Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) Working Group Model (WG) Work Team (WT)
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Coordinator: Excuse me. This is the operator. Just need to inform all participants that today’s conference is being recorded. If you have any objections you may disconnect at this time.

I would like to introduce your host of today’s conference call Ms. Gisella Gruber-White. Ma’am you may begin.

Gisella Gruber-White: Thank you Laurie.

J. Scott Evans: Gisella if you would that a - do a quick roll call.

Gisella Gruber-White: Absolutely. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. On today’s PPSC work group on Wednesday the 31st of March we have J. Scott Evans, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Avri Doria. From staff we have Marika Konings, Liz Gasster, Glen de Saint Géry and myself Gisella Gruber-White. We have apologies from Ken Bour and over to you J. Scott.

J. Scott Evans: All right everyone. If you - Avri have you received the link yet to the Adobe (unintelligible)?

Avri Doria: I don’t know. I can go look for it.

Gisella Gruber-White: Avri...
J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Gisella Gruber-White: ...I'll send it to you on Skype.

Avri Doria: Oh I think I just found it, working group work team - yeah I found it. Thanks.

J. Scott Evans: Okay. I just didn’t see you signed in and Marika has prepared a summary of comments that is posted up. I think what I wanted to know from this group is do you all think - which way forward is the most productive? Is it most productive for the group as a whole to each read the submitted comments or to divide this up, divide the comments up amongst the team and have certain groups read certain comments?

I know that some of these are quite extensive. I think INTAs are pretty long aren’t they Marika?

Avri Doria: Yeah.

Marika Konings: This is Marika. I mean it’s not too bad. I mean it’s only five comments and some are shorter than others and I think some make similar points. So, you know, I mean unless you want to divide everything up to the people on this call, you know, maybe it makes sense to go through them. Or, you know, what I can do as well is take out section by section. So we look at the section and I just put all the comments together from the different submissions...

J. Scott Evans: I think that that’s probably - that would probably be the most productive if we did that and we just - what I’d like to do is to divide it up into like three different groupings. So like take the number of sections that were commented on, divide them by three and then the first call just cover the first third and in that call have each section where there’s been a comment listed with the original text and then the comment listed below. Does that sound like something we can do?
Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Certainly does.

J. Scott Evans: Marika?

Marika Konings: Yes. That’s fine. So...

J. Scott Evans: So that’s what I would suggest we do is we send out to the group if that’s how we’re going to proceed. We send - I would like to send a copy of this to everybody on the list, your summary. The only amendment I would put is to say - to put in dates. So to say that next week’s call which should be at this same time we were going to cover the first third of the sections listed. And then put in a date after that for the week after and a date after that for the week after.

And our goal would be to look at these comments and decide hopefully as we go through them what if any revisions will be made to our text based on the comments. I see that Cheryl is already dividing everything up. If you look in the...

((Crosstalk))

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I’m really (unintelligible) bored today. Sorry I just thought I’d help.

J. Scott Evans: So that’s what I would suggest we do. I think Cheryl’s division’s fine by me but I would like to do that. And then Marika at each of the calls where we do this for the sections that we’re covering it would, you know, like say Section 1 - you know, if we have language that was from Section 1 have that language pasted into the document, and then below it the comment in a different color and an attribution to who made the comment.

Marika Konings: Okay.

J. Scott Evans: And if we could probably - if we could circulate that to the group 24 hours either by link to the Wiki or by a Word document about 24 hours before, so
people could look it over so that by the time we got together they would at least have been given the opportunity to get their thoughts together.

Marika Konings: That is fine.

J. Scott Evans: Okay? So that’s sort of all I wanted to do today was discuss how we’re going to move forward through these comments. Does that sound acceptable to everyone? Looks like Cheryl’s on board. How about you Avri?

Avri Doria: Yeah. That’s fine.

J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Avri Doria: I’ve started reading them I think I’m through one and a half of them now. But yeah doing it this way’s fine.

J. Scott Evans: Okay. Let’s, you know, hopefully by lifting the burden of having to read each of them prior to the call hopefully it will inspire greater participation by members of the working group.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: If you can (unintelligible) J. Scott.

J. Scott Evans: If that’s how we’re going to go through it then all I would say is based on that consensus that we agree that we will meet again at 11:00 next Thursday Pacific time - and I think it’s 1800 UTC. And that we will begin going through sections one and two and the comments received to consider comments and what, if any, revisions will be made to those particular sections.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Excellent.

J. Scott Evans: All right. Well with that...

Marika Konings: J. Scott just for your information I will be on vacation next week but Liz agreed to cover for me during that.
J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Marika Konings: But I will have the document out before then.

J. Scott Evans: Oh cool. Well as long as we have the document Marika I think we’ll be fine. And we’ll have a recording of the call so that you can go back and listen to it prior to the next call.

Liz Gasster: And I’ll do my best to live up to the quality standard that Marika exhibits every call.

J. Scott Evans: Well if you don’t Cheryl and I are (unintelligible) to tell you you’re not so you don’t have to worry about that.

Liz Gasster: No. I just can’t get over Cheryl man, she’s on a roll. She’s just handling it all.

J. Scott Evans: All right guys. Well with that I’d like to bring this call to a conclusion. And Marika if you could send out, you know, that date dividing up according to Cheryl the first call we’re going to do sections one and two, second call we’re going to do three and four, third call we’re going to do five and six. List those sections based on this paper, put those dates in, when the call will be - it’s on Wednesday whatever date at 1800 UTC. And then we can get those calls scheduled up.

And then I do agree with Cheryl that a fourth call for polish to whatever revisions we decide in the prior three calls is probably called for. Hopefully we’ll have something by the first week of May if not before that we can then put into a final draft and submit to the PPSD so that they will have it about six weeks before they go to Brussels.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: That works well.
Woman: (Unintelligible).

J. Scott Evans: All right.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thank you J. Scott.

J. Scott Evans: Thank everyone for making the trouble to be here today. Thank you to staff, Avri and Cheryl thank you so much and we'll be speaking again next week. Marika enjoy your vacation.

Marika Konings: Thank you very much.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes. A much deserved one. Enjoy indeed. Thanks a lot.

Marika Konings: Thank you. Happy to Easter to everyone we'll speak next week.


Woman: Bye.

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