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Chris Dillon
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Daniel Kalchev

Apologies:
Bart Boswinkel

ICANN Staff:
Julia Charvolen

Coordinator: Please go ahead. This afternoon's conference call is now being recorded.

Julia Charvolen: Thank you (Tim). Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone, and welcome to the JIG Working Group meeting on Tuesday, the 25th of June 2013. On the call today, we have Fahd Batayneh, Daniel Kalchev, Chris Dillon, and Edmon Chung. We gave apologies from Bart Boswinkel, and from staff, we have myself, Julia Charvolen.

May I remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes? Thank you very much and over to you.

Edmon Chung: Thank you. This is Edmon here and so thank you everyone for joining. I note that (Jane) hasn't joined yet. I was trying to connect with her. Hopefully she will be able to join shortly.

But in any case, I sent out a brief agenda for today, mainly three items. One as an update on the draft final report on the virtual acceptance of IDN variant gTLDs. I was hoping to save a little bit of time to finalize the letter to ccNSO and GNSO councils and respond to the - in response to the board resolution on IDN (banning) TLDs report and then some preparation on our Durban Meeting.

I note that Bart is not here so we will probably not have an update unless Julia you have any information on where we are on the posting of the final - the draft final report on the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs for public comment.

Julia Charvolen: I'm sorry I don't.

Edmon Chung: Okay, it seems like it has been dragging on for some time. We were told in the last meeting it was supposed to be posted like quickly after. I don't see it yet, so I assume it's still in the queue, but I guess with that, I will take Bart's part on it and give everyone an update on the mailing list.

So besides that, any other items people want to bring up.

Chris Dillon: Edmon, this is Chris Dillon. It's actually a question about the - just the number of the drafts of the universal acceptance document, because the draft I have is quite an old one. It is Version 0.5. May I confirm? Is that the latest version or has there been something after 0.5?

Edmon Chung: there should have been a 1.0 that was circulated to the list and that would be the final.

Chris Dillon: Right. Yes, I will go back and dig that out.

Edmon Chung: I'm happy to. I will send it to you again right after this call.

Chris Dillon: Thank you very much.

Edmon Chung: No worries, but the point is that we really should get it out. It has been quite some time, so I will chase Bart on it. I understand that Bart had some personal items he was working through, but we will figure it out and I will update everyone back on the list.

Okay, so the second item I don't expect us to really do all of the finalization on this call. I will send out - as usual, send it to the mailing list for last call, but would like to spend some time to talk a little bit about the letter that was circulated last time and I had an updated version a couple of days ago sent to the list.

Mainly, updated according to the discussion last time, which was to - the substance of the letter hasn't been changed. The structure was changed so that there are three appendices, two of which are draft letters for consideration by the ccNSO and GNSO councils, and then Annex 1 is the bulk of the discussion in response to the ICANN board resolution. So and accompanying that is a very short sort of letter that the JIG would send to the ccNSO and GNSO councils with the annex that - as I mentioned.

So with that, I don't know whether anyone has any thoughts, or comments, or suggestions on the - you know on the draft or any part of the draft letter. Okay, hearing nothing, I think it may be difficult to have a full discussion here.

I did receive a couple of emails from different people about some minor edits since I sent it out earlier, and I will incorporate them and send it back to the list, but I would like to maybe highlight a few items here and see if at least this

group is comfortable with the main recommendations in a way that we are sending back to the two councils.

So the core recommendation you know after reviewing the IDN variant TLD reports, one on the LGR, the Labor Generation Rule set and one on the user experience. The few main recommendations back to the councils is - the first one is that this is - the implementation of IDN variant TLDs is - contains matters of policy decision and therefore should be within the purview of ccNSO and GNSO.

It's not a purely technical matter and the two supporting organizations should produce policy recommendations and continue to monitor and oversee the policy implementation of IDN variant TLDs. That's number one, which is an important recommendation to the two councils.

The second one is following that that both the (SO)s and separately we will need produce policy recommendations to ICANN for its actual implementation. And based on that, actually looking back at the GNSO policy recommendations for new gTLDs that already contains a number of policy aspects on IDN variant TLDs. And at this point actually, the recommendation is that that is enough sufficient for staff to move forward in implementation.

On the other hand, for ccNSO, the ccPDP final report contains only a placeholder for IDN variant TLDs, and therefore, the recommendation to the ccNSO Council is for them to - I don't know whether the word that we initiate is correct or at least initiate the work on the matter such that implementation can move forward. But even with that, the overarching LGR and the implementation for the gTLD side should not be delayed, so that's the second important point of the recommendation.

And then the third one is a more broad-based thing. It ties in with the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs. A lot of the (user experience) report talks about issues at the technical community implementation user usability of IDN

variant TLDs, which is very - actually a lot of those target groups are very similar to the universal acceptance issue. So the third main recommendation is to ask ICANN to basically sort of tie this in with the same sort of program.

So that's - those are the key recommendations. Any thoughts, comments, or additions? No, do you think it is - you know at least anyone who thinks this does provide a summary, a reasonable summary for the two councils' consideration. Okay, hearing silence, I guess we will let the comments come back in the mailing list.

In the meantime, I guess a couple of things. One is that a - ICANN has arranged a Webinar, which Glenn has so kindly forwarded to this mailing list as well. There is the Webinar on the implementation of the IDN variant TLD Program and the update from staff that will happen - let me see. That will happen...

Chris Dillon: I think it's the 27th. It's on the 27th Edmon.

Edmon Chung: thank you. Yes, on the 27th of June, 2300 UTC, so I encourage everyone to join that. And in light of that, two things. one is I - after this call, I will be sending the letter with a couple of minor edits back to the mailing list for a final call and I will follow up with everyone to see if anyone has any further comments.

But in the meantime, we will wait for June 27 to get an update from ICANN, and based on that update, I guess I will further update the list for anyone who after listening to the program update might have any thoughts. Please feel free to jump in. We will then decide whether you know the (last one) will continue or if there are any additional adjustments needed in the letter. So and in any case, hopefully by the end of the week, we would be able to send a copy to the ccNSO Council and the GNSO Council for their consideration. The deadline is July 1, but I don't expect them to be able to send it back to the board at that time.

The suggestion is still to wait for - until the Durban meeting as discussed to make this response back to the board and we will ask - we will suggest to the councils to do that. But in any case, we will have a document to them before the end of the month. That's at least the plan right now unless something dramatic happens on Thursday on the update from staff.

So that's sort of the process going forward. Any thoughts, suggestions, concerns? Okay, hearing none, I guess we will proceed with that in mind. We will send off a copy for a final call and have it confirmed after the Webinar from ICANN staff.

Okay, so that moves us to the third item, which is the preparations for the Durban meeting. I think it's the - in terms of the Durban meeting. The plan earlier was to talk a little bit about the proposed response letter to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils so that you know usually at our face to face meeting we would get a little bit more participation that would allow us to get some input or at least have some response from the community and I think that could continue to be the case.

And then, I would like to spend some time considering what the JIG should do on the subject matter you going forward as well, and I will tell you it has been a - and the IDN variant TLD has been one of the three identified issues of common interest. And so far, because of the work from staff so far, we haven't - aside from this particular letter, we haven't worked on anything, so I think we need to consider that and then a short period of time on the update on the final report on universal acceptance.

So that's I think the suggestions for the preparations for the Durban meeting, so we will walk through the letter of response for the open meeting for others who might want to join our meeting and then consider more work on whether there should be more work on IDN variant TLDs.

And it could very possibly be in conjunction with the consideration of the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs, because as I pointed out, that seems to me to be - there is a lot in common, especially after reading the user experience the report. And the groups that were identified by the user experience report I think is very useful for - to both topics.

But any thoughts or ideas, additions for the Durban meeting? Okay, in that case, I will draft a short note to what I just said and I will pass it on to - for it to be updated to the ICANN planning meeting Web site so people will know what our session will be about. It was confirmed to me on Monday afternoon and I don't know remember exactly the time yet, but I guess we will see it on the ICANN Web site very soon.

Okay so with that, I guess we are probably done for today. I had planned it to be a very short meeting unless we have a significant discussion on the letter, but hearing none, I will leave it up to the list for the final call and finalize that on the list.

Any items of discussion or thoughts before we close the call? Okay, hearing none, in that case, thank you everyone for joining and we will reconvene in Durban. Okay, thank you everyone.

Chris Dillon: Okay, thank you.

Man: Goodbye.

Woman: Thank you.

Man: Goodbye.

Man: Thank you.

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