceo, he mentioned the guidelines for the community so that the community may express an opinion regarding the ceo. I think that we may understand -- you may understand that as it happens in other international organizations, we have to set a criteria for the participation of everybody. And we are ensuring that this is secure within this model. How you may make your contributions, how you may make your voice be heard. But there is a general agreement that everyone around the world may participate voting in an international ceo or voting for an international president. I think that this should not be the case because it's difficult for me to understand how we might put that into practice. But there are certainly ways and methods to contribute to the committee. And the committee -- i'm not part of that committee.   But the committee said that it would be an open process where all the stakeholders may participate.

Suzanne woolf: thank you very much, gonzalo for that. Thank you for your patience.

 Thank you, suzanne, i am able to stand here i was able to stand two years ago, sect must be considered for access to the line.   Accessibility. There must be a seat available. Going to the issues that have been put forward, my name is alejandro pisanty. I'm profess our universe mexico.   Former board member. First, i want to command fadi, icann management and staff for their efforts in compensating for the difficulties with with visas in every country where icann meets. I've been accompanied to the effort in mexico meeting in 2009 and it's really very difficult test.   In particular i want to commend icann's continued commitment to going to countries where most people can be admitted and where no people are bared because of their genetics. Which does happen. On the iana transition, there has to be a better -- in the coming steps, getting into some more detail, i would appeal to the board and all other communities to spell out in more detail the failure modes that you're looking at when you speak about capture and other risks. There is a risk of capture by astroturfing. This is an english word which means artificially seeming that you have a popular or grassroots community which is actually sent out by a company or a country.   These kind of models have to be considered with some care. Accountability is not ownership.   Accountability is the ability to say that you are doing the work that you should do to the people that have charged you with it.   Effectiveness is the number one accountability that icann and iana have to present to the world. You may be perfectly transparent, but nobody can buy you a drink. Nobody can get you a bottle of water when you're dying. You still have to be accountable for effectiveness. Keep it simple. Sorry, build it on like having the irps freeze the whole of iana when it's only about one number or name. That kind of detail has to be done.

Suzanne woolf: thank you, very much, alex for that. We're running short on time so i'm closing the queue, closing the mic line. But next, please.

Seun ojedeji: thank you very much. My name is seun ojedeji. I work for (saying name) and member of the speaking on my personal. So in a public forum like this, in singapore, i and

some other people came to the floor and asked the question about the board's view on the numbers and protocol proposals that were submitted to icg. Your response was that there's no significant issue about those proposals. And i think the board perhaps from me got an applause for that. However, after that meeting, we all know that there was some interesting surprises that came. We could -- that was variable because of ccwg. We're still the proposal so there was still time. However, right now there is no time. So i will put the question to the board right now: do you have any issue with the cwg proposal that has been submitted to the icg? Could you respond to that, please. Thank you.

Suzanne woolf: steve, i'm looking to you to comment on the question.
The answer is no.

Steve crocker: mike first and then i'll comment.

Mike silber: i think the answer, is seun, it's not up to us. It's up to the icg now. What we do or say at the moment is of very little significance. I wish the community sometimes would regard us that way a little more often. The icg has the difficult task of putting this all together. It's not us.

Steve crocker: i'll just add to that, we're not -- we don't have any heartburn here at the board. We're watching the process coming together. We see the proposals from three operational communities. We understand that the icg now has a task of knitting them together and harmonizing. There's some small differences. We hope that everybody's able to work that out very smoothly. We're quite comfortable.

Seun ojedeji: thank you.

Suzanne woolf: thank you. And next, please.

Keith drazek: thank you. Keith drazek, verisign and chair of the registry stakeholder group. I'm not here to advocate any position or get into any specifics or recommendations about the work of the ccwg accountability. But i would like to perhaps reflect on the work of the last week and the work of the last many months. But first, i think we do need to congratulate the naming community for coming together around the cwg transition, all five chartering organizations unanimously supported the recommendation that has now been submitted to the icg and the numbering and the protocol parameters communities have been patiently waiting since january. And i think this is a momentous day in that all three of the operational communities have come together to submit the proposals. And in the words of one of the cochairs of the icg, the icg is now on the clock. So congratulations to the whole community. On the accountability --

steve crocker: just a second. Yes. [applause].

Keith drazek: thank you, steve. So on the accountability process, i'd like to take a moment to thank fadi directly for the clarifying remarks that he just made regarding the commitment to the multistakeholder process. And i would like to note that what is happening right now is the multistakeholder process at work successfully working towards consensus. I made comments on sunday at the session with secretary strickling and the panel speaking about icann accountability, the history. And i said at that time that i was confident that the work of the ccwg accountability would result in a proposal that meets the needs of the community-

based on bottom-up multistakeholder consensus processes, meet the five criteria outlined by ntia and get it done on time i felt confident about that then. I feel more confident about that today, a week later. Less than a week later. So jordan carter made some excellent remarks a little while ago and i fully support and endorse everything he said. But optimistically, you know, he gave some cautionary tale about timing and the recognition to the timing is critical. And i completely agree with that. But the ccwg accountability is hard at work. I sense there is good will among all participants to get it done, to reach compromise, to reach consensus. And that's the work that we're doing. We made progress this week. We'll make more progress in the next two weeks. We'll make more progress in paris in the middle of july, and i believe we will get this done. Thank you.

Suzanne woolf: thank you, keith, and thanks for being -- for your service on the icg. You're right, you're on the clock. Next, please.

Jia he: gia hee, i followed from my observation besides the proposal itself, efficiency and trust are very important and they should be enhanced from my point of view. Why? Because icann is the player to coordinate global internet critical results in internet ecosystem. We hope icann can coordinate it efficiently. It is not efficient to fire or recall icann board because of each bad policy decision made by icann board. It is costly on time and money. Ccwg should clarify that in which situation the community can use the power to fire and recall the board member or the whole board and make the icann system more efficiently for global internet communities.additionally, i think efficiency is best on the trust. The accountability mechanism or any empowered community model design should not make icann board lost the trust from communities. Otherwise, why do we need icann board.and another thing i want to mention is about translation. I'm a chinese and i notice that not too much chinese people speak in the microphone because while there is reason we have language problems. Even me, i can speak english but i cannot understand too the whole -- sorry, the whole content of our meetings. I always feel lost in the meetings. Even though i followed the accountability meetings a lot but i lost it. Even though i have some background of it, but i also lost it. Because i found that there are few translations in the -- in the accountability sessions.[timer sounds]sorry, so in order to have more chinese community engagement, i hope we can improve the chinese languages or the other languages a lot. Thanks.[applause] kuo-wei wu: i would like to answer your question and actually in the public forum you can actually use english because we have interpreters and i can understand chinese. Thank you.

Fadi chehade: first of all, sorry, i can't speak in chinese, but i just want to say thank you for having the courage to stand up and speak. Thank you. Thank you for coming to your first icann meeting. I hope you come to many, many more. I don't know, you said your english wasn't good. I don't know what would be good english. This is pretty impressive. Thank you. I want to propose something to the chinese community that is starting to coalesce and come to icann meetings. And i will encourage my staff to help with that u. Maybe we should have either pre-meeting or during the meeting a chance for our staff to brief chinese speakers at our meetings in more detail as to what is happening at the meeting. Maybe some special guidance because of, like you said, it's not just language, the context. It's understanding

what is going on. We welcome you here. We're very happy you're here. You should know that. And we will do our part, and i will talk to staff about what we can do to aid you to be more effective at the meeting. Thank you.

Suzanne woolf: yes, thank you. And i think mike had a comment.

Mike silber: suze, thank you. The one thing that i would really encourage is non-native english speakers to make us native english speakers do some of the hard work for a change. We have fantastic translation facilities and we're really trying our best to improve the translation services at the meetings. So please, feel free to use your native language. And let us do the reading and let united states put the -- on the headphones for a change so that you're comfortable in communicating using your native tongue.i wanted to just respond on one issue, where there was a comment made about spilling the icann board around making bad policy. And i couldn't let that go because if the icann board starts making policy, then we should be spilled because the icann board is not here to make policy. This community is here to make policy.[applause]

suzanne woolf: thank you, mike. And you're our last speaker, sebastien, we closed the line ten minutes ago, but there will be another session, so please come back then.

Sebastien bachollet: be the first in the next line.

Jonathan zuck: jonathan zuck from act but speaking on my own behalf. I think we underestimate the value of the public forum as an accountability mechanism because i expect every three months about this time it would be pretty easy to convince the board to resign. So i don't know why we make such a big deal about it. And i do support fadi's recommendation of making more briefings. I think contextualzation and disee creasing the size and tidbits is going to be the key to better participate taition and periodic participate taition that is parts of the community accountability that we hear about.what i came to respond to is fadi's comment about the lobbying. I guess if there is another step that could be taken it might actually be coordination. I know we worked very hard to make sure this transition was politically acceptable in washington. Others in the room did as well. And so it may be taking a few leaders in the community and incorporating them in the meetings with your lobbyists or even taking them on meetings to lend correct to the meetings. So incorting the community into your lobbying efforts might be the next step to take beyond just the legal reporting.so i just wanted to follow up because it looks like rick has gone, i wanted to follow up the next step of transparency might be cooperation in that area. But i -- as i was coming up, i heard something else and i really feel that i need to say something about it. As we have all these discussions about trust and everything like that, with alejandro's comments, chris' comments after the, you know, public comments to the ccwg transition proposal and fadi's comments the other day, all three made mention to some form of special interests. And i think that that's a very dangerous dialogue to be having in this context. Everyone has been engaged very lorchg hours and very transparently in this discussion and are making their case in a very public way about what kind of accountability they think is necessary. So i think these are bleak references to special interests, interests inside the u.s., and then astroturfing are very deleterious to the effort that we're all trying to proceed with and i think they're

divisive and they are a dangerous conversation to have and i think you guys should quit saying that. Thanks.[applause]

steve crocker: just saying thank you.

Suzanne woolf: and that -- that's actually the end of this block. Thank you -- thanks to everybody for your comments, and i guess steve is up next.

Steve crocker: yep. Thank you, everyone. Thank you, suzanne. We're going to take a short break, but before we do, i'd like to acknowledge some folks who are too often unrecognized. We've all noticed the booths at the sides of the room, but a few -- but few of us have met the interpreters who work in those books. Nor do we fully understand their very vital function, even as they try to understand us. So let's take a quick look inside those booths.

 People are very little idea about what goes on in the booth. We have a total of 32 interpreters. It's a high pressure job by all means. What goes on in the booth is very intense. It's exhausting.

 Did not just translate words. Otherwise it would have been automated a long time ago. We only render ideas, which means that in order for us to interpret, we need to first understand what is being said. And that requires a great deal of preparation and really focusing on the task at hand.

 It is one of the most amazing things that the brain can do. And you have to practice to do it. Somehow it becomes very natural after a little bit because you automatically don't think anymore. You know, it comes in cysts and goes out from the other way, right away in the other language, without having to stop and think.

 All the technical terms that we have to learn for icann, all the acronyms and oftentimes icann is an alphabet soup. All that makes our job significantly more difficult. Because we need to prepare so much for every event.

 Yes, it does take some studying, some rehearsal, some sitting at home and going through them, practicing them, trying them in front of the mirror, in front of somebody who helps you until you start getting used to them.

 Well, we have two people in most of the languages, however there are certain languages that require three persons in the booth.

 What we do requires a great deal of focus and concentration. Like i said earlier, and so human mind can't really do that for an extended period of time. We work in 20 to 30-minute shifts, depending upon the complexity of the assignment and so we switch every half hour. I do love my job. I think it is one of the most interesting things in the world and the most interesting i could find for myself.

 You're traveling the world, meeting fascinating people, learning fascinating subjects, you are interacting with the most wonderful human beings around the globe in every aspect. It's just -- it has all the ingreed yefnts, and you get paid for it. So what more do you want?

 Goodbye.[applause]

steve crocker: we're going to take a quick break. Return in about ten minutes. Please do come back. Thank you.(break)..-----------------note: this is a copy of theunedited real-time output fromthe scribes. A revised andformatted version will be postedafter the session.

ladies and gentlemen would you place your seats, ask.time to take your seats so that we can get our public forum section 2 begun.thank you.we'd like to begin our public forum. We've got a lot of work to get done. If you would all be signed enough to take your seats, we can get the board in their positions and we can start our meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen, please take your selts. We would like to o get our next section of the program started to get all your questions and receive your answers.once again, please take your seats so we can begin.thank you

steve crocker: icann board members. Calling all icann board members. P.

Ladies and gentlemen i would like to introduce once again icann board chair steve crocker.

Steve crocker: thank you very much. Before we take up the next topic in the public forum, we are going to look ahead a little bit and have a presentation on the next meeting place in dublin, dublin, ireland, for icann 54. The hose for the meeting is inex. It's a not-for-profit association that provides technical platform over which is exchanged over a internet network. That is it's an internet exchange.as a preview of icann 54, i would like to introduce us to inex barry rhodes who will in turn introduce us to ambassador justin harman, ireland's ambassador to argentina.barry.

Barry rhodes: let me begin by saying how much i enjoyed the past five days in icann's public meeting.it's been a pleasure for me to meet, many of you stopped by the icann stand. My colleague and i have been overwhelmed by your enthusiasm   for the october icann meeting in dublin, and i'm delighted to see so many of you wearing our lucky shamrock pins showing your support.our association is extremely proud to be hosting the first ever icann meeting in ireland.we will do our very best to make this a great meeting. The convention center dublin where the meetings will be held is a brand-new conference facility in the heart of the city, just 20 minutes or so from dublin airport. An iconic building, its atrium is six floors high and overlooks the river.the delegate hotels are located within five to 20 minutes' walk from the convention center, and the whole riverside area offers a wide choice of restaurants, coffee houses, and bars.an important point that i know you will approve of.inex, with the assistance of other sponsors, will be hosting a gala night which we aim to make a memorable experience for all attending.[cheers and applause]here is a small taste of what awaits you when you come to meet us in ireland.[video playing][applause]

barry rhodes: as ireland's internet pieing exchange, witnessed the expansion of internet usage around the country. We're a mix of internet service providers through large international providers through rural fixed providers and some of the largest and international content providers. For those of you planning to attend icann 54 in october, inex wishes to show you the best that ireland has to offer.i want to assure you that ireland is very welcoming of all conference delegates, and whilst most delegates will not require visas to visit dublin, if your country does, then please go through the formal process as soon as possible so that we and the icann staff are able to assist you in you encounter any issues.and

if there is any other way that we can help make your trip successful and memorable, do please make contact with us.i now have the immense pleasure of introducing you to the irish ambassador to argentina, justin harman who is here to extend the official invite for you all to come and join us at the official icann 54 in dublin.[applause]

ambassador justin harman: good afternoon, buenos aires. Good afternoon to the icann community.warm thanks to barry and, indeed, to icann's leadership and community for giving me this chance to address you today.first, congratulations to buenos aires and to our hosts in argentina for the marvelous organization of this meeting. It is appropriate for the next meeting to take place in ireland since our two countries, ireland and argentina, share many historic and contemporary ties.i'm delighted to join inex to officially start the countdown to icann 54 in ireland. We're delighted to be welcoming the icann community to ireland.ireland is known for its green landscape, music, dance, its literary giants be, and of course the crack, which is the gaelic word for having great fun. Here is a short video of what ireland has to offer the icann community.[video playing]

 what makes ireland great? Is it this or is it this?is it the rugged sands of ancient (indiscernible) or homes of computer fire, our legions of genius and then new geniuses who never even lifted pen. The eyes with glint, the talk and the wit. Great to do business with. People. Talent. People. Talent.passion. Rebellion. Innovation. Education. A famous welcome by the hundred thousand. An emerald isle.what makes ireland great makes ireland great for business.see why at ida ireland.com.

Ambassador justin harman: as you just saw, an amazing number of internet businesses now call ireland home, with great credit to our inward investment agency, ida ireland, nine of the top ten international internet companies employ tens of thousands of people in ireland.we're especially proud that alongside these global names, ireland boasts a thriving internet and technology ecosystem where many innovative startups flourish.this doesn't happen by accident. Ireland has invested heavily and over many years to support innovation and growth.how do we do this? First of all, through ida ireland we support businesses to set up in ireland as their international base. We have easy access to european union markets. A large and experienced technology community, a multilingual workforce, the highest proportion of science and engineering graduates in the oecd, and a corporation tax rate of 12 and a half percent.you can see that ireland has a lot to offer a growing business. We're very much inspired by the words of our nobel prize winning poet w.b. Yates born 150 years ago this month: do not wait to strike till the iron is hot but make it hot by striking.and that is what ireland has done, and it's what we will continue to do to keep our country as one of the best places in the world to live and do business in.and if you attend icann 54 in dublin and don't want to leave, we make it easy for technology professionals from around the world to live and work in ireland.since 2012, we've offered what's commonly called the tech visa. This visa lets approved companies recruit from across the world and bring their employees to ireland with minimal paperwork and delay.so if you attend icann 54 and you want to make the move permanent, as either a business owner or employee, ireland can make it easy for you and support you all the way.when you attend icann 54, you will be right in the heart of ireland's

internet community. Right across the river liffey from the convention center is where most internet businesses are located, a place many call silicon docks. We recognize icann's essential role in defining the future of internet naming and numbering and how each of you tirelessly contributes to making the multistakeholder model work.we're especially proud to be hosting icann at such a critical moment in its development. The world is looking on. We will do everything to make sure that we can support you in a successful and enjoyable meeting.so i'm delighted to extend to each of you an invitation from the irish government, from our vibrant internet industry and from dublin itself to join us at icann 54 in october. We will do everything to ensure ease of access, including through special accelerated visa arrangements.a hundred thousand welcomes will await you.thank you...[applause]

steve crocker: well, we unfortunately have to return to business here and complete what we have to do here before we can move on to ireland.we come to the third segment in the public forum. This is any other business.gonzalo navarro will be facilitating. I don't understand why there's not a long line in front of us, but it's forming; right?okay.

Gonzalo navarro: okay. We'll have a line in a second. I will facilitate in this session, but in spanish and in english as appropriate.so we are going to start with our remote hub. So we have a question from spain, i think?

Brad white: that's correct. We have a question from dietmer at the video hub in valencia spain.hello again from.

 Hello again from valencia. I will speak in english and in spanish.free unrestricted field in the (indiscernible) registrant section.   We think this is a very fair petition because in end the registrant is the one who pays for the domain. It would be great that icann could think about it.and now i comment in spanish. We would like to take this opportunity to offer, through the iana club, our support to our companies and organizations so that they can create or set up their project in our city as a pilot city.we started   working in 1974, we started working with ibm since then, and since then thousands of engineers have worked in our city.this led to a very wide ecosystem of (indiscernible) in our industry, in the i.t. Industry. We use an international educational institution that has worked with chinese organizations and it's also an example of technology in the classrooms. So we are open to any proposal.thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you very much for your comment.board who wants to take the first question?okay. We will take that as a comment and we move on to the queue.thank you very much again.thank you.

 I will speak spanish. Please, your headphones. Thank you for this opportunity for this time so that we can speak about a subject that we had been bringing up in other meetings. I am sã‰rgio (saying name), i am chair of the argentine internet users association and the latin american federation of internet users. I am a lacralo member and i chair the cctld working group in lacralo. I would like to give you some historic background. In 1998 -- '97, 1997, when the cctld table was published as part of the iso 3166 .fk was given to the fal can islands or maldives.we said icann had no reservations in -- in some -- regarding some u.n. Positions, although this table is the table used by the u.n., but the u.n. Has certain reservations in terms of the malldines or falkland islands.icann did not take this into account. On the contrary,

what icann did was to assign a cctld to a territory that was still being disputed when the u.n. Determines that nothing can bein our presentation and i'm still waiting for a reply after two years' time we requested the following. We want the possibility to set up a working group on this topic. This is my proposal. I hope you understood my proposal. Maybe you did not understand it last time and hence the delay in replying. Thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, sergio. I believe that your proposal is better understood this time, your petition, per se.i don't know if any -- i don't know if there's any board member that would like to reply or make a comment?

Mike silber: i think there are two issues. And apologies that i'm responding in english. I think the first is that this is not a single issue rule, but i think you're asking a more general question, which is how do we take into account the u.n. Rules around disputed territories when it comes to implementation of iso codes.so my recommendation is that we engage with the ccnso -- and as one of the two ccnso appointees on the board, i'll happily undertake that initial engagement. Let's engage with the ccnso and see if the ccnso feels it is able to take that work forward.if it doesn't, then it will come back to the board. Let's try and find another way to take that work forward.the only thing is that i think we must take it forward on a general basis rather than trying to address one specific issue because i think the whole point of the multistakeholder process is to try and implement processes of generic application because this instance may be instructive and useful for other territories currently or into the future.so, certainly i'm willing to accept that responsibility and to report back together with staff as to how we're moving forward on that process.

Sergio salinas porto: thank you very much for your reply. This is what we have been waiting for, so we really appreciate it and we will continue working on this topic. Thank you very much.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, sergio.sebastien, go ahead, please.

Sebastien bachollet: okay. I am very pleased to be able to take the floor after -- after the video on language services showcasing our interpreters because this is a tool that we do need to use since we have them here and their job is really very good.awhile ago, the topic arose in terms of how to use the different -- how to help the different language communities. Let me tell you that there is some new meetings, strategy, that will be in place as from next year and specifically this meetings strategy defines two types of meetings.two types of sessions that will be run in parallel, one of them will include the five regions and the other type of session or meeting -- sorry, it will take into account the five regions working in the five languages used within icann. I think that when fadi says that in these meetings we can address the different language communities and let them know about the main issues or core issues being discussed within icann is really a big step forward so that everyone can understand the discussions going on in icann in their own language, in their own community language. And i wanted to bring this up because it is really very important. Thank you very much.

Philip corwin: i'm philip corwin. I'm making this statement as counsel to the domain investors and developers of the internet commerce association. When the board met with

the gnso council on sunday, you heard strong expressions of concern from many councillors regarding the decision of gdd staff to propose that the pdd rp and especially the urs be the starting point for the renewal of legacy gtld agreements.they felt that this action is repudiation of the community's understanding, that the question of whether the rpms would apply to legacy tlds in the more than 140 domains would be settled through a pdp and that this action amounted to de facto consensus policy through the contracting process in violation of the bylaws.similar, the concern -- the comments just filed in the disclosed form for .travel's renewal were overwhelming against this action and in favor of taking those rpms out of the contracts.the concern, of course, is that the same staff who made the decision to propose these rpms in the ras will be the ones to review and react to the concerns.another concern is that gdd staff may already be advocating turning the urs into an udrp on steroids. On june 17th, the world trademark review reported that a senior gdd manager told an audience in hamburg, germany, that suggestions that the remedy be changed from suspension to transfer, quote, will be considered in the next round, unquote. Yet, we have not even had the policy staff issues report on the rpms and the decision of whether any of them should be changed is one that is for the community to make, not staff.i.p. Interests have suggested a variety of changes to the urs that would convert it from a narrow supplement to the udrp into a version of the udrp on steroids with very limited due process rights for registrants.certainly trademark interests with adequate means to deal with infringement, but their rights must be balanced against those of registrants. So i have two requests for the board. The first is to make a commitment to the community that any further alterations of the new gtld rpms will be made through a standard pdp with the entire community involved because we're far past the implementation stage and it's now clear that these decisions will implicate legacy top-level domains as well.second, if gdd staff go ahead and finalize the contracts with those rpms, i would like the board to take an up and down vote on approving those contracts. I believe the board needs to own that decision. And in that way indicate whether you believe the staff action is or is not acceptable. Thank you very much for considering my suggestions.[applause]

gonzalo navarro: thank you very much.we will take those suggestions. Thanks.brad, we have a question?

Brad white: we have an online question from aaron pace, all the good new gtld extensions that people would be willing to pay for have already been allocated. With that said, the next round will most likely be specifically for, quote, brand owners and trademark holders, end quote only. Is there any clarification to when the, quote, brand owners round will be?

Gonzalo navarro: thank you. I think that we covered that question in the previous session about new gtlds. So i think that we should not go there again.mark. I'm sorry, gentleman at the right

seun ojedeji: this is seun ojedeji from nigeria speaking on behalf of myself. I just wrote down my consulate in nigeria and they mentioned to get a visa i should apply 12 weeks prior to --- . So while it's good to hear from the ambassador about the speech to apply, it's also good to let you know about the realities of that some of us would have.my second comment

is in relation to the fact that post-transition some of these accountability reforms that have been recommended once implemented, we firstly require that diversity within the community is assured. We don't want a situation whereby the community in quotes gets captured. And i hope that the board is also going to increase its efforts to ensure that the community views are represented in diverse ways because all of us within this community don't have equal access to resources to participate. So it's important that you include the support that will ensure that people with limited would also be able to participate and make their views known. My thought comment is that please, let's not have any more surprises from marrakech. Thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you very much. Mark? Sorry.

Fadi chehade: sorry, gonzalo. Just to assure the community that we have very good coordination occurring right now with our moroccan community, with the moroccan government. We met -- they came here. The minister sent a special envoy to meet with us here to ensure we have very good coordination with the community and the government.so right now all plans are moving forward towards marrakech. Of course, things do happen and hopefully nothing will happen, but our planning and our coordination is early and is working very well so that we can have a very successful meeting with you in marrakech.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, fadi.mark?

Mark carvell: good afternoon. My name is mark carvell. I represent united kingdom and its overseas territories on the governmental advisory committee, the gac.i regret that i'm required to take up time from this important public forum to respond regarding the allocation of country codes for the falkland islands and south georgia. The united kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the falkland islands, south georgia and (indiscernible) islands and their surrounding maritime areas nor as the island is right to decide their own future, the right of self-determination as enshrined in the u.n. Charter and the international covenant of civil and political rights.the falkland islanders have stated they wish to remain an overseas territory of the united kingdom. In the referendum on the islands held in 2013, 99.8% of those who voted wanted to maintain their current status as a territory of the united kingdom.the united kingdom's relationship with the falkland islands and all its oversees territories is a modern one based on partnership, shared values, and the right of the people of each territory to determine their own future.thank you for this opportunity to respond to the previous interventions on this matter. Thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, mark.[applause]madam, you can go.

Young eum lee: my name is young eum lee, ccnso council from .kr but speaking on my own behalf.like most of the people here, i would also like to express my great appreciation to everyone that worked so hard to lead the first solid stepping stone towards a true globalization of the domain name system based on the multistakeholder model. And i'm truly grateful that fadi was here with us to provide full support during his process.my statement actually is about the composition of the iana functions review team of the cwg proposal, especially with regard to the cc representatives. I fully support the principle of designating one member to represent the cctlds that are not a member of the ccnso because

i know that such a mechanism is important to have a welcome atmosphere and ensure the participation of the cctlds that are currently not members and i'm hopeful that such a mechanism will maybe even encourage them to join the ccnso because i think that the interoperability and consensus-building spirit of icann will be enhanced by encouraging those ccs to become a member of icann.however, i'm worried that it could also work to discourage them to participate because since there are so many more ccnso members able to serve compared to the non-ccnso members.and during the ccnso meeting here, we did discuss the possibility of adjusting the composition of the ifr, possibly because it may not adequately reflect the ratio. But i would especially like to stress that we rethink the two ccnso member and one -- i mean, non-ccnso cctld rule as early as possible. --[timer sounds.]at least to make the one ccnso cctld member rule become an option rather than a mandate and hope that the cctld can build up enough trust in a global icann to come together as one. Thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you.chris?

Chris disspain: young eum, thank you. You raise an interesting -- you raise an interesting point. I think we should bear in mind that there are a number of cctld managers who, although they're not members of the ccnso, do participate in the ccnso. And, indeed, the ccnso chair of the committee was a non-member of the ccnso but nonetheless participated.but i think your point about making it optional rather than mandatory is an interesting one and obviously it's something that needs to be discussed in the ccnso. So thank you for raising it.

Mike silber: if i can add to that, i think the composition of some of these panels hopefully will get a little more attention because i'm inclined to go even a little further than chris in that some of these panels, i think, may not be -- while i think the purpose is well understood, i think the design and composition may be a little bit like an elephant being designed by a committee.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, mike.

Mike silber: thank you, gonzalo.

Michael palage: michael palage, pharas global. I like to speak on the topic of the urs and its potential incorporation into legacy gtld operator contracts. There was recently a closed public forum in connection with the .travel registry incorporating this rpm. In the interest of openness and transparency, they are not a client. This is just someone speaking on behalf of other registries that may be impacted by this precedent that the board may take.i agree with a lot of the comments that phil corwin had spoke about earlier about needing to involve the multistakeholder process where you are mandating something upon a registry. I think that's an important safeguard that has been enshrined in icann's operations for the last 15 years.but i think it needs to be distinguished -- --[timer sounds.] -- that was a quick two minutes.[laughter]

gonzalo navarro: no, no, go ahead.

Michael palage: if i can, i think this needs to be distinguished with what is happening here with .travel. Here a registry operator is basically proposing to incorporate something. And

the reason that this is significant has to do with sort of a unique nuance of u.s. Trademark law. Under 15 u.s.c14 section 32, there is a safe harbor provision that basically registries, registrars, and registration authorities can avoid liability in connection with a domain name dispute if they have a reasonable policy.now, what has happened over the last 15 years which i think is a good thing is 15 years ago a reasonable policy for a registry operator was down here. It was known as the udrp. In the last couple of years, we've now seen heightened policies, urs, mandatory sunrises, pic drps, other things.so the idea that a legacy operator would want to raise its policies to be deemed reasonable with his peers in the community is a good thing. And i do not think it would be in icann's best interest to interfere with a registry operator implementing a provision that potentially could safeguard it from liability. So i think this is important.i guess my ask here of the board is i know a lot has changed since my time on the board. Previously any type of contract renewal with a registry operator would require a briefing memo.if, in fact, the .travel contract does require a briefing memo, i would hope that this particular legal issue is taken into account because it is significant, as i said, not for this tld registry operator but my other clients that may want to sit there and afford itself of this important legal protection.thank yo

gonzalo navarro: thank you, mike. I think that we are just closing the queue, in case that you want to join, and we are going to extend this session up to 5:40, because we started late 10 minutes, so brad, we have a question?

Brad white: we have a question online from paul foody.

Remote intervention: icann has raised 58 million from 13 contention set auctions it has so far resolved. As there were 233 contention sets, of which only 29 remain unresolved.what action, if any, has icann taken to calculate the total sums changing hands in other resolved contention sets, and what efforts have been made to determine how much of that money went to bodies with icann connections? For example, right side, which i understand was previously united tld holdco limited, which applied for 26 tlds list their on line accounts gain on other assets net due to payments received in exchange for withdrawals of our interest in certain gtld applications of 4.2 million in 2013, 22.1 million in 2014, with a further 7.2 million reported for the first quarter of 2015 totaling 33.5 million.can icann confirm this information is correct, and if so, provide the names of the tld contention sets right side withdrew from to make over $30 million gain? Or failing that, simply how many contention sets right side have so far withdrawn from?

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, mr. Foody. I think that that's a really specific question to -- akram?

Akram atallah: hello? Yes, i think that it's important to note that there are -- the auctions that icann performed as an auction of last resort to facilitate resolution of contention sets were -- the funds from those auctions were put on the side in a fund separate from icann operation and they were not given back to any of the applicants.so the contention sets that were resolved outside of icann, we have no information on how they were resolved or what are the -- if there was any settlement on those. We have no information on that.regarding the information on right side and how many -- and how many withdrawals they did, all this

information is available on the new gtld web site where you can go and search on the applicant and find out what the status of each application is. Thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, akram. Bruce, do you want to...that's fine. Thank you. Please go ahead.

Krishna kumar rajamannar: hello. Krishna from india, second-time fellow. This question is to fadi. I've been following your speeches and this is with reference to the one that you made in colombia on the future of multistakeholder internet governance. You said internet governance needs an overhaul and new methods to be brought in, and you are tired with the usage of --- multistakeholder and multilateral labels and you also emphasized on the need for a polly-centric model of governance and this left me confused because when i finally thought i figured out multistakeholder level of internet governance, i mean, we are already talking about a new form of governance.my question is: is a poly-centric approach an upgraded 2.0 version of multistakeholder model or is it all new and if it is all new, what is the key difference that you find between these two models, and this is a significant question because you explained to us on how long it took to get governments to introduce the multistakeholder model and now you are talking about a whole new model. Thank you.

Fadi chehade: thank you so much for your question, and sorry you have to follow my speeches.but i appreciate your question.let me just clarify.my comment on the labels was because much of the debate has moved to labels, as opposed to substance, so i was making the comment that instead of spending time fighting, i belong to this label and you belong to this label, and governments feel that they have to fight with us over the meaning of the label, we've had people from different governmental organizations say they're multistakeholder.so labeling is a terrible way to collaborate.so i was inviting people at this university event in new york to get away from labels.as to your question regarding is poly-centric a new version of multistakeholderism, these are two completely different things, right?multistakeholder is an approach. In fact, i would almost argue it's a spirit. It's a way of doing things, of working together, of bringing all voices to the decision-making process.polycentrism, which is a new label we are using or a new model we're discussing, is still very early in its definition and there are now a couple of scholars working on it, and just keep watching for the academic as well as policy environment to continue to define what is polycentrism.but without too many labels, it simply means highly distributed. Highly distributed, as opposed to centralized. Because we don't believe centralizing internet governance solves anything. Distributing it keeps it light, keeps it nimble, and keeps the focus on solutions that serve the users rather than solutions that serve the big players who can afford to be at a global level. Thanks.

Gonzalo navarro: thanks. Please. Go ahead.

 --- so i'm not going to confuse our translators anymore. No, i just wanted to say on behalf of the relatively small irish community within icann, that i want to thank the meetings team and the board and staff for choosing dublin as a venue, with our recent joining of the gac and ireland's technology sector is exploding, i think it's a very apt time to be coming to dublin and i hope that everybody that comes will have a great time. It's a fantastic city. I live in dublin mice and i hope that everybody has a really great time in october.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you very much. Please, sir, go ahead.

Jorge carcavallo: hi, my name is jorge carcavallo. I am from buenos aires, living 25 years in brazil. I'm so happy because i was waiting 15 years to be here again.i live -- my career is in ict to go to the bottom of the bottom of the bottom of the society parameter. The people with disability. 1,000 million people around the world. 80% of them are either in unemployed, disemployment, subemployment, poverty, and misery.this affects 3,000 million people. 1 million with facilities, father, mother, brother, any combination of two, and their professionals.most of the problems are a communication and information problem. I will make -- give you an example.the next year will be the 10th anniversary of the declaration of the rights of the people with disability. I would like to know how many of you know this declaration.so how humanity will respect the rights and necessities of half of humanity if they don't know access at convention.so i'm very sorry. I'm very nervous to be here. Many committees received me. They are fantastic, from disability and civil society, human rights, and i'm doing one thing for myself. I assume the responsibility.i decide to invite icann to lead the bill force task --[timer sounds]-- a mega force task of the icann community to work in a bigger scale with the disability community to start to build the mega innovative tools the community need.i have a simple paper leave with your team, carole, and i'm very appreciate to be with you. I hope to be in dublin and i hope to be in the last meeting in africa.thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: gracias.[applause]

gonzalo navarro: we have one online question.

Brad white: we have a question from kieren mccarthy.

Remote intervention: following mr. Chehade's comments about all of icann's lobbying information being available, i have looked and all i can find is a small section in icann's tax form which says, quote, the organization utilized the services of a staff registered lobbyist and two government affairs firms during the year ended june 30, 2014, for a cost of $576,138. Could you please name the staff registered lobbyist and the two government affairs firms so we are able to see what records exist under their names with respect to icann.

Gonzalo navarro: fadi?

Fadi chehade: we'll send the answer by email and help him find the links.

Gonzalo navarro: okay. Thank you. Elliot?

Elliot noss: elliot noss with two cows.i would also like to speak about the urs. Mike palage makes a very good point. He describes well the danger in rights mechanisms being negotiated directly between gdd staff and a registry, especially as it relates to the large legacy tlds.the new gtlds will compete directly with a very specific string like .travel but that is not the case for the existing, i believe north of a hundred million registrants, who are not subject to u.s. Trademark law other than through the provision of rights mechanisms that are contained in the registry agreements.we do not want to make a slippery slope. Rights protection mechanisms for the legacy tlds especially are a matter for the community to decide, not any national government.and what i would like is to hear from board and staff that they will make sure that gdd staff is instructed on that. And it is also a great opportunity to use this as a lever to finally bring the udrp more formally into the fold, look at review, and

look at contracts.the udrp is generally a very big success. It also has some real problems. And we should be looking at those just like any other important mechanism that we do inside of the icann world. Thank you.[applause]

gonzalo navarro: thank you, elliot. Fadi?

Fadi chehade: yeah. Simply to say that what you and michael palage earlier said is spot on. We -- i will take this to hard with akram and the team to make sure we -- for example, michael's idea of briefing memos, so that we do things with clarity i think is a good one. Let me follow up with the team and i owe you and michael clarity on that. Thanks.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you, fadi. Thank you, elliot. Sorry. Akram.

Akram atallah: werner staub --

akram atallah: apologize. Just one clarification. We do deliver briefing memos on every contract before we actually sign it, and so i just want to make sure that everybody knows that this is a practice that continues to happen and that we, you know, will not -- i will not comment on negotiation with other parties on their contract here. So thank you.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you. Werner?

Werner staub: yeah. Werner staub, making this as a personal comment. It's about the icann web site. You know, this is a huge undertaking. This is a lot of effort because the community depends on it. And it has been improved over time, but unfortunately as with all improvements, you know, sometimes you make steps backward.and if you look at the urls of the icann web site, just to give one example, we've made a couple of steps backward.i can read a url, for instance, here. It's about the page for correspondence. It's called www.icann.org.resources.pages.-- /--sorry,/correspondence,-twin-4. That's the main page. That's a landing page where we're supposed to find the correspondence and it actually has happened to most of the pages.some people who know more about the icann web site know there are a couple of shortcuts if they happen to know that you could go icann.org/correspondence, you would get there. I suppose many people here actually do this.but most people on the outside have no idea that there's such a shortcut.we should look at the usability of the icann web site, not just for the urls. There are a couple of other ones. Some of the ones that are just trends and we should actually resist it, such as putting everything into pdfs. For some people it is extremely difficult to use pdfs. --[timer sounds]-- for example, people with reading problems want to listen to it. The pdf is not going to read it in the correct order because it's -- you know, it cannot distinguish the columns from lines.and finally, we've got new opportunities where we could actually help people get access to the incredibly good material that we have, such as the audio and the transcription that we have here, if we match them by timestamp, they would become much more useful.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you. Brad, we have one more --

brad white: we have a query from from natalie kupay. U.n. Interpreters translation guidelines are not implemented. Could we have a time line when they will be fully implemented. Can you also explain mechanisms in place to ensure timely translations.

Gonzalo navarro: does staff want to take that?

Fadi chehade: if the person could send us a little bit more detail as to what he or she has in

mind -- it's a she, natalie. If natalie could send us some detail, be happy to respond to her, but i am not sure specifically what she has in mind.

Gonzalo navarro: thank you very much.

 Hi. I'm paul sam he can. I'm with dot music limited. Konstantin has already submitted a comment on our behalf electronically but it was somewhat too late so i'd like to just address this in this particular session.just to provide some context, i would like to state that .music is the community applicant for .music that will shortly be under cpe. Be very happy, very privileged, very proud to state that we have at the moment a community application currently has the support of relevant music organizations that represent over 95% of all music consumed globally, and appropriate safeguards including meaningful music tailored copyright provisions to protect the global music community which is probably under siege as you guys probably know. It's -- everything's changed.so it's been a really fantastic couple of days here in buenos aires. We'd like to thank you very much for all the positive things that have been happening. We're thrilled with the way things are going. We're very confident. We're very happy. Can't wait for ireland. Had a clans to meet with barry, and as you can see, we are looking forward to a great meeting in ireland, in dublin, and we're also looking for some great music.and the last thing i wanted to say on behalf of our team was that the very, very last thing to say is that our community and our constituents look forward to a fair evaluation and we share the concerns raised by the gac. Thank you so much for everything. Have a wonderful evening. Bye-bye.[applause]

gonzalo navarro: thank you very much. Same to you.so i -- we have no more questions. I was informed that the bingo is done, so we can move. Steve?

Steve crocker: sorry. I was consumed with something else. What?

 (off microphone.)

Steve crocker: well, we'll do both.thank you. We are -- we are done, amazingly, on the time that we had set we were going to finish.we're going to take a super brief break, five-minute stretch, and come back and we will reassembly for a formal board meeting. We have a handful of items to discuss and several that we will pass fairly quickly, and things are moving along very smoothly here. Come back in five minutes.

Jacquelyn ruff: --note: this is a copy of theunedited real-time output fromthe scribes. A revised andformatted version will be postedafter the session. Thetranscription may be incompleteor inaccurate. It is posted asan aid to understanding theproceedings, but should not betreated as an authoritativerecord.----------------- icann53buenos aires, argentinajune 25, 2015board meeting

steve crocker: okay, folks. Please assemble. Time to go to work.all right, folks. Let me ask you to quiet down. I hereby call the meeting of the icann board of directors to order. And we will begin.there will be a handful of adjustments to the schedule. Because of flight schedules, we are going to move the consent agenda to not the first thing. We're going to take up a budget item that will allow cherine and ram to catch their plane. We have erika and rinalia participating remotely. I'll do a quick roll-call. We'll get everybody on the

record.we passed a resolution for the search committee on sunday. It's something we would normally do in public. I will do a quick recap of that. And there's also one of the consent items that we've now moved to the main agenda. Just try to keep up and we'll go forward.the meeting is now in session. Let me ask -- let me start with you, gonzalo, and we'll do a quick roll-call and then we'll get erika and rinalia remotely and then i'll move right into the business.

Gonzalo navarro: gonzalo navarro.

George sadowsky: george sadowsky.

Markus kummer: markus kummer.

Jonne soininen: jonne soininen, the ietf liaison.

Mike silber: mike silber.

Bruce tonkin: bruce tonkin. And, steve, if i could also request item 1b be moved into the main agenda as well. If i could just request that item 1g which is the approval of the cwg-related legal costs be moved to the main agenda.

Steve crocker: yes.

Suzanne woolf: suzanne woolf.

Chris disspain: chris disspain.

Cherine chalaby: cherine chalaby.

Steve crocker: steve crocker.

Ram mohan: ram mohan.

 Asha.

Fadi chehade: fadi chehade.

Kuo-wei wu: kuo-wei wu.

Wolfgang kleinwachter: wolfgang kleinwachter.

 Thomas schneider: thomas schneider.

Steve crocker: thank you. How do we get the response remotely? Chatroom. Rinalia says she's present. And, erika, are you there? No sign of erika. She may join us later. She is in a somewhat network challenged area. We have a quorum. I will proceed.so the first item that i would like to take up is listed as item 2b, the fy16 operating plan.let me ask cherine to move it.

Cherine chalaby: yeah.

Steve crocker: i'll second it. I will turn things over to you to describe it and then we'll have open discussion and we'll move right along.

Cherine chalaby: thank you. Can we put the first slide up, please?thank you. I'd like to introduce this topic as chair of the board finance committee. The budget was put out in draft. Comments have come back. And the budget has been adjusted. And i have to say as chair of the finance committee, that the budget process this year has been a very much improved process to previous years. And thanks primarily to the community and the way you have been involved and the way you have given us feedback and the way you have been flexible in understanding the limitations of the budget. And i would also like to thank xavier and the finance team for the hard work and the collaboration about the community and also

my fellow board members who participated in discussion with the community to understand the community comments and communities' concern. All in all, a very successful collaboration between the community, icann staff and the board.as a result, you can see here about four or five bullet points. I want to just stress some of them. First is the community involvement has been much, much better this year. The transparency about the draft budget and especially detailed costing of over 300 projects has been made available to everyone to see and comment on.and this year we've had a lot more time to consider and respond to public comments. And as i said earlier, the board members got involved with interviews with the committee -- when the community after those public comments were made. We sat down and got another perspective from them, what is important and what are their concerns.resulting from all of this is we have made changes to the budget based on community input, and this is, i think, for the first time since i've been on the board, we have done this in time as well before the fiscal year end.so thank you and thank you again to the community. And we're not done with improvements to the budget. Next year we plan to introduce further improvements, particularly cost analysis by critical functions such as iana. And this is very important as we go forward with the transition.so now i want to hand over to fadi, our ceo, who is going to present the final budget to the board for approval. Fadi?

Fadi chehade: thank you, mr. Chairman.the draft fy16 operating budget was prepared with community input. In singapore we had a workshop involving many members of the community to review the budget together and to understand how to meet your needs. As a result, we presented the board the fy16 operating budget in april. All of you have seen it. We had to remind you an in-depth discussion of multiple hours around the budget to make sure all of you -- all of us appreciate how it was built.i want to remind us that this year for the first time in our history, the budget is entirely anchored into the strategic plan of five objectives, 16 goals, 52 portfolios, and as you said, mr. Chairman, over 300 projects.and for the first time, we are showing the budget at the level of projects, so down to every one of the 300 plus projects we are showing the budget.what is incredible about the numbers that you've seen in april is that whilst this is the high-level view of the numbers that you see on your screen, the breakdown in detail was presented, reviewed, and the community has commented on it.we have received 85 comments from nine organizations. To summarize the topics of the comments centered around the following:notes that the policy support needed to be increased. Other comments focused on the lack of clarity on the usg transition and how it features in our budget. And, lastly, there were some very valuable and constructive comments on the kpis or the key performance indicaters, the way icann reports to the community on its success.we thank the community for these comments. They were very valuable. We closed the comment period on the 1st of may. As a result of that we have published our response on the 5th of june to the community. I can summarize that the responses come into two categories. Either clarifications to the community or changes that have a financial impact.on the clarification side, we have provided more information and details on the impact of the usg transition as well as some language edits, for example, on how we describe key performance indicaters in order to ensure the community and us are

aligned on how we will measure our work. Now on financial impact i would like to make a note to all of you. This is the first time in my tenure as your ceo that we are changing the budget. As a result, we're changing the financial elements of the budget as a result of very constructive community input. And i'm very pleased we're doing that now.so for the first time we have taken the specific input from the community. We analyzed it. And as a result the policy support has been increased across the areas of people, travel and professional services.this is a welcome set of comments that came constructively and collaborative from many of our community members.they could use the additional funding as well as our community who will also benefit additional travel and professional services.we also have increased the language services area by close to .6 million. Both of these increases range between 10 and 14% in terms of how much we increased these areas in the budget.now, this final bullet is important. We have made a commitment to all of you to stay within our budget and to not increase the contingency -- pardon me, to not increase the spending and finally find ourselves with a deficit.so in the interest of sticking with this commitment and given the fiduciary responsibility we have to you and to the community, we have, after some analysis, adjusted our contingency down so that we do not create a deficit next year.the resulting budget, which we are asking for you to approve today, has changes in the highlighted yellow areas. As i said before, the increase in policy support as well as in language services affects personnel, travel and meetings and professional services. And as you can see, these numbers have gone up.but we have adjusted the contingency down in order to stay within our budget. So that is the financial impact of this change.before closing, mr. Chairman, i just would like to make an important comment for us here. This budget of over $100 million, $113.4 million for ops, 49.5 for new gtld program, as a total of 162.9 is a budget that is built bottom-up and is built with community collaboration.i am not aware of any organization on the planet that builds a budget this size bottom-up. It's incredible actually -- and that provides detail to the level of a project now. 300 plus projects we're providing detail. This means we and the community are now partners in managing this budget together.i'm not going to name organizations around the world, but i've gone to some of the most respected organizations that are non-profit in the world. I couldn't even find full financials on their web sites. We have a full drill-down of our budget down to the project level. So with this, i give it back to you, mr. Chairman, and i hope this board will approve this budget for fy16.

Steve crocker: thank you very much. Thank you, cherine. Thank you, fadi.we'll open the discussion. I want to insert myself here.fadi, we're going to be speaking over time less now and more as we get closer to the end of your tenure about your accomplishments and your style of operation. The world has been most attentive to your external activities. But what you've just covered here is the all-important internal management and transformation that has taken place.and it's really quite astonishing. I have to echo what you are saying there and will be one of the most important parts of the legacy that you leave behind, the strength of the internal processes, the documentation, and the fiscal controls we have in place. It is nontrivial to manage budgets of this size. Each one focused on their aspect of what they think is important to do and then try to bring that all together into a coherent plan and to do

that on a stage that is wide open and has inputs from the entire world, i do appreciate and i think the world needs to appreciate the complexity and the fine-grain control that is implicit here. This doesn't come for free.so thank you very much.other comments? Any discussion? Fadi?

Fadi chehade: if i could add, it wouldn't be fair for you to mention me without me mentioning all the people that made this possible. So for the record on the minutes of the meeting, i would like specific thanks to our community, people in the ccnso who worked very hard to give us good input. I single outro roelof meijer for his very helpful input, people from the rest of the community, chuck gomes, and what he has done to help us and collaborate with us and many others. So special thanks to them.special thanks also on the record to the head of our bfc, our chairman of the bfc, cherine chalaby, and his style of working with us and guiding us. And, finally, frankly, to our cfo who is seated right here next to
 me, xavier calvez, and to our coo, susanna bennett, and to their great teams to have worked tirelessly to make this budget the first budget with this level of detail.

Steve crocker: i think --[applause]there is one other thing i feel compelled to focus on and then we'll move on quickly. What we've had, everyone has seen a rapidly rising budget in the past several years and we're now in an era where that's no longer the case. It is an enormous challenge to pivot from a rising budget to one that's leveling off because it feels like a negative budget to everybody who's been used to improvements, increases every year.so this is serious hard work and it doesn't give the normal thrill that you get from being out and interacting with people and all the things where cameras are flashing and so on and so forth. So, anyway, my hat's off to you.with no further discussion, i call for the vote. All those in favor -- oh, you got to read the resolution. Oh, please.

Cherine chalaby: i will read the resolution before the voting.resolved, the board adopts the fy16 operating plan and budget and in doing so establishes the variable accreditation fees per registrar and transaction as set forth in the fy16 operating plan and budget.

Steve crocker: thank you. I call for the vote. All those in favor say aye.[chorus of ayes.]do we have a vote from rinalia and/or erika?

Chris disspain: we have a yes from rinalia.

Steve crocker: thank you. Any opposed?

Erika mann: ---

steve crocker: wonderful, erika. Thank you. Any opposed?[no verbal response.]any abstentions?[no verbal response.]the budget for fy16 passes unanimously. Well done.[applause]i know that cherine and ram, that you have a car waiting for you. Thank you very much.

Ram mohan: thank you.

Steve crocker: and safe travels.

Cherine chalaby: thank you.

Steve crocker: and for the record, they are leaving the meeting but we still have a quorum.i want to do the following. We did a -- we passed a resolution sunday. It's the nature of the resolution -- the nature of the resolution we passed is one that we would normally do in this

setting to be quite visible and public about it. But there was some urgency to put it on the record so that we could take care of some other actions. You've already heard the essence of it which was the creation of the search committee, of the ceo search committee. And now if i can find it, i want to just read off the names.so the search committee is shared by george sadowsky and the members of the search committee are rinalia, cherine chalaby, myself, chris disspain, markus kummer, ram mohan and ray plzak and the resolution is posted and public and so forth. But in keeping with the broad promise that we've made to put as much of this as we can in plain view, i wanted to surface that, bring that, and present it here.there's no -- there's no action required at this point. It's a done deal.so with that, i want to move back to the consent agenda. The consent agenda has a series of items on it. And we're going to deal with -- i have too many pieces of paper here.the consent agenda has a series of items, they're labeled 1a through 1k. Not going to read -- i'm just going to read the list of them but two of them are going to be dealt with especially, 1g approval of payment of certai n cwg-stewardship related legal costs is moved from the consent agenda to the main agenda so that we can have some discussion. This is done at the request without any discussion by any board member, two board members have requested that we move it and so that's what we do. P.i will read just the titles of these except when i get to departing community members and then go into a bit of detame. One a is the approval of minutes from 26a, 2015. 1b is appointment of b-review soimp operator representative to the rssac. C is the suffix list. D adoption of framework of interpretation for cctld delegations and redelegations.1e is the march 2016 icann meeting venue contractorring. 1f, october 2016 icann meeting venue contracting. 1h the thank you for departing community members. I will come back to that 1i, thank you to sponsors of icann 53 meek. 1j thank you to interpreters, staff and event and hotel teams of this meeting. And 1k, thank you to the local hosts of the icann 53 meeting.each of these has been through the appropriate processes in committee, had thorough discussion, and there is no -- no need for extended discussion at the board level except the formality of passing these.the community recognition.we want to thank the following members of the at-large community for concluding his term of service, evan leibovitch, and and future challenges working group chair.. I want to thank richard "dick" leaning, public safety working group, and we had a little bit of tribute to him last night.and from the registrars stakeholder group in the generic names supporting organization, recognizing in memoriam for his service robert bob connelly founder of the registrars stakeholder group.i want to thank everybody, and one hopes that we don't have to do too many in memoriams. This is not supposed to kill us. But as everybody knows, everybody put all the -- all the volunteers put in a huge amount of work.so with that, i ask for a consent vote. All in favor, say aye.

Multiple voices: aye.

Steve crocker: erika?

Erika mann: aye.

Steve crocker: rinalia votes yes.any opposed?any abstentions?erika?

 She said yes.

Steve crocker: oh, she said yes?

Erika mann: yes.

Steve crocker: thank you.the consent agenda has passed unanimously. Thank you very much.and we now move on to item 2a on the agenda, which is refinement of the second similarity review for evaluation of the idn cctld applications.chris, let me to introduce this, move it, and --

chris disspain: thank you, steve. I'm not going to -- i'll read the resolution and then give a brief explanation. I won't read the whereases or we'll be here all day. The resolution says the board asks the ccnso in consultation with the other stakeholders, including the gac and the ssac, to provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology of second string -- of the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of its split recommendations to be applied to the relevant current and subsequent cases in the idn cctld fast-track process as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of idn cctld strings.in summary, we introduced -- the ccnso introduced a second appeals mechanism to look at any strings that were found in the first run-through to be confusingly similar with an existing string.the result of that was that a number of the strings that had been difficult were approved, but one particular string was -- the finding of the panel was that it was not confusingly similar in lowercase, but it is confusingly similar in upper case .so we are asking the ccnso, in conjunction with the gac and the ssac, to do some work to tell us whether the confusion in upper case is a problem or not, and we expect the ccnso to undertake this work over the coming months in conjunction with the relevant staff.steve, that's the explanation.would you like me to propose a resolution?

Steve crocker: yes. And we're going to move --

chris disspain: i'll move the resolution, yeah.

Steve crocker: second? Ray. Good.any discussion?

Fadi chehade: chris?

Chris disspain: yes, fadi.

Fadi chehade: just a question. Is there any expectation on the time frame? Could we -- could we? Because i think we all know what this is potentially holding up.

Chris disspain: i understand.the ccnso community will move as quickly as they possibly can, but it's not actually possible for us -- since it's their process, it's not actually possible for us to impose a time frame. But my understanding is we're talking a matter of, you know, a couple of months, three months, maybe. There are workload issues, obviously. But i will endeavor to ensure that it is dealt with as quickly as possible.

Steve crocker: further discussion?call the question. All in favor?

Multiple voices: aye.

Steve crocker: any opposed?any abstentions?erika?

Erika mann: yes, (indiscernible).

Steve crocker: thank you, erika. And i have a yes for rinalia. The measure passes unanimously.thank you very much. Which moves us to the last item on the agenda, which is item 1g which we pulled off the consent agenda.let me ask asha to introduce this and lead us

through it.

Asha hemrajani: thank you, steve. So shall i read the resolution first or --

steve crocker: yes.

Asha hemrajani: okay.this resolution is about the approvement of payment to external legal counsel.so resolved, the board approves the payment of $508,624.88 to sidley austin llp for professional services rendered and expenses incurred through march 31st, 2015 for the cwg stewardship and directs icann to take all steps necessary to make the appropriate payments..so on this particular topic, i have been talking to some of the members and chairs of the cwg and the ccwg, and what they shared with me is the external legal advisors have made a very significant contribution to the work of the cwg and the ccwg.so we're really glad this has worked out since the community has been discussing the need for legal support at icann 52 in my home town of singapore.so i'm also heartened to hear about the mechanism that the chairs of both the cwg and the ccwg have put in place to certify or vet the questions before they're sent to legal counsel. So while i'll be voting to approve this payment, i would like to encourage both groups to continue to exercise prudence and efficiency when managing legal advice.bruce, would you like to add something to that?

Bruce tonkin: yeah, thank you, asha.i noticed you mentioned the ccwg, and that's not really contained in the motion or the rationale. So i had just like to suggest that perhaps, without changing the motion, that at least in the rationale we take note that the same law firm that was chosen for the cwg on the naming work or cross-community working group on naming is the same law firm that's been chosen to provide advice for the cross-community working group on accountability.so there have been some cost efficiencies in using the same law firm. So if we can just incorporate that in the rationale, just noting that the same firm is being used by the ccwg.and then i've also just checked. So this resolution is for the approval of costs, just over half a million dollars, for march. We're now in june, and i've just checked with the staff. We've received similar levels of invoices for april as well. So we're at a run rate of over half a million dollars a month. And to put that in perspective, a half a million dollars relate -- effectively, that would mean there would be more than a million consumers and organizations, their registrations, to pay for a month of legal fees. That's quite significant.and i notice fadi had a contingency in his budget of 2.9 million. At a run rate of 500,000 a month, it would be quite significant.just noting that, to get over the hump of the process where we've had to use expert advice that is quite specialist, we should now start to leverage in-house resources and just be mindful in operating the most efficient way possible from a cost perspective.

Asha hemrajani: thanks, bruce.i will come to you, chris.i just wanted to say yes, you're right, this figure here of half a million is only for the cwg. But i was just saying that, in general, when i talked to both groups, they have started to, you know, implement ways, mechanisms to ensure that no frivolous questions go through external counsel.chris?

Chris disspain: thanks, asha.so no implied criticism at all. I'm speaking as a lawyer.first of all, bruce, you're right, but it's important to remember that, in fact, the ccwg has two law firms, not one. And so one of them is sidley, and the other law firm is -- i can't remember. Adler, i

think. There are some additional costs. And the other point i would make is -- again, not intending to criticize the process. I think it's fine and they've done fantastic work, but we are currently -- cwg stewardship process is in effect at the end in the sense that the cwg work has gone up to the icg, but the ccwg is slap bang in the middle.so i expect that the fees for june, for this meeting and june generally, will be significantly higher and may well be higher in july as well.

Fadi chehade: yeah, i just want to be clear on a point that asha mentioned and is written, but i want to be superbly clear that the community specifically asked us not to control how these funds are spent. So we, as staff or board, have no lever, no mechanism on this amount. As the community asks outside counsel for help, they obviously provide it without any comment on the service, because that's not my prerogative.but simply to clarify that these bills of hundreds of thousands of dollars are completely controlled by the community requests. We are not engaged in controlling those funds, in capping those funds. At the request of the community, we stand back and simply pay the bills, and that's what we're doing.and just to be clear, the number you saw of 500-some thousand dollars, that's started on march 6th and was up to march 31st. So that's less than a month in march, was a half million dollars.and i agree with chris that the expectation is that those numbers right now, in the way that the community is asking that counsel to participate, are not looking like they're going down.

Bruce tonkin: okay. Yes, so just making clear, we fully support the request from the community for that external legal advice, and i think we heard this week from both the cwg and ccwg that it's been immensely helpful. So i'm offering these comments more in the is sense that as we move through the next few months that we're just conscious of when do we need to use that external advice versus not, just giving a sense of the cost involved.

Fadi chehade: sorry, bruce. But when you say to be conscious, you don't mean me or the staff.

Bruce tonkin: i'm actually directing this at the community.

Fadi chehade: you mean the community should be conscious.

Bruce tonkin: yes.

Fadi chehade: because i have no control over this. I only pay the bills at your -- at your direction.

Steve crocker: any further discussion?i call the question.all -- oh, yes. Thank you, ray.would you like to move it?

Ray plzak: yeah, i'll move it.

Steve crocker: all right. Asha, would you like --

asha hemrajani: i'll second it.

Steve crocker: thank you.all right. It's been moved and seconded.i'll call the question. All in favor?

Multiple voices: aye.

Steve crocker: erika?

Erika mann: aye.

Steve crocker: thank you.and rinalia has voted yes.any opposed?any abstentions?the measure passes. Thank you very much.that completes the listed items on the agenda.is there any other business?excellent. It's now 6:21. Drinks are served at 6:30 in san telmo, downstairs. Thank you all, and this concludes the icann board meeting in argentina.[applause]

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