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Monday, June 22, 2020 – 10:00 to 11:00 MYT

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It is now my pleasure to hand the floor to GAC chair, Manal Ismail. Manal, over to you. And may I ask our tech team to unmute Manal, please. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Yes. Can you hear me now? (audio feedback)

GULTEN TEPE: There is an echo on the line. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Can you hear me better now?

GULTEN TEPE: Perfectly. Thank you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Perfect. Sorry for this. And good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone and welcome to the Opening Plenary of the GAC meetings held on the margins of ICANN68, Monday 22nd of June, 2020. The session is scheduled for an hour from 1000 to 1100 Kuala Lumpur time. It's been awhile since we last met face-to-face. I hope you and your families are all staying well, safe, and healthy. And thank you for your participation despite the challenging circumstances and also a challenging time zone for some.

So as you can see on the screen, I appreciate if you make sure to review the ICANN community antiharassment policy when participating in ICANN meeting and also review our expected standards of behavior. And also note the ombudsman email address should you wish to schedule anything.

If we can go to the following slide, please. So during this session, we will be covering some administrative matters to help you participate to the meeting and feel comfortable in the Zoom room. We will also go through the schedule highlighting some sessions, reporting on leadership inter-sessional efforts and activities and finally the process

that will be followed to develop the GAC communique. Our GAC meeting will take place from Monday 22nd of June to Thursday, 25th of June. The working hours are from 1000 to 1730 Kuala Lumpur time, 200 to 930 UTC and again, I apologize in advance to those who may be challenged by those working hours.

We normally start our plenary with a Tour de Table for self destructions but given the remote setup, we will be recording attendance from the Zoom room as Gulten mentioned, and that said, we would kindly ask GAC members and observers to identify themselves as such in the Zoom pod so that this would facilitate the recording of attendance but also the handling of floor requests. Again, as you all know, our sessions are all open and we may be joined by other members of the community. To request the floor, please raise hand in Zoom room or let us know if you are not in the Zoom room, and Gulten will explain in more details all the technical capabilities of the Zoom room setup shortly. And again as Gulten said, when given the floor, we appreciate making sure to say your name for the transcript and speak slowly, clearly, and close to the mic. I'm very excited and thankful to ICANN, to the GAC's request to provide realtime interpretation in six languages plus Portuguese despite even more challenges in setup this time.

At ICANN 67 we were provided technical services and technical support from ICANN headquarters in Los Angeles. This time with the lock down everywhere, interpreters are supporting ICANN68 each from his or her own home so a challenging set up and I hope it will work smoothly for everyone. And please if you have any questions,

feel free to raise your hand any time during the presentation. So Gulten, if you would like to review the technical capabilities, I think it may be a good time now. Shall I hand over the floor to you?

GULTEN TEPE: Thank you, Manal. Hello again, everyone. Great to see each and every one of you. I will be covering a couple of items to be able to run a smooth virtual meeting. Displaying the agenda on the screen shortly. The first note will be to log into the GAC website as you might see on the right upper corner it says welcome Gulten. Otherwise, you will not be able to see the documents since some of them are not public They will be turned into public mode after the session has taken place. Going into the first session, GAC opening plenary… we already published the briefings in English as well as their translations. You may see session details parts here. [refer to slide]. Web conference link and dial in info. And these details also shared with you via calendar invitations sent by myself last week. And going to the introduction page on the agenda… here on the introduction parts. You may find ICANN68 GAC schedule published in PDF, overall block schedule, and Zoom RTT links.

As our usual practice, we post briefings as zip files. And also on a single PDF document. If you missed a session, I would recommend you to check the ICANN meetings page. You might find recordings there. And I would share this link with you in the chat pod. You may see the schedule part right here nearby prep sessions tab and many details shared with you as well.

Within the Zoom room, you are all familiar by now so just a refresher, you may see a hand raise icon on the participant section and you will be able to see you are in the queue. And GAC attendance is noted in the chat box. Thank you so much for doing that. And you all might know by now, big progress this time is interpretation service we provide. So a very special thanks to our language services team and all of our interpreters for their efforts. I hope all of our remote participants downloaded the Congress Rental Network app to their mobile phones by now. Congress Rental Network is a listen only platform and takes the place of the headset we would typically provide on-site at a venue. We recommend you to use a separate device to listen to the interpreted audio. It is possible to have both Zoom and CRN running on the same device but it might create confusion in terms of audio.

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open in ICANN68. With that, I propose to run a quick test and leave the floor to Julia.

JULIA CHARVOLEN: I will read a sentence in French. (overlapping languages)

GULTEN TEPE: I hope you were all able to listen to Julia in the language you selected in the CRN application and if you experienced any difficulties, please note them in private chat and we will do our best to resolve them during the session, but certain issues may need to wait until the break period. This is all from our end for now. Thank you, back to you, Manal, and we will display the slides shortly.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Can you hear me?

GULTEN TEPE: Yes, Manal. We can hear you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. So if we can get the presentation to slide 6...

GULTEN TEPE: Of course, coming up shortly.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So first I would like to -- I'm hearing myself twice, I'm sorry. I would like to thank you all for continued engagement inter-sessionally and in preparation for this meeting. We have followed the same approach that we followed for ICANN67, reducing the number of sessions to important and pressing topics, prioritized sessions to include new ggTLD subsequent rounds, registration data and DNS abuse and additionally the GAC leadership held bilaterally meetings of the ICANN week and I will speak more to this later and working groups will be encouraged to meet and will be provided a slot at the wrap-up session to report back to the GAC should you wish to do so.

We continue to avoid conflict on GNSO sessions on subsequent procedures and the GAC leadership encourages to all to participate in the session. And if we go to the following slide for a bigger view of the schedule for everyone to see it better... we also avoided conflict with the cross community panels on DNS abuse and malicious registration during COVID, the second panel on the DNS and the Internet of things or opportunities, risks, and challenges, and the third on ICANN post COVID-19, the use of virtual meetings, and please note that I have been invited to participate to this last panel with other SO AC chairs so please let me know if there are other [indiscernible] you would like to convey on behalf of the GAC through this panel.

And also like ICANN67, as we noticed some members and observers will be disadvantaged by the time zone, the GAC arranged for a 30 minute slot for daily update on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 1600 to 1630 UTC and we welcome GAC members and observers, who would like to be updated or wish to provide any comments or ask questions

on sessions they have missed due to painful hours. That said, it's important to note that this daily update session will be outside the official working hours of the meeting. They will not be considered part of the official record of ICANN68, will not be recorded and will not benefit from language services or technical support but will be supported as a normal call by our wonderful GAC support team.

The agenda posted on the GAC website as Gulten explained is meant to serve as a one-stop shop or in other words a single place where you can find everything you need for the meeting, session times, material, links to Zoom rooms, so please make use of it. And finally, the wrap-up session which is the final session of the GAC meetings during ICANN68 will offer an opportunity to learn from certain GAC working groups. I understand we will be hearing the underserved regions working group and the universal acceptance and IDN working group. Additionally GAC support will outline for participants the timeline for the next round of elections for GAC leadership that is due to start and will conclude during ICANN69.

Unlike face-to-face meetings, it's more challenging to remain focused for long hours during online meetings, so we allowed for a 30 minute break between any two sessions to ensure you all stretch, refresh, recharge for the following session but also to make sure you have enough time to settle and get connected to the Zoom room as well as to the realtime interpretation platform. And please feel free to raise your hand if you have any questions as I proceed. So any questions on the schedule? We will be coming to the communique process later. And if not, then we can go to the following slide please.

Again, with many thanks to you all for your active participation inter-sessionally since ICANN67, the GAC contributed to a number of ICANN community public forums and cross community efforts, including the initial report of the EPDP Phase 2, security, stability and resiliency second review team draft report and again, all those documents are recorded and tracked on a special web page of the GAC website and you can find the link to this in the GAC brief.

In March, late March, GAC members met in a virtual session and considered topics GAC should consider in implementation of new ICANN five-year strategic plan and since ICANN67, the GAC has also sent and received correspondence regarding matters of importance to the GAC, including the proposed acquisition of pir and .org, concerned regarding changes to the timeline of subsequent procedures and status of GAC advice in the action request register. And between, all the documents are on the website and the link is in the GAC briefs. GAC support staff are also continuing to follow on matters and action items from ICANN67 and those action items are all tracked and listed in a Google Doc, again, the link of which you will find in the GAC brief.

Going to the following slide on the latest leadership discussions with other SO AC chairs, so in addition to the inter-sessional work and several calls and webinars you were all part of, the GAC leadership conducted additional activities with ICANN CEO as well as with other SO AC chairs and leaderships. We used to have a three-hour roundtable discussion between ICANN CEO and SO and AC chairs at the beginning of each face-to-face meeting. Now given the current remote setup and absence of face-to-face meetings, this roundtable

was replaced by three inter-sessional calls held between the SO AC relationships and ICANN CEO, each focusing on a specific topic. The first topic was a discussion about specific requirements and criteria for planning and conducting virtual ICANN meetings. The discussion focused on specific needs and guidelines for virtual meetings that meets specific objectives and community needs, the discussion resulted in ICANN org preparing a draft proposal for phased return to large face-to-face meetings. The paper was circulated on the GAC mailing list and will be subject to discussion on the third plenary of ICANN68 which I mentioned earlier invited to participate to, to discuss this paper and also to share how the GAC is prioritizing its work and how we are handling inter-sessional work, virtual meetings, as well as the GAC communique. So again, please let me know if you have any thoughts or views I should share on behalf of the GAC on any of those topics.

The second topic of those three inter-sessional calls was a presentation and kickoff discussion about next steps in evolving ICANN's multi-stakeholder unified access model. We had an initial discussion about next steps based on the existing work streams and in view of the community's overall workload and priorities, a webinar was held for the community during ICANN68 prep week to allow for community engagement and there will be also an open public comment period for the community to provide further input on next steps.

The third and last topic is a discussion about the status of reviews and implementation of review recommendations and given the number of

recommendations that are in queue for implementation, this needed action. There are nearly 180 recommendations issued by the community from the work stream to the CCT review, RDS WHOIS review and the ATRT3. And there are potentially 100 more to come from the stability and security second review team. Each recommendation passes through different steps from visibility evaluation, board approval, development of an implementation plan, prioritization, scheduling of implementation into the strategic and operating plans before the reaching the actual implementation. So during the discussion there was special focus on prioritization of work stream 2 recommendations as a –

GULTEN TEPE: Manal, I am so sorry so interrupt you. I just received a notice from our interpreters. Could you please speak up? And there is also a typing noise that we are trying to identify the root of. Thank you very much for your understanding. Back to you, Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you. Is this better now?

GULTEN TEPE: Please let me get the confirmation. Thank you, Manal. Much better now.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. I'm sorry. I was saying there was special focus on prioritization of workstream 2 recommendations as a crucial first step, especially in times of flattened budgets and threats of community burnout. Other leadership activities included bilateral meetings with the GNSO ccTLD sno, ALAC and stakeholder group, and topics mainly revolved around DNS abuse, subsequent procedures and EPDP.

On DNS abuse, the GAC leadership and topic leads from the public safety working group flagged GAC's interest in knowing what is next on DNS abuse in light of the letter sent by the subsequent procedures PDP working group co-chairs to the GNSO council chair. The letter indicated the need for some other process for working on DNS abuse to ensure that its output applies equally to both, new gTLD and existing ones. All groups acknowledge the the existence of GAC advice on the matter, referring to implementation of relevance CCT review team recommendations before any further new rounds. It was mentioned that any next round may still be years away which would give enough time for a meaningful discussion. Also given the wide community interest on the topic, it was agreed that the GNSO will prepare and share with interested SO and ACs, a framing document that would guide further discussion on alternative approaches or combination of approaches available for consideration. The framing document would describe the different approaches, the respective timing, as well as the pros and cons of each. Initially discussed approaches included formation of a cross community working group that would address topic in a broad and flexible manner versus creation of a specific PDP that would ultimately impact a specific

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registry contract provisions. And we already have two sessions scheduled for this discussion on DNS abuse.

On subsequent procedures, the GAC leadership, in particular topic leads Luisa and Jorge, GAC vice chairs from Canada and Switzerland respectively, worked on material to guide GAC leadership on the topic, compiled input, liaised with the working groups and aligned with other SO and AC's. Of course everything done was with significant help from support staff so we have submitted the compiled version of 23 comments submitted by individual GAC members and observers on five topics, namely the public interest commitments, GAC early warning and GAC advice, applicant support, community applications and closed generics. And we have been also discussing with ALAC issues of common interest, GAC early early warning, advice, GAC act safeguards, community applications and priority application and applicant support in addition to other topics of interest to the ALAC. So next steps would be working on an analyzing individual GAC responses for possible common ground, identifying other priority topics, analyzing and discussing the final report and ultimately drafting GAC consensus input into the public comment period. And we have scheduled three sessions for this discussion.

On EPDP Phase 2, the GAC leadership along with the topic leads from the GAC EPDP small group shared GAC concerns in relation to priority issues that may not be resolved within Phase 2 such as data accuracy, legal versus natural, privacy proxy providers, uniform, anonymized email contacts, as well as the evolution standard for access and disclosure. And next steps being considered by the GNSO council and

the GAC leadership and topic leads are following up to ensure a clear and definite path for continued efforts to address spending issues and also working to align views with other like-minded constituencies such as the ALAC and SSAC. EPDP Phase 2 is targeted for completion by June as the current chair is due to leave and an extension requested by the EPDP until the end of July which will most likely be approved. It is currently being considered by the GNSO council. And that said, any remaining work that carries past June 30 will be managed by the current vice chair and if the work extends further, a new chair will need to be appointed.

Another bilateral of the GAC leadership was held with the board GAC interaction group members where board members acknowledged that receipt of GAC early input can serve as an early heads-up to the board and community about governments' concerns. At the same time, however, the receipt of formal consensus advice before the final policy recommendations creates two main challenges. First, the bylaws-mandated procedures cannot be initiated until the final policy recommendations are issued by the GNSO. And second, circumstances may change between the time the GAC provides its consensus advice and the GNSO PDP issues its policy recommendations, possibly resulting in the need for evolution of that advice.

It was also noted that the recent GAC ICANN67 communique did not contain GAC consensus advice but did provide input on certain issues of importance to the GAC, namely pir subsequent procedures and EPDP, the three on which were acknowledged on this call. It was

agreed that while such input does not constitute formal consensus advice, it would be appropriate for the board to acknowledge its receipt in writing which would serve both to confirm to the GAC that its input a noted and to ensure transparency for the broader community. It was hence agreed that ICANN policy staff would draft a short description of the process for acknowledging and registering GAC [indiscernible] advice input.

The GAC leadership also followed up on GAC's interest in recent efforts by the board to examine ICANN's obligation regarding the global public interest, GPI. The board continue to go work on its public interest paper and will eventually release it. It was agreed that this would be a good topic for the recently renewed GAC ICANN CEO dialogue. So the topic is being considered for an upcoming call.

Very quickly on other topic, IGO protection seems to be on track. The new IGO protections work effort was recently approved by the GNSO council and it comes under the umbrella of the GNSO existing rights protection mechanisms working group. The next step for the council will be to initiate the call for a chair to lead and for community members to participate to this effort.

ATRT3 the report is finalized and there are a number of recommendations related to the GAC that needs our attention and comments are due by 31st of July. Enhancing the effective of ICANN's multi-stakeholder model is also posted for comments due by the second of August, and the GAC leadership also discussed with the GNSO a potential webinar for the GAC after ICANN68 on GNSO PDP 3.0.

And finally, auction proceeds also popping up as a priority, with the report now finalized and shared with all chartering organizations for approving within 60 days. And in preparation for this input, auction proceeds leadership is planning to schedule two webinars, one providing an overview of the final report for all SO and AC and the second as a Q&A session for individual SO and AC's upon request and the GAC leadership has already confirmed the GAC's interest in having such a session on the communique drafting. We have five sessions scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday and also a review point tomorrow on Tuesday. And it was agreed on the call we held that drawing on the experience of communique drafting process at ICANN67, we will be more or less following the same process.

And just to remind everyone, this was to encourage early sharing of draft communique language, have this discussed remotely during the scheduled sessions, circulate the final communique over email, and allow a number of days for everyone to review in their own time zone before adopting and posting. It was also proposed to stay flexible as to whether to issue a normal communique including GAC consensus advice or just keep it informational reporting back on our meeting. So basically we are ready to receive any topics or issues that needs to be flagged or reflected in the communique. Pleases make sure to highlight those as early as possible, especially if you are proposing a topic for a GAC advice.

Just to recall two things from our meeting -- but before I, again, I believe Fabien will be sharing the URL for a Google Doc for everyone to insert their communique language. GAC members and GAC working

groups can provide the summary of their proceedings or activities during the meeting week. GAC support staff will be drafting text on non-advice sections, namely the inter constituency activities and community engagement and internal matters, whereas the GAC members observers and GAC leadership will be providing draft language for other parts of the communique including issues of importance to the GAC, GAC consensus advice if any, as well as a follow-up consensus advice section. Two highlights from our last call on the process, we need to agree how long to allow before the communique is considered adopted and published and also it was agreed on the call that we should keep the door open as to whether or not to provide GAC consensus advice but it was stressed that this should only be limited to only pressing matters.

One last thing before I stop... Jorge has already shared with the GAC leadership the procedure that was agreed for decision making of the UN General Assembly during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to inspire our own practice once a GAC advice has been finalized in a virtual session. The decision authorizes the president of the General Assembly to circulate after consultation with the general committee draft decisions of the General Assembly to allow member states under a silence procedure of last 72 hours -- sorry, so all member states under a silence procedure of 72 hours. And it was decided if the silence is not broken, the decision should be considered adopted. So this was flagged by Jorge to the GAC leadership, and I just felt it was due to be shared with the wider GAC membership as well.

I will stop here and please let me know of any questions. I already see Kavouss' hand. Sorry if I have kept you waiting, I just recognized your hand. Very sorry, please go ahead.

IRAN: Can you hear me?

GULTEN TEPE: Yes, we can hear you.

IRAN: Thank you very much. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. At this time I am speaking from Geneva, Switzerland, waking up at 3:00 and going from this meeting to go to another meeting, difficult but no problem. Thank you very much, Manal, for your very constructive, helpful, and comprehensive briefing which helped many of us who have not been able to follow the situation.

At the outset, at least I myself and perhaps others could join me in expressing our sincere aappreciation to ICANN staff and supporting staff and yourself and the leadership for the tremendous and considerable amount of efforts that have been made to prepare this meeting. Within one day I see more than 25 emails from Gulten, it means a lot of work, and Julia and Rob and others, and also we thank all the people that have worked within the sessions to prepare this meeting. Manal, I am attending a non-ICANN meeting and I think we should take a pragmatic approach, not to go too much in formality of

the silence and non-silence issue, so on, so forth and try to benefit from the pressing issues as you have mentioned and try to go ahead with what is really important to follow.

The first thing, Manal, I have to mention -- perhaps it was mentioned by others -- that we have been facing an unprecedented and peculiar situation this last year and this year. And I think at least there should be some mention in operating principle of the GAC meeting that in addition to the physical meeting due to the pressing circumstances or circumstances, it might be necessary to have the virtual meeting of GAC and perhaps that should be taken up also in the ICANN activity. So it should be mentioned this situation.

I don't want to put in question the type of the decision, saying these are not very formal. I think communique, Manal, is our statement to our work, and I think we should give as much as possible value to that and not undermine the value of that, saying this is provisional or this is subject to [indiscernible] try to make it clear that because that is position of governments, of the countries and so on.

With respect to communique itself, thank you very much for briefing us, yes, you have only to go to the pressing points. Something that has came to my mind is that sometimes, dear Manal, we go repeating many things. We should avoid to repeat items which we have already addressed or under consideration, and thanks to the ICANN board and also yourself for having a resume of all the GAC advice under consideration so we should know that something is being treated in the pipeline and waiting for a decision and not starting to repeat that.

On the other hand, we need to be quite careful in the number items of the communique -- absolutely minimum necessary; as you mentioned, pressing. And we have to make every effort to avoid repeating something. On the EPDP, as I have mentioned to yourself, distinguished Manal and some other EPDP members, sometimes my text will be kept until it is authorized, which is something I want to tell you, not only for that but for any other meeting. If you receive a result of a meeting no matter what working group and we comment on that, we don't want that our comment will be held up until it is authorized. It should be immediately available. I don't understand this. Because the chair of the meeting may be very busy and not have time to authorize and it could miss the time. Sometimes a good comment not duly taken into account. This is the first point which applied to every working group and EPDP.

On the EPDP, as I have mentioned several times, we have members in the EPDP, and these members by virtue of the act of representing GAC, I hope, but they are part of the group. So if the point is not taken due to the nature of the meeting that you have to have some consensus, we should be quite careful for not to be reraising again and putting some sort of a slowdown on the activities of EPDP and not pushing for something which is not agreed on by others. Valid but the importance is that there's no question who is right and who is wrong. The question is that we need to [indiscernible] each other. So we should make every effort not to repeat something that was not agreed by the 30 members or 28 members of the EPDP, again and again. This is very important that we have to be very careful.

On the silence procedure, I'm not very much in favor of silence procedures. If it's for the UN, let's leave it to the UN. But silence procedures means those that have missed to comment, their point will not be taken into account. It's called in international law "tacit agreement", it's not good, in particular for many developing countries. I'm sorry, I hope I have not taken too much time. And I have put in the chat for you, Manal, we need a little bit of a smile. Thank you. Mute me, please. Thank you.

GULTEN TEPE: Thank you very much for your comments, Kavouss.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kavouss, for your comments, all well noted. Again, back to the process in the remaining minutes, we have agreed on 24 hours last time at ICANN67 that we circulate the communique, leave it for 24 hours for everyone to review in their own time zone, given that the time of the meeting and the communique drafting sessions may be held at a time that is painful or challenging for other colleagues. So there was a request to extend this a bit on the GAC call, and again, I invite you all to let us know how long should this be or should we maintain it as 24 for this time as well. And I will try to make sure to smile, Kavouss, next time I open the video. It's a late hour on my end, apologies.

So I see no other requests for the floor. We're at the hour. I would like to thank everyone. This concludes the GAC Opening Plenary. It is time

now for a 30-minute break. Please be back at half past for a session with the GAC public safety working group on DNS abuse mitigation. So thank you, everyone.

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