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Coordinator:     The call is now recorded. Please go ahead.


Woman:     Thank you. Okay, hello everybody and welcome to the JIG call today on the 5th of July.

     On the call today we have Rafik Dammak, Jonathan Frakes, Avri Doria, Edmon Chung. And from staff we have Dennis Jennings and Kristina Nordstrom.

Apologies we have from Jian Zhang, Sarmad Hussain, Young-Eum Lee, Sun Xian Tang, and Bart Boswinkel. Thank you.

Edmon Chung: Thank you.

So thank you everyone for joining. I sent around a couple of things earlier, one of which is the target timeline and work plan that we intend to cover. The other is the agenda for today. I - so we'll cover the work plan and continue work.

But I guess I'm happy that Dennis is able to join us for the first quarter of the meeting, so perhaps if everyone is okay with it, I'll - and if Dennis your are willing, would come to you to perhaps give a quick update on the work from the VIP and - but that's certainly one of the things that we keep our eyes on as we consider one of our work items going forward, which is the IDN variant TLDs.

Dennis Jennings: Thank you, Edmon.

Edmon Chung: Dennis...

Dennis Jennings: Yes?

Edmon Chung: Okay, good.

Dennis Jennings: Dennis here for the record.

We have our first Project Team meeting this afternoon - later this afternoon after the Singapore meeting. So after that, I'll be able to give you a better update. But I can tell you that after a very busy Singapore, a number of the case study teams have already met by teleconference over the last couple of

days. The Chinese case - the (Dev Nagley) case - Arabic case, and the mailing lists are quite active.

I understand that you guys are not on the mailing list, and I don't know what's happened there, and I'll find out later today - early morning California time when we have the project meeting.

But it seems as if all six projects are up and running. The focus is on the - both the issues and on the definitions, and there's quite a lot of chit-chat and clarification going on. So nothing really very much to report, except they're all determined to get the work done by the end of September, and there probably will be a face-to-face meeting of the various case study teams at various times over the summer.

The first one will be the (Dev Nagley) case in July. I'm on holiday, so I won't be attending that. The next one is the Chinese case in Taiwan in the middle of August, which I may attend. We've yet to decide whether I attend them - all the case studies.

So that's very briefly is an update. Not much to report, but - except a lot of activity.

Edmon Chung:     Thank you, Dennis. And yes, I think we'd like to get on the mailing list. I, myself, was actually on the Chinese one. That's the only one that I'm getting emails from. So the others, I guess I'm not on and I'm guessing Rafik and Avri also haven't been on. So, thank you for following up on it.

Dennis Jennings:  Certainly.

Edmon Chung:     Any questions from anyone?

                 If not, please on this particular topic, Avri - last time, we - well, I guess related to this topic is our note to the ITF discussions, I have - I've actually spoken to

(Sven) after our session in Singapore. Notified her about it. I apologize. I actually also haven't sent an email specifically about it, but I did tell her about it and had talked - did talk to her about it in Singapore.

Avri, you mentioned that you were going to help put together a sort of a note from this group so that we can circulate and probably send it over. Is...

Avri Doria: Oops.

Edmon Chung: I wonder how that's going.

Avri Doria: All I can say is oops.

Edmon Chung: Okay. No worry.

Avri Doria: I totally forgot about it. I - and now that you say it, I remember that yes - I agreed that I was going to do that and then it totally left my mind. I apologize. I will write it down in my list of things I am writing.

Edmon Chung: Okay. So I guess...

Avri Doria: I'll try to have a draft by the next meeting.

Edmon Chung: Cool. That works well. And, when is the ITF meeting though?

Avri Doria: The ITF meeting...

Edmon Chung: Are they going to meet?

Avri Doria: ...is in two weeks.

Edmon Chung: Okay. So are they going to meet on this subject? Do you want to...

Avri Doria:      I don't think so. I have to check again. I was half planning to go, and then I think that they said that there was no need for a DNS extension meeting. And so at that point because I had a conflict, I decided to go to my conflict, and I haven't checked back to make sure that they're still not going. (I just thought I had) funding for one but not the other, but that's beside the point.

I think that they're not meeting this time, but I need to confirm it.

Edmon Chung:     Okay. So would - I guess if you could help us do that as well.

Avri Doria:      Sure.

Edmon Chung:     And if they are, probably you know if we could utilize the mailing list to circulate a note, that would be - that might be useful to us.

Avri Doria:      Right.

((Crosstalk))

Edmon Chung:     (Unintelligible).

Avri Doria:      I'll check if they're meeting and let this list know. If they're meeting, I'll attend remotely, but I'll check.

Edmon Chung:     Okay.

All right, so I guess moving on to the general work plan. I sent out a rather - I don't know whether to call it detailed - a rough. But, there's got - there are a lot of dates in it so that we sort of keep track of our work as we go forward. I don't know if people have had a chance to look at it, or whether I should quickly walk through it?

Hearing sort of silence, I guess I'll quickly walk through it and see if anybody has any problem or any further thoughts on it. Because all things aside, we'd like to at least have a target timeline in place and present it to the respective Councils for them to have a resolution on extending this group and this charter.

So yes - so I guess in terms of going forward, the two items that are sort of outstanding is the IDN variant TLDs and the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs. And speaking of the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs, I'm glad that Jonathan can join us today. And hopefully, Jonathan would be able to join us throughout this discussion as the work is done, (and) he's been doing - I'll come back to this particular topic on the - it's the last point on the agenda. But, that's - just want to point out that that's the bottom one there.

So in terms of the timing, because as we discussed in the last few meetings, we would be taking a sort of a - observing the VIP's development first, and so we'll take this time of July and August to do a first initial report on the item of universal acceptance of IDN TLDs -- that's the idea -- and then, to hopefully put out an initial report in September on this topic.

And then, we'll - once we start seeing the issues report from the various study groups, we'll come back to the work on IDN TLD variants in September and October, and to work on an initial report from ours - from the JIG for it to go out in November.

And then, trying to conceptually synchronize I guess, or you know go alongside with the issues report, and you know probably try to draft - you know, after getting the comments in time to draft a final report for the item towards the end of the year. So December of 2011, which is what the target timeline for the VIP is also.

So that's - and then - that's sort of this year. And then coming back to the third issue, which is the universal acceptance of IDN TLDs in January and

February, and try to develop - to complete the final report - the draft final report for public comments by about March - February and March of (2002) (sic).

Thereupon, to - and that will bring us really into April and May of next year to - well, March and April of next year to finalize the - our final report and present them to the respective Councils, the GNSO Council and the ccNSO Council. And then depending on whether you know they would accept it, approve it, or we would need more work, I was sort of scheduling the remainder of the year to move from a bi-weekly meeting to a monthly meeting, and then to follow-up on the implementation with staff.

That has been one of the things that seems to make sense, especially as we continue on the (same path side) in TLDs as well. It seems to make sense we buffer some time for this working group to continue to stay somewhat alive and active, but in a smaller mode. That's why it's the suggestion to move to a monthly call rather than a bi-weekly call from May to October of next year -- 2012 -- and to target for a wrap up by the Toronto meeting in October, 2012.

That's the - that in essence is the suggested work plan. Any thoughts or comments?

Jonathan Frakes: Edmon, this is Jonathan. I just wanted to say that was a very kind introduction. Thank you.

Edmon Chung: Oh.

Jonathan Frakes: I can talk a little on universal acceptability and what I've discovered in my work with Mozilla when we get to that topic if need be on the call today.

Edmon Chung: Yes. We'll...

Jonathan Frakes: But, thank you.

Edmon Chung:      ...move there very shortly actually. I wonder if anyone has any concerns with the plan. Not hearing any, Avri, you think that's a reasonable schedule?

Avri Doria:       This is Avri. (Remembering, you know -- yes. I never know. I mean, it really - yes, it's reasonable if we you know, knuckle down and do lots of work and stuff. But yes; it's as good a plan as any.

Edmon Chung:      Okay. Yes. I - as I was putting it out, I was thinking you know, it seems like a long time, but if I stop putting the actual dates in and the actual meetings that we have, then it's not necessarily a very loose schedule.

                  But, I guess this is - my feeling is that if we present something that's like three years, I don't think the Councils would be very excited to accept it. I think this - giving us a sort of end by - at least at this point, a target to wrap up everything by Toronto might be meaningful.

Avri Doria:       Sounds good.

Edmon Chung:      All right. Rafik, do you - any ideas? Suggestions?

Dennis Jennings:  Edmon, Dennis here.

Edmon Chung:      Yes?

Dennis Jennings:  It sounds good to me. Are you going to circulate this in some form that we can just you know have available to us to track?

Edmon Chung:      I sent - it (did went) to the...

Dennis Jennings:  Did you send it?

Edmon Chung:      Yes.

Dennis Jennings:   Oh, okay. I missed it.

Edmon Chung:   It went to the mailing list.

Dennis Jennings:   I missed it. I'll pick it up. Sorry. My apologies.

Edmon Chung:   No worries.

Dennis Jennings:   Okay. Avri, I'm going to hang up now. Thank you for your time, and talk to you in the next meeting.

Edmon Chung:   Thank you, Dennis.

Dennis Jennings:   Thanks. Bye-bye.

Edmon Chung:   Avri?

Avri Doria:   Bye.

Yes, I was just going to say it'll probably show up in whatever re-chartering or you know motion that we get from...

((Crosstalk))

Edmon Chung:   I don't think we'll go to that detail in the motion. I don't know. Maybe you know - I guess if - that was - my next item is drafting a sort of motion. Do you think we need to go so detailed?

Avri Doria:   It's up to those who are going to vote on it. I mean, I really don't know you know, with both G Council and C Council, what they're going to require. Are they - are we asking for re-chartering? Are we asking to just do a little bit

more work on the old charter? Are we just asking them to add a few milestones? What are we actually asking them to do?

I mean, I know we're asking them to let us do more work.

Edmon Chung: Right.

Avri Doria: But, I really don't quite understand what we're asking for. (Unintelligible)?

Edmon Chung: We're asking for fairly simple - we're not changing the charter at all, and - because the charter actually provides that - if the both - if both Councils agree, then it should continue.

What we are suggesting is a fairly - and you know, my thinking is to present the case you know as - you know, with the details and stuff, and this is what the work plan is. But in terms of the motion to be fairly simple, to really just say we will try to complete these two items and continue to - with some follow-up on the implementation and target to complete our work and report to the Councils in Toronto.

So, that was the idea.

Avri Doria: So, it sounds like we should be offering a milestone list.

Edmon Chung: In the resolution?

Avri Doria: Yes. What we're going to deliver.

Edmon Chung: Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Sure. That's right.

((Crosstalk))

Avri Doria: Here's what we want to do and what we're going to deliver and here's when.

Edmon Chung: Yes. Yes. And here's the target for now. I think you know some of our work is aligned with the VIP as well. So far, it seems to be on track, but we never know if it needs more time. So yes, I think - you're right Avri, and we'll probably have a few milestones.

Avri Doria: (Sure).

Edmon Chung: And you know, that's - I was - I'm very tempted to ask if you are willing to help draft a motion?

Avri Doria: When do we need the motion?

Edmon Chung: We need it by the 13th for the next meeting on the 21st. That is for the GNSO Council. For the ccNSO Council, I think they're meeting in August, so we have a little bit more time. The 13th is next Wednesday.

Avri Doria: I'm willing to help. I know nothing about the format of C Council motions, but I'll certainly help with the G Council motion.

Edmon Chung: I think - you know, once we have the G Council motion, then you know it should be fairly simple to adopt it for the ccNSO.

It's good that you're willing. And if you can circulate it maybe by the end of the week, then we can take a look and - at least make whatever edits and then pass it to the GNSO Council for consideration by the group by the 13th.

Avri Doria: Okay.

Edmon Chung: Thanks so much.

Well actually, I haven't - I'm guessing people are fine with it. I haven't heard any objections to it. I will - you know after this meeting, I'll send a short note

to everyone on this issue and say we'll - you know, based on our discussion here - and in fact, we haven't received any objections to it so far. So based on that, I'll just mention that Avri, you'll help draft a motion for the GNSO Council and to move forward.

Avri Doria:     Please feel empowered to bug me.

Edmon Chung:   Okay. I will.

Avri Doria:     Thank you.

Edmon Chung:   All right. So that takes care of the first agenda item.

The second one was we were waiting for Bart's update on the following up on the single character IDN TLD implementation, and note that Bart is not around. Kristina, I wonder if you know if he's on vacation at this point and when he will be back. Do we know?

Kristina Nordstrom:     He will be gone - let me check. He will be gone next week - all of next - for two weeks. And I think that - well today, he wasn't officially gone on holiday this week. I think he's just busy with something else today.

Edmon Chung:   Okay.

So I guess we will hear from him maybe in two meeting's time then when he's back, or I'll - if he's not - hasn't left this week yet, I'll try to bug him to give an update to the mailing list about where we are.

Just to remind everybody, we put out the final report on single character IDN TLDs. Staff had a paper that they're - they have worked on and was circulated to this - back to this list about some items they want the SSAC to take a look into and also you know, maybe just get some clarifications from

us on what the recommendations mean in terms of implementation. So we were trying to figure out how to support that work.

So - but anyway, I'll bug Bart this week or we'll probably hear from him either this week or in a couple meeting's time.

Okay. So that brings us to the last item, and the main discussion item, which is the (stock) taking on the issues on universal acceptance of IDN TLDs. Bart did send an email to me and (Jane) earlier on this subject, and says you know if there is - if we didn't really discover any issues, that is a - I guess what is called a policy issue, then we might want to consider whether we need the full cycle of initial report, final report, kind of thing.

At this point, I still think it might be useful even if we are going to talk about something that we urge the ICANN or ICANN staff or ICANN community to do, to actually go through that cycle. So at this point, I'm still keeping the - sort of the idea for the schedule at this point. But I guess as we discuss, we could come back to this.

With this, I was wondering if I could put, Jonathan, you on the spot. Because, we were - in Singapore, we were sort of looking around scratching our heads about what are some of the issues that we should cover if we are - you know, in terms of dealing with (single font) universal acceptance of IDN TLDs? And we - I think we talked about some applications that need to be - you know, application side that needs to be done.

We talked about working with different organizations and maybe coming up with a list of relevant organizations to work with. We also touched on the subject of alternate routes, and we sort of quickly dismissed it and thought that it's not relevant or not something that we want to touch on in terms of our reports.

So, this is the extent - unless somebody wants to add to it, I'll put, Jonathan, you on the spot on this issue because I know, you know, that you have been working at the Mozilla Foundation on this particular issue. And perhaps, you could share some insight on insight on what's it all about, and perhaps what this group should take on.

Jonathan Frakes: Hey, thank you Edmon. And it's 5:30 in the morning, so if I'm not sparkly in my presentation, please forgive that.

Hey, I appreciate that you caught me in the hallway and tapped me to participate in this group, because I've been following the work and definitely appreciate everyone putting energy into IDNs.

It's great that you're continuing this work, as far as how this works, and in general the work of folks working on new TLDs have in front of them as far as working with applications. And I think that the term that I've heard within ICANN speak is universal acceptability of new TLDs.

I've been discovering quite a bit of things that need to be worked out in the application development community. And, I really actually just stumbled upon them partially. I had them in mind. I started contributing recently, you know within the last year and a half, two years, on the Mozilla Foundation because they maintain a list called the Public Suffix Lists, which is - you know, basically offers some additional granularity into the lists of TLDs beyond the (analysts) so that applications can have better understanding of what a TLD is for how they behave.

And, the example being - it goes into detail like where there's sub-domain such as (co.uk), (org.uk), (net.uk), or other domains of a domain that are treated essentially like a top level domain. And that's maintained as a community asset by the Mozilla Foundation, and I started contributing there. And as I started contributing there, I noticed that there were more and more

derivative uses of how that list that's being maintained is taken into consideration in other applications.

It's actually used as a somewhat authoritive list of TLDs out in the community in the wild. The list is actually maintained by the community by a few sort of key contributors and then it trickles out in its use into a variety of libraries and languages such as C, PEARL, PHP, Ruby on Rails, Java Script, and it's also in Google's Java libraries.

And, it got derivative use by Firefox, Chrome, Apa, and other browsers as far as how it behaved with respect to - or how those browsers behaved with respect to what is a search and what is a domain name (implication bar).

And then, there are other derivative uses such as within operating systems, within hosting companies, people who do Web statistics, anti-spam providers, security services, security - excuse me, certification providers, law enforcement agencies, and just a whole slew of other uses that people use this specific list for.

And as I started to you know discover more about what this is, it became apparent to me that there's quite a few applications out in the wild that are going to have quite a bit of updating needed as - you know, I'm talking in the context of just new TLDs, but the IDN's really are the first place that there is an opportunity to expose some of the things that need to be done because the IDN ccTLD fast track started to bring more TLDs on line.

And the - really, the list of extensions, for the lack of better term, has been fairly static since - you know, for a number of years. And so, different application developers, different programmers have essentially worked with it in terms of a static sort of list.

And as we get towards there being a more fluid introduction of domains, we're going to find that the trickle out benefit of some sort of list like this is very helpful.

Now a lot of TLD operators and TLD administrators aren't necessarily aware of the various locations that they're going to have to take and update; application developers, databases, or things like that. And so I saw a real opportunity -- excuse me. I saw a real opportunity to expose and to bring those worlds together because I've been working so closely within the ICANN community to really kind of bridge those worlds, at least with respect to how this public suffix list works.

The URL is publicsuffix.org if you want to review what this list is. And Edmon, I'll forward you a URL which is the presentation that I gave at ICANN in a number of different sessions on the public suffix list. But this is...

Edmon Chung:     You can send to the list, because I think you're on the list now.

Jonathan Frakes: If I'm -- okay.

Edmon Chung:     Just send it to the list and the link as well.

Jonathan Frakes: Okay. Okay, I will do. I will do.

But, it really exposed that there quite a number of software applications and things out in the wild that the process of new TLDs and being introduce, IDN or otherwise. There's quite a few places that TLD applicants and administrators once delegated that they should reach out to these resources and make them aware of the availability of their domain name or perhaps details about their domain.

In the case of what I've been experiencing, this is the browsers, the email clients, but there's also you know WHOIS, certificate authorities law

enforcement and other areas need to know about the TLD as it comes into the wild.

This one central location trickles out into many, but there are others in addition to those that I'm working with. And as I discovered this, I thought this is a great thing to bring to the - as many places as possible within the ICANN world so that folks can be aware of some of the things that they'll need to do above and beyond an application and approval by ICANN; that there's still quite a significant burden of (work) to get these out into the public.

And if there ways that as part of the outreach that ICANN does, that there was some perhaps informational pamphlet or checklist that a person who recently is delegated a TLD could go through and go through this checklist, it would offer a significant amount of additional value to the community because those domains would function you know, as expected in the wild.

And that's really - as soon as I presented that to some folks at ICANN, they said, "Well, that's called universal acceptability and this is important to us."

Edmon Chung: Right.

Jonathan Frakes: And I think that's probably the end of my speech. I'll go ahead and forward the presentation and links to the lists, but thank you for the opportunity to present that.

Edmon Chung: Oh and well thank you for being here. And, I hope you would continue to participate, actually not just to doing it here because I certainly immediately have a few questions. But before that, I was wondering if anyone has any questions in mind?

Hearing none, I guess I'll get it started and we'll probably get into a discussion.

So - well I guess first of all - again, thank you, and this - the universal acceptability of TLDs is certainly one issue that came out when the new gTLDs were first introduced in 2000-2001, and thereupon, all the new gTLDs faced a similar issue. And certainly myself from .asia also went through that process.

And this particular group and this you know, time presents a pretty good opportunity for the gTLDs and the ccTLDs to work together, because previously, it has always been a - only a G issue and not a cc issue. But this time around, it is a common - an issue of common interest because of the new IDN ccTLDs that are introduced. And many of the IDN ccTLDs are facing the same set of issues, and even worse in some cases because we're talking about IDNs.

So what I - you know, I think it's (awesome) for you to join. I just - you know as you were talking, I was - a few questions came into my mind. First of all is you must have you know, been surveying the - you know, sort of what's happening. And I was wondering if there were any competing lists out there in you know other places?

You mentioned about a checklist for TLDs. I definitely think that's a very - you know, very useful thing. And probably, it is something that this group should try to at least start compiling and put it out for public comments and hopefully, we'll get an even more completeness. But I was wondering if you know of any competing lists besides the public suffix list? And of course, (IANA)'s on the TLD database.

Jonathan Frakes: You know, it's still fairly early, so I - none come to mind, but I can dig through my notes. I've found that there are some, but as a I contact folks to see if I can help them update their efforts, many of them have suggested to me that they've defaulted to using the public suffix list as their basis.

Now, that's you know predominantly been an effort by the Mozilla Foundation, and I'm certain there are likely some proprietary lists in the wild. As well as when I talk to the security community and some of the Web statistics community, they are also maintaining lists of URL short (letter) systems.

Edmon Chung: Yes.

Jonathan Frakes: But, I don't think that that really has any - I think that's obtuse to our efforts.

Edmon Chung: Yes.

Jonathan Frakes: The public suffix list was probably the largest place, at least as far as a central repository, that I was able to find that had as many derivative uses.

Edmon Chung: Cool.

And if you don't mind sharing, please send to the mailing list saying you know, if there are other places which you have knocked on doors and you know - and maybe, it's already included in your presentation, then just do please send that. It would be useful.

And I guess following from that, it's sort of not - may not be necessarily a question just directly to you, but to the group here, is sort of seeing that this list becoming more and more popular and used, I guess you know I was wondering whether - you know, whether the ICANN community should - well, it should defiantly keep an eye on it. But how - is there any way to interact with - you know, or what's the best way to interact with the Mozilla Foundation as - you know, as coming from the ICANN community that comes to mind?

Not necessarily any kind of policy or anything, but more of a communication, you know as we go down the path, because we're expecting more and more

IDN TLDs and ccTLDs, and as well as IDN gTLDs and new gTLDs to come along.

Jonathan Frakes: Well Edmon, the information on how to interact with the public suffix list is available at the link that I'll send to the list. But essentially what they do is they have a ticket system that the administrator of a TLD can submit either new information or updates or changes that will get implemented by the community through patches.

And so they've got a full trouble ticket system and patching, and it's extremely transparent. You can through and review the entire history of the list as well as download it. It's very transparent as to what they're activity is.

Now as far the - sort of the application development, people will notice from the presentation that I gave at ICANN that the Mozilla Foundation has an additional behavior system built into their browser called the IDN white list essentially. And it has to do with the presentation of U labels versus A labels in their application. I'm glad to talk about that you know, at a future date if needed.

But, it was one area where specifically to IDN that the behavior of browsers really varies. And you know as it plays into universal acceptability, there is a list essentially for security purposes that Mozilla maintains what they call a white list of top level domains that have certain set of minimal criteria as they related to visually similar or you know, confusingly similar variants being possible to register within a registry - within a TLD. And if there are policies in place, if there are you know coin - excuse me, code points presented, that - and then their programmers and people in that community have the opportunity to approve these and get them listed.

So, the TLD administrator can submit them and then the browser - some of the developers can review these. But, this'll things like right now the (osh) character, which is the - sort of a combined (AE) character for example, and

the (AE) - if two different domains could be registered to two different people and have those characters within them, that would be considered confusingly similar. And, the folks at Mozilla after the very widely circulated PayPal example, where somebody was able to compose a homograph or -- excuse me, a homoglyph variant of PayPal, the folks at Mozilla said, "Well, that's probably bad for the community or our users, so what we'll do is we'll expose the A label until we're convinced that that's not possible to do in a TLD."

And so the behavior is that by default in Mozilla, an A label will be presented unless a TLD meets these criteria, has these policies in place, and then gets white listed and added into the list of TLDs that the browser will treat as safe with respect to IDN. So, that's just one area that it's important to focus in on.

Again, I've got information about that in the presentation. I didn't mean to take as much time in this. I wanted to touch generally about universal acceptability, but there's an example of some of the nuances that folks will have to address in the wild.

Edmon Chung:    Right. No, I think this is highly relevant, especially with this group being focused on IDN's. I think the idea of white listing the - maybe what some other browsers and some other applications do is definitely relevant as we go through this stock taking of things.

Just as a general idea, in the initial report, we're trying to just you know, really sort of bring together any kind of information that's relevant and try to put it back out to the community to see if we have - you know, we are complete enough or there are other things that we've missed. So, this is defiantly one of the items that needs to be in the initial report for - and in our stock taking list.

I was wondering would anyone have questions or thoughts about I guess you know, what other things that we need to cover? And perhaps, how we go

about trying to put this into a document form for - you know, to seek further input from the community?

Any thoughts?

I keep liking to come back to Avri, because she usually has some insights. Any thoughts Avri?

Avri Doria:     Sorry, I just turned off mute. Sorry to disappoint you this time. I've really just been listening and you know, don't have any questions and really don't have anything to add. But thanks for asking.

Edmon Chung:    Okay. Rafik? Still on with us? Was wondering anything you wanted to add in terms of feasibility of IDNs on this issue? Because I guess the next step for me might be to really compile some of the things that we have already said.

And Jonathan, if you could send more of what you have done, we will incorporate all those in and maybe, to start with a very rough document and go from there. It seems like we might have exhausted some of the - you know just a very loosely structured stock taking, and we probably need to move into a more structured way so we could add on the framework.

But I was wondering, others on the call - Rafik, are you still with us?

Rafik Dammark:  Yes. But I'm going to leave in a few minutes because I have another call in just one - after this.

No, I don't have any comment about it - what we discussed today.

Edmon Chung:    Okay.

So I guess we - you know, we probably could wrap early then. And as I mentioned, it seems like - you know Jonathan, I think the - your document will

be - you know, a lot of which will probably go into our initial report and some of the things that you mentioned or you worked on. So if you have any further information, please definitely feel free to send it into the mailing list and continue to participate through this.

Because what you mentioned about a checklist or a - sort of a set of issues that new TLD applicants or new TLD operators should be concerned with, that's certainly the goal of this group you know to produce.

Jonathan Frakes: Well, I - Edmon, thank you again for including me in the list and in the group. And, I have forwarded to the list both my presentations that I gave at the Singapore ICANN in a number of sessions, as well as a link to the public suffix list for people to review. And, I'm glad to either on-list or off-list respond to you know questions or clarifications on what those are.

And you know, it's been a good opportunity and privilege to volunteer over in that group. I'm glad to again, answer any questions or clarifications on there.

Edmon Chung: Okay. So I guess with that, we'll wrap this session and I'll - I guess (Jane) and I will start to work on a skeleton document and circulate it so that we can further discuss this in our next meeting.

I think the next meeting will be in two week's time, and we'll come back to this - mainly this issue. I'll try to get Dennis to join us every time and to (probably) update us a little bit on the work at the VIP study team. And also we are I guess expecting Avri's draft by our next meeting on the 19th.

Kristina Nordstrom: (Unintelligible).

Edmon Chung: So I guess with that - hello?

Kristina Nordstrom: Sorry, this is Kristina. I just wanted to note that Bart will be on holiday in two week's time.

Edmon Chung:     Yes. Understand that. So - but I guess we will continue to work through the items and - as - and we'll welcome him back on the next meeting.

And in the meantime, we'll also draft the motions for the GNSO Council and ccNSO Council consideration for the extension of this group.

Okay, with that anyone have any further thoughts? Questions? Things they want to bring up?

If not...

Jonathan Frakes:  Edmon, I have one question. This is Jonathan.

Edmon Chung:     Yes.

Jonathan Frakes:  I'm assuming that you have a similar statement of interest process to the other groups that I'm participating in. And so, is there some sort of a SOI format that someone could email me? Could you email me for this list?

Edmon Chung:     Okay. Well interestingly enough, when we started the group this SOI thing - process hadn't started. And in fact, this is - the GNSO has - the Council has asked me whether we would start doing that. We were asking the ccNSO guys, and so far it hasn't been - we will follow-up with that. But you know, feel free to put it in for now.

But in terms of a formal process, we don't really have one at this point.

Jonathan Frakes:  Okay.

Edmon Chung:     For this particular group because this was chartered before this prevalence of SOI in the working groups.

Jonathan Frakes: Oh, okay. Okay. That's easier. I guess I could forward my SOI that I put in place - I'm actually - I didn't mention this on the call, but I am the lead on the Latin Variant Team - the Lead Coordinator.

Edmon Chung: Okay.

Jonathan Frakes: So, I have that that I could contribute.

Edmon Chung: Okay.

Jonathan Frakes: Thank you. Thank you.

Edmon Chung: All right. I guess - so with that, I'll - hearing no other one jumping up, so I'll thank everyone for joining the call and talk to you over the mailing list and talk to you in two week's time.

Woman: Okay, bye-bye.

Edmon Chung: Bye.

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