Hiro Hotta:	Okay, good morning, everyone. We expect three more participants to this meeting, but not yet they haven't joined, but let's start. It's already nine minutes after the starting time.
	So today's agenda I sent out yesterday or the day before yesterday to the mailing list. Let me itemize agenda approval and action items from the call and report and review of public comments so far. Consideration of comments from the working group members, if any and next working group call and other business. So, agenda person, please.
Bart Boswinkel:	Hiro, I'd like to suggest that you include the outcome of yesterday's council decision on the Rules and Guidelines that they need to be included in the activities of the working group.
Hiro Hotta:	Okay, thank you, Bart. Yeah, I definitely do include the item. Okay, any other? Okay, so let's start today's meeting according to the agenda. So, agenda's approved and action items from the last call… Yes, I do. I think there were two action items in the last call. The first one is Bart will send a note to the working group Chair with information on the issue prior to the council call. This is about the necessary change of working group's scope to include the investigation on the necessary change of rules and the guidelines, and it's done. And I reported to the council
Annabeth Lange:	Hello, who just joined?
Demi Getschko:	Hello?

Hiro Hotta: Demi?

Annabeth Lange: Demi, welcome.

Demi Getschko: Hello.

Hiro Hotta: Good morning. We've just started.

Demi Getschko: Good morning. This is Demi joining.

Hiro Hotta: Okay, thank you.

Annabeth Lange: Hiro, I just want to point out that we will also have Dejan joining, but he can't dial in so I will dial out to him, or we will dial out to him.

Hiro Hotta: Okay, thank you. So, Demi, we have Hiro, Giovanni, Annabeth as an observer and Bart and Kristina. Alright, so the first… We are on the action points from the last call. So the first one is (inaudible 0:03:16) by Bart which was the draft report to the Council. And I should report, as Bart said, that in the Council meeting yesterday, it was resolved that the Working Group 2- we – were directed to consider the necessary change to assist in SO Rules and Guidelines in addition to bylaws. Okay. Any discussion on this?

So the second action item from the last call was Bart will update the interim report within 24 hours and will then post it to the

working group list and it's done. And it's also posted for public comment. Okay, any discussions on the action points from the last call? Alright, so let's move on.

The third agenda item is report and review of public comments received so far. So, Bart, we found no comments to the public comment list, right?

Bart Boswinkel: I haven't seen any nor have I heard any. If you look at the session itself, I think there were some comments, but is more questions for clarification than any substantial additional comments or that we've gone the wrong way or not identified all the issues.

Maybe what was very clear from that meeting is the issue of is manager running more ccTLDs, whether it's an IDN ccTLD combined with a ccTLD or more than one ccTLD, that's probably an issue that we still need to discuss at length and decide whether or not to include it or leave it as ambiguous as it is now because it's going to be very, very difficult to resolve and we might find out that we end up with two different rules, say, ccTLD managers having more than one ASCII ccTLD by definition excluded from the work of this working group because it's not about IDNs.

So we could say something about one manager running more than one or two IDN ccTLDs and how to resolve that. It needs more discussion and it's a very complex area, so we might end up with just leaving it for future discussions. But the thing is we will have time because we have to wait… at the end we have to wait till

Working Group 1 has finished its work as well to discuss one of the how to deal with variants, if any. And that is decided within Working Group 1 so we do have time.

Hiro Hotta: Okay. Thank you, Bart. So, no…

Annabeth Lange: I'm sorry, I just wanted to point out that Dejan also has joined us; via the phone bridge.

Hiro Hotta: Dejan, hello.

Annabeth Lange: Dejan, can you hear us?

Dejan Djukic: Yes. Hello.

Hiro Hotta: We are on the third item of the agenda. So thank you, Bart. So, I think you told much what I need to say because the second sub-item was those comments raising in the update session during the ccNSO members meeting the day before yesterday. Anyway, I want to report to this meeting.

I think there were two main comments from the floor. The first one was from Dave Archbold. He commented about the potential relationship between geographic regions and the ccNSO membership. My understanding of what he said is, for example, if (inaudible 0:08:27) would be defined as an ICANN region in the future, ccNSO structure and its inner balance would be affected.

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This is, of course, true. But our working group structure is to work based on the current bylaws and more importantly, the framework of our discussion does not depend on the definition of the regions. So I believe that Working Group 2, we can regard this comment just as a comment for future consideration, but we're not reading our mandate.

The second one is as Bart reported. It was from Annabeth who can read here.   She commented about the stress on that one organization manages one or more ccTLDs even in the current ASCII-only world. For example, Norid manages three and Ethnic, also manages several. So for example, I think Norid's country has a right to enjoy three ccNSO memberships and therefore three voting rights. However, Norid just enjoy membership only for Dot NO at (inaudible 0:09:46).

The bylaws does not say clearly about whether only Dot NO managed Norid is bound by ICANN policy and the policy is not applied to the other two ccTLDs Norid manages. Or organization Norid is bound by ICANN policy and the policy is applied to all the three ccTLDs Norid manages. My understanding is the former one.

Anyway, Annabeth's comment was that this kind of situation already exists in ASCII-only world and it should be respected as existing rules.   The same kind of situation may arise within territories but the situation should be investigated in a way that the current ASCII-only world rules are respected. Is my understanding

correct, Bart or Giovanni or Annabeth, you have some things to say?

Giovanni Seppia: I agree with Hiro and at the same time I think that, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, it's up to the ccTLD Manager to decide if be a member or not so maybe that although somebody manages several TLDs there is a decision to be a member for one TLD and that's the ccNSO application, what is stated there.

So, it might be that because of internal politics or the relevance of… And I can be really very open in the case of Dot U, if one day it's going to be three extensions, three scripts or whatever scripts is going to be. I don't know if there will be the decision to have Dot U as member as we are now, but also the other two or the other three or whatever as members so might be that just for simplicity reasons we just have one membership so that's the way I see it so I agree.

Annabeth Lange: The question in my mind is, is it Norid as an organization that is a member of the ccNSO or is it Dot NO as a cc Top Level Domain that's a member? That makes a difference because we have the administrations for three. If it's Norid, then you have one member; if it's for the Dot NO, Dot BV or Dot SJ, then you can argument that we have three seats if we want to do that.

Hiro Hotta: Yes, but I guess when you apply, if I remember correctly, you have to state the TLD in the application. So I believe that, if I remember correctly the application.

Bart Boswinkel:	This was one of the things we asked ICANN Council and they realize it is ambiguous as well. Going back in history, and Hiro knows this, and Demi as well, is when the ccNSOs was established, created, this was never considered. And it's always been the assumption, as Giovanni said, it is a combination of being manager and that for one particular TLD. So you could argue both ways and that's the ambiguity about it.
Giovanni Seppia:	I fully understand the point of view on what Annabeth is saying. I do remember when we did the application and we stated that only one Dot because at the end we are only one Dot at present. But maybe it might be good to go through the archives and see if other registry managers that are currently members of the ccNSO at the moment of the application, they put in that field one or more Dots.
Gabriella Schittek:	I haven't been here from the very beginning, but I'm handling the applications since I'm here from four years ago and it has never been that case and I very much doubt that there was this case before that as well.
Bart Boswinkel:	If you look at it, I think, and maybe Hilda would know, I think at the time you were not with Norid when Norid applied for membership. And the only thing we can check was when AFNIC applied because they potentially in that situation as well. But to my recollection they only applied for dot (inaudible 0:14:33).

Gabriella Schittek: Yeah, I can go to the archives and check. They were one of the first ones, right, so…

Bart Boswinkel: During your tenure.

Gabriella Schittek: No, no, no.

Bart Boswinkel: AFNIC was very…

Gabriella Schittek: Oh, yes, they were.

Bart Boswinkel: AFNIC was very late and you could ask Hilda. Because these are, to my knowledge, the only major ones who have this issue. Most of them do not run… in fact managers for more than one TLD.

Kristina Nordstrom: My point is that if we have a system today we should have considered that when we were discussing the IDN as well. So it's the same system for both ccTLDs.

Bart Boswinkel: And that's the point. You can go both ways.

Hiro Hotta: Okay, thank you. So for this point, the Working Group already knows the situation and all the discussion respects the current station I believe. So I think Annabeth's comment, at least at this moment, does not impact the content of our discussion. So any comments on this point about the geographic one and the manager with more than one ccTLDs. If you don't, let's move to the third sub-item.

Comments directory passed to each working group member or Bart or our secretary. Have you received any personally? No? Okay. So, as you see that we haven't received many comments so far, but we have another six weeks to go.

Bart Boswinkel: What we as support staff will do – we will send out the reminder probably early January and maybe a week after this meeting as well, so two more reminders because I think… What you see normally, the sessions itself they are very helpful if people have an issue that they, after the session, they will respond.

Hiro Hotta: Thank you, Bart. So, secretary, please do send out the reminders, please. Okay, so move on to the item No. 4 – consideration of comments from the Working Group members at this moment, if any. So any comments from the Working Group members so far for now? Maybe not. Okay. So we are moving fast.

Okay, so the next item on my list is next Working Group call meeting. I think since the public comment period ends January 21, I think we will hold a conference call around one or two weeks after that day. The agenda item will include the conservation on comments received and maybe necessary changes of ccNSO rules and guidelines. May I have your view on the timing and the agenda items?

Okay, so I think it's preferable that materials of these items, these meaning the conservation of comments and necessary changes for

rules and guidelines, these both items are assembled and given preliminary consideration by Chairs and Bart and a memo for discussion will be circulated to our mailing list in advance of the conference call.

Bart Boswinkel: I'm fully agreed and I think in that case, it might be best to have the first conference call two weeks after closure of the comment period so it will give us some time to go over the materials and we have a week and hopefully we can post it one week before the conference call itself. And hope if we can do it, say, at the usual time, so that's noon on Thursday, so that's the first Thursday after the two weeks period. So it's very easy to schedule.

Hiro Hotta: Thank you, Bart. Any opinions? Annabeth?

Annabeth Lange: I just wanted to confirm I've been chatting with Hilda. So I got it confirmed that it was a registry that was a member, so she applied for Norid for Dot NO and nothing about the Dot VB.   Her understanding of this is that it's the registry that is the member, not the TLD. So then, if we had three different managers for those three that Norid has, it could be three members. But if we are administering three in the same registry, then it will be one member.

Bart Boswinkel: But only for Dot NO.

Annabeth Lange: Yeah, but if we activate a Dot BV and Dot SJ as well and wanted to… then we have to send a new application for those.

Bart Boswinkel: Yeah, and you would have three votes. That's the consequence of it. That is within a limiting interpretation and I think it's the most reasonable one as well. That is a discussion we had on one of the I think the second or third call of the Working Group as well and it's part of some of the material as well.

Annabeth Lange: But, Bart, wouldn't it then be a part of… It's a coincidence which country has a lot of different ccs. And…

Bart Boswinkel: I fully agree and it's, as I said at the time of the creation of the ccNSO, this was not considered. It never crossed our minds. At least not mine and I know because I was part of that process. And Hiro and Demi as well. Demi, do you recall anything from that time that we discussed this?

Demi Getschko: Don't pass it through us at that moment. Hello?

Bart Boswinkel: Yeah, Demi.

Demi Getschko: Are you hearing?

Bart Boswinkel: Yeah, we hear you.

Demi Getschko: Okay. Yeah, I agree with you but I didn't remember anything passing through our discussion at that time on this.

Hiro Hotta: Thank you, Demi. Annabeth?

Annabeth Lange: The result of that is that countries, really large countries having only one ASCII cc and they have no possibility to have an IDN. They have one vote, for example, India might be…   the consequence could be that they have 21 votes.

Bart Boswinkel: And that is if you look at the interim report, the Working Group is proposing a solution for that situation - if there is more than one ccTLD in a country so we don't distinguish between IDN ccTLDs and ASCII.   There is only one vote and we change and that is a fundamental change is that you have a membership territory and a one vote per territory.   That is a fundamental change of moving away from one vote per member.

Annabeth Langee: That's the least discriminatory system, I agree.

Hiro Hotta: Demi, do you have something to say?

Demi Getschko: No, I'm okay.

Hiro Hotta: Okay, thank you.   So the current interim report is based on that concept – one vote per territory; not per member.   Okay, so let's go back to the next conference call.   Following Bart's suggestion, let me try to suggest to have a conference call on February 10, it's 17 days after the closure date of the public comments.   So how about the meeting at noon UTC on February 10?   Okay, so temporarily let's make it the next call time.   Noon UTC.   Okay, so on my

agenda – any other business. So, Demi, do you have something to say before going to…

Demi Getschko: No, I suppose it's better to hear first the public comments and then we can discuss again in February. I'm okay with it.

Hiro Hotta: Yes, yes. Definitely we do. Dejan, is it okay for you?

Dejan Djukic: Yes, I'm okay. It's okay.

Hiro Hotta: Thank you. So let's move to the "any other business".

Male: I'd just like to discuss something. So the idea is now for you and Bart to work, to have a preliminary, let's say, look into ccNSO guidelines for... I mean rules and guidelines and then circulate that before the call, before the next call?

Hiro Hotta: Yes.

Bart Boswinkel: In combinations, if we receive any comments, an overview of the comments. So we have two documents before we start the discussion. That's why we have this period; it helps with the discussion.

Hiro Hotta: Thank you. Any other discussion? Any other business? Okay, let's conclude this meeting. Thank you all. Thank you, Demi, thank you, Dejan. Thank you. Bye-bye.

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