

Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Country/Territory Names as TLDs TRANSCRIPT

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Michelle DeSmyter: Thank you. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to CWG on Country and Territory Names and TLD call on the 21 of December. That's 2100 UTC . On the call today we have Carlos Gutierrez, Griffin Barnett, Jaap Akkerhuis, Laura Hutchinson, Mirjana Tasic, Susan Payne, and Sanna Sahlman. And we do have apologies from Annbeth Lange, Heather Forrest and Joke Braecken. From staff we have Bart Boswinkel, Lars Hoffmann, Nathalie Peregrine and myself Michelle DeSmyter.

I would like to remind you all too please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you ever so much and now here's to you Lars.

Lars Hoffmann: Thank you Michelle. This is Lars for the record. As I said earlier we're just going to have a very brief call today to kind of make sure we're all on the saying page as we start into the new year and the substantive work on the three character TLD.

I've put the overview and analysis document up in the Adobe connect room and it's also been sent around on the mailing list. And it's the same version that I sent around earlier. It's basically just summarizes the submissions that were made to the working group. Overall we received 39 that include the server that was submitted by center which in itself comes contentedly 11 or 12, probably more. I don't have the numbers in my head and the CCTLD responses.

So this is all -- I think the key points are all here on the first page. I won't bore you with reading through them but this is just reminded obviously this is from our staff and so there's a chance that we overlooked certain things. We did our best not to. Nobody's perfect. So I would very strongly encourage you to also consult when we start the work.

The response overview that the other documents that I've also sent around a couple of times which has the entire comment submitted copy and paste in them in reference to each of the questions. So that is a definite document and the summaries to make it work with the group here.

You might recall from our last call that (Annabeth) raised an issue concerning one of the questions where the formulation of the question that was sent out in the questionnaire. It wasn't exactly what we had in mind because responses might've been excusing (Annabeth) was rightly concerned about that.

And when I read through all of the responses of the summary what I felt is that although obviously the question wasn't answered exactly to the issue that we wanted answers to because the wording was not quite correct. But the sentiment of the answers was very much clear.

And in fact, if you look here in the general observation in the window you have the three general overviews that -- three generous responses rather that summarize the views of the community. So they can be put into the categories somewhat normal future three characters TLD's and only those that are based on the (I code list). I'm sorry, yes. I was correct. Only those were (unintelligible).

They maintained the status quo so have a situation whereby as it is the case now the three characters names from the IPO list cannot be applied but all the others can, the GTLD, and the third one is open. All three characters close including those on the on the ISA list at the GTLD.

And if you scroll down to pages 2, 3 and onward you'll see also graphic overview of the responses. I put them into 2, 3, into yes, no and undecided categories. I'm going to unsync the documents so you can scroll through at your own leisure.

And then below I put a quick suggestion for a to do list for this CCWG. There are things that I think can come out of the responses of the work that the group might want to work as another and proceed with its work. Obviously those are only suggested and the group might choose to pursue these or others.

And then finding here I think I'm just going to think this for one second and bring you all up to page 2. On page 2 you see some summaries, an overview of the main arguments put forward by the various submissions categorizing into the three main viewpoints that I laid out right here. So this is this document from proposed.

This is the starting working document for the group after the holidays and the new year. And then I'm just going to, as a reminder, pull up just to remind you what it looks like the -- I'm sorry. I'm just finding the right file, the document that summarizes the actual full text submissions. So this is the document, here it is right here which is obviously more lengthy and unfortunately has no graphs in them.

A final note before I conclude this overview is that there's two submissions outstanding. (Laura Hutchinson) from Nominant is on the call. She informed me that they are submitting responses very shortly and very fine, as I indicated before, it's also still outstanding with their submission. But we should have those after the holidays and in time for our next meeting.

I'm going to leave it at this. Obviously, I'm open to any questions or additional comments or clarifications. You have at hand in the Adobe connect room or otherwise speed dial if you're not in there. Thank you.

It looks like there isn't any questions. I'm going to just pull up quickly the other document again; the overview document. So if there are no questions at all which is, obviously, a good thing then were going to have a very brief call today. I believe we agreed to meet again on Monday the 11th of January. So

not the first Monday of the new year but the second. And then from then on once up we're hopefully going to have our call directly every two weeks. And I also accept the -- just to reiterate I encourage to not run the response over your questionnaire but also the overview document.

And something as a final concern. Some of the arguments I found and maybe you found the same or maybe you found something different, it would be interesting to discuss this but some of the arguments I thought they were both forward on all sides of people on all viewpoints. If you want justifications of preferences rather than trying to find an underlying framework from which then have been a recommendation can flow.

And I think from the work of the group it would be helpful and useful to start off the discussions on what should be the underlying framework for three character codes and not to start from what would you like to see as the end product. And I'm just trying to find arguments to support that.

Obviously, easier said than done but I think that would be a good starting point. And (Carlos) has raised his hand. Carlos over to you.

Carlos Gutierrez: Sorry. I got frozen so I couldn't raise my hand a few minutes before I have to leave. I am so sorry I missed the last two or three minutes of your introduction. But I wanted to make an additional comment as well. Can you resume and then I will make my comment. Thank you.

Lars Hoffmann: Thank you Carlos. This is (Lars) again. I didn't quite understand what you missed cause your line is not the clearest.

Carlos Gutierrez: I know it's not the clearest. I missed the last 10 minutes. I had to reboot my connection.

Lars Hoffmann: Okay. Thank you (Carlos). This is (Lars) again.

Carlos Gutierrez: Hello.

Lars Hoffmann: (Carlos) can you hear me?

Carlos Gutierrez: Yes, I can hear you perfectly. It wasn't my side that my computer...

Lars Hoffmann: Okay, Carlos. Thank you. So rather than going through it all again I think as a brief summary (Carlos), what we did. I talked to the group to this document, pointed out the general observations, to do's that might be some starting point for members of the group for the discussion next year you can see here on page 1.

And on page 2 these are general overviews of the arguments moving forward. I pointed out quickly that some of the arguments our justification or reads like justifications of preferences rather than providing underlying the frameworks on which the recommendations can built. So I think for the group it might be more useful to start up with what should be the principal of those three letter codes. Also, bear in mind it would be the start of two letter codes and then take recommendations from there rather than the other way around.

And that pulls of the other document just to remind everybody that that is the (unintelligible) summary of all the comments submitted to the group with the cutouts or copy and paste of the relevant sections word for word into summary document. Those have not been edited by staff. They've just been pulled out and pasted as they were.

And then I suggested that we'll meet -- remind everybody that we'll meet on the 11th of January and have our next call. And we're going to have calls every two weeks from there on out. And I think that was it unless there are any other questions? (Carlos) please?

Carlos Gutierrez: Yeah, this is Carlos for the record. Thank you very much (Lars). I just wanted to make a few comments. I praise you for your summary is excellent. I just

want to note that some of the comments were rather lengthy and worthwhile reading again. Some people just not only answered the questions but gave very good arguments.

That's the case of (unintelligible) of the government. It's also the case of the Costa Rican TCTLD. And of course I look forward for the submission of Nominant and VeriSign that you also announced that should come. But I think I'm very happy by the amount of comments of our (unintelligible) and the some of the substantial comments.

And in terms of your summary I just wanted to note two things. One that some people mentioned that some three letter GTLD's have been assigned. It would be nice to have a definitive view of three letter GTLD's, even those that have been already delegated or are waiting for delegation. That would be very helpful to have. It's a very handy example like we should have an impression of what's going on.

And the second comment I want to make is that you (unintelligible) the indentation between position of governments and positions of CCTLD's. And I want to go back to the original output from the CCNSO working group and check if they took any position on three letter codes. Those are two elements that I think that will be very helpful to have together with these documents. How many three letter codes were in the last round and if we go back to the working group, the CCNSO working group, and check if three letter codes will remain at all from the point of view of CCTLD managers. Thank you very much (Lars).

Lars Hoffmann: This is (Lars) for the record. Thank you, Carlos. Certainly, those are very good suggestions. I would certainly pull this information on three letter codes that should be very straight forward and I'll share that with the group as soon as I can pull of those the list of three letter codes that have been allocated. And I will also confer with (Bart) on the CCNSO documents. So I think that should be ready and easy together and I think that points out Carlos and we'll

add that to the summary overview here. And will also turn around the list so that everybody should have the information.

And just one quick observation. I mean, you will see this yourself when you look through these documents but the responses from the various groups if you want, the government, a couple of GAAP members that have submitted on their own behalf. The views of the CCTLD providers and the views of the GNSO members are not necessarily cohesive in themselves meaning that the CCTLD community that I met which is the largest contributor to the survey is by no means cohesive in their viewpoints. It's only through for the GNSO they all have more or less end responses but it was only more responsive or altogether. So they might have to deal with that as well but that is just indicative of the amount of work that ahead of us.

All right. I think we're going to leave it at this unless anybody else has something to raise? I can't see anything by chance nor are hands up unless (Bart) has something to add. He's taking the notes. That's not the case. I think I'm going to give you 14 minutes back of your day. We will close the call early. The next call as I said will be on the 11th of January. We will keep this time for the time being 21 UGC. And with that I wish you all Happy Holidays, Happy Nnewi Year and see you in 2016. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

Michelle DeSmyter: Thank you. The meeting has been adjourned. Operator, you cannot stop the recording. Please remember to disconnect all the remaining lines and enjoy the rest of your day.

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