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Cheryl Langdon-Orr

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Julia Charvolen

Coordinator: Yes please go ahead.

Julia Charvolen: Thank you. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the GNS Security and Stability Analysis Working Group call on Thursday 29th of November.

On the call today we have Andrew Thompson, Julie Hammer, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Mickey O'Connor, George Asare-Sakyi, Jim Galvin, Warren Kumari, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Takyasu Matsuura, and Patrick Jones.

We have apologies from Jorg Schweiger, Rick Koeller, Nishal Goburdhan, Rosella Marttioli and Don Blumenthal. We also have apologies from Julie Hedlund.

From staff we have Bart Boswinkel and myself Julia Charvolen. I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and over to you.

Mikey O'Connor: Thanks Julia and welcome everybody...

Patrick Jones: Mikey just a quick correction. This is Patrick and I am staff not Julia so...

Julia Charvolen: Apologies.

Patrick Jones: ...correct that yes.

Julia Charvolen: I'm sorry. Thank you.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes, you know, he's just relegated to a blue dot in the Adobe room but be not deceived by that.

Welcome everybody. I think this is going to be kind of a wrap up call before we sort of put ourselves in mothballs till several weeks before the Beijing meeting.

So the agenda is in front of you. We're going to just spin through what happened in Toronto. And for those of you who were comparing dates and are amazed at how late it is past Toronto it is pretty late past Toronto but there you go.

We'll take a look at the massive public comments that we got and let Patrick sort of wing his way through a summary of what's going on with that and then talk a little bit about the path to Beijing.

Patrick is sort of the star of the show that's the reason that I know he's had a cold is because I bugged him about that. And he said oh my God. So glad to hear that you're on the mend Patrick and we won't...

Patrick Jones: Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: ...hold your feet to the fire too hard today.

Patrick Jones: I could talk to the comments fairly quickly because there's only three.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes.

Patrick Jones: There was an individual comment from (David Kay), a comment on behalf of the business constituency and a comment on behalf of SSAC.

What's not here and what I would include in the record in the summary and analysis is the link to the session from Toronto. That's part of the record so that should be included. And...

Mikey O'Connor: Oh yes.

Patrick Jones: ...yes. Otherwise that's the extent of the comments. So I'll - I will write that up and I am behind on it.

Mikey O'Connor: Well dang. Well I think the main thing - and we can skip around a little bit because this is so simple.

I think the main thing on the comment is whether there's anything in there that's actionable with regard to the reports.

And at least in my initial reading of them there is not. Basically the comments are saying carry on, nice job, blah, blah, blah.

((Crosstalk))

Mikey O'Connor: Yes. There isn't a whole lot of course correction which is really the thing that is important in there.

And so if you come across something in your review of that Patrick that you think is a course correction why don't you flag it for us.

And if it's important enough that we need to get the group back together we can certainly schedule another one of these calls anytime between now and Beijing but I don't think we will unless there's a reason to.

And at least again as I said in the initial reading it didn't look like there was much that we needed to do in revising the report.

As long as you're with us and on a roll do you want to kind of give us an update on where the consultants are at with the board risk management framework stuff?

Patrick Jones: Sure. So the consultants met with a large number of individuals in Toronto and have been digesting the feedback that was received there.

They're still also trying to get time with Steve Crocker and Fadi Chehade who obviously have been very busy since Toronto. But I understand those conversations are going to happen soon.

In the meantime it may be useful to have the consultants come back to the group for an update and maybe have them ask some further questions.

It's possible that they also are going to continue some individual outreach over the next couple weeks while they put together this update for the (board, the) working group.

Mikey O'Connor: Oh so they owe somebody an update that they're going to published at some point?

Patrick Jones: Why don't I - I need to follow-up with them anyway so I'll have something sent to the list that provides a more detailed update of where the progress is.

Mikey O'Connor: Well that would be great. I mean the main thing that I think the message back to them is clearly if there's anything we can do to help we I think want to do that.

But, you know, we sort of came away from Toronto with a sense that, you know, the ball's in their court. We're not going to, you know, get real pushy about getting involved except to, you know, make ourselves available as a resource.

And then our plan is, our hope is that they're going to be in pretty good shape and close to done several weeks before Beijing and that we would sort of take a look at their draft and fire ourselves back up sort of out on the schedule. But we're sort of waiting on them at this point.

Patrick Jones: Yes. Well, you know, as you know they met with you and, you know, many others in Toronto and I know that gave them a large amount of information that they've been assembling.

Mikey O'Connor: Oh yes well I felt like I was the source of a waterfall. I just I finally wore them out. I think it was four hours and they finally staggered off and brought me lunch and retiring to lick their wounds after all this information poured out. So that's good.

Patrick Jones: So let me take that as a - I have an action item, another action item to come back to the group with.

Mikey O'Connor: Why don't you just take that to the list because I don't think we're going to have any more calls until there's a reason to and we'll keep an eye out for that. That would be very helpful.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: And Cheryl here.

Mikey O'Connor: Go ahead Cheryl.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thanks Mikey, Cheryl for the record. I would suggest though that we pencil in a chat opportunity with them before Beijing and after their - if not after their formal stuff is out perhaps a little informal briefing as it is being published it might even be possible.

Having worked with this group before it is possible to sort of have succumbed to the (bottom) occasionally in an informal way but I think it would be an opportunity for us to do a little bit of Q&A.

Those consultants don't always...

Mikey O'Connor: Patrick you think that they...

((Crosstalk))

Mikey O'Connor: Do you think that would work because it's fine with me if you think that they would be comfortable with that?

Patrick Jones: Yes I think that would work. But let me come back to the list on that.

Mikey O'Connor: Okay.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thanks. Thanks Patrick.

Mikey O'Connor: Any other thoughts about the - either the comments, the public comments on our stuff or the board risk management consultant crew?

We're running out of agenda items so don't be shy. You know, this could be a world record short DSSA call because basically this is the last call. Unless this informal conversation pops up with the consultants I think this is probably the last call until several weeks before Beijing.

Okay well I think at this point then it's sort of anything and everything. It's open season. You know, we had a hard time getting a start again just for scheduling reasons. You know, it - we had a whole series of travel schedule plus holiday kinds of things.

And I think part of the reason it was hard to get going again is because we don't really have a lot to do right now because there is a real risk that if we pursue much of anything we run the risk of overlapping pretty directly with what the consultants are doing for the board risk management DNS risk management thing.

And so, you know, the ops crew had a hard time getting together to and we finally did and sort of came to the conclusion that it was a better idea to just

hold our horses and wait until we had a better sense of where the consultants are at.

Patrick Jones: Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: Because even the roles and responsibility thing that we're starting to work on that whole map of who does what is it's in their charter to do some of that stuff.

And so even that starts to overlap what they're doing. So we decided we just be better off waiting until we have a better sense of where all that's at.

And so that's the basis on which we decided we'd have this final call and then sort of put ourselves to sleep for a while. And, you know, Patrick we're highly (awakable) on demand.

I think Cheryl's got the right event. If they want to have a session with us I think it's quite easy to schedule something and get us together. And clearly I think there's willingness to do that but I think we're going to let the consultants sort of drive that rather than us.

And I don't know except for that, oh I have a queue. Olivier, carry on.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Olivier in the queue?

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Thank you Mikey. If you can call one person waiting a queue then...

Mikey O'Connor: Well on this call hey I'll take anything, you know?

Olivier Crepin-Leblond: Just Olivier for the transcript record. Just one small thing, I know that Patrick is going to come back to us with a written date on the progress of the consultant. Is this going to be a regular thing or is this just ad hoc?

Mikey O'Connor: Patrick do you want to take a crack at that?

Patrick Jones: Well for now I'll say is ad hoc but once there's - well why don't I take that up to come back with a sense of how regular this should be.

Mikey O'Connor: Okay. I think one of the things that would be helpful is any kind of early warning that they're going to miss Beijing because I think if that starts to arise...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: ...then...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: That wouldn't be good.

Mikey O'Connor: ...we need to rethink what we do because...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Right.

Mikey O'Connor: ...this is a hard group to hold together. Keeping people drifting in the wind for almost a year is hard to imagine.

So I am okay with this twisting in the wind for a while. But if it's really going to miss Beijing then I think at least the ops crew needs to reconvene and sort of put their heads together as the, you know, what we do and how we go back to the community.

Because I basically told Jonathan who is the chair of the GNSO council to just hang out with us for a while.

And he's fine with that but, you know, hang out for a year, I'm not sure I can sell that so that would be helpful.

(George Sadowski): Mikey? Hello Mike? This is (George).

Mikey O'Connor: Oh (George)...

(George Sadowski): (George).

Mikey O'Connor: Hang on just a minute and I'll...

(George Sadowski): Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: ...put you in the queue. (Mark) is next.

(Mark): I...

Mikey O'Connor: (Unintelligible) after (Mark).

((Crosstalk))

(Mark): So I mainly did that to sort of actually created a real queue behind Olivier.

Mikey O'Connor: Oh okay.

(Mark): But the thing is I also like to mention is I fully endorse this plan of action going forward. I think it's the right thing to do.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes well and I want to, you know, the ops gang was entirely unanimous on this. I mean we're - there is no daylight between any of us on this one I don't think.

(Mark): Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: But I think at the same time if it turns out that our premise that the work of the consultants is going to be done or at least a major first draft is going to be done by Beijing if that premise is in error then...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes we're going to...

((Crosstalk))

(Mark): Agreed, agreed.

Mikey O'Connor: ...yes, we kind of need to re-wake up and see what we do. (George) go ahead.

(George Sadowski): Yes I want to know whether the - we have a interim report from the consultants?

Mikey O'Connor: I think we aren't in any special privileged position with regard to that. I think if the consultants do an interim report it will be to the community not to us.

We have not asked for nor do I think we should expect any special reporting relationship with the consultants.

We are simply part of the community. So if there interim reports I would expect them to go to everybody not just us.

(George Sadowski): So I should - I had the impression that we have to slow down to see whether we are in line with the work of the consultants. So I thought we have gotten an interim report to see whether are working actually in line with what they are doing?

Mikey O'Connor: Yes. I - well I think that that's true. And I think that part of what that may be is this conversation that Patrick is going to have with the consultants and then

maybe this informal discussion that we can set up pretty much at any time with them.

But we are essentially of the opinion that some of the things that we contemplate doing in fact overlap what they may do and so we want to wait for them to do whatever it is that they're going to do before we proceed.

So I, you know, our current approach is not to do anything until there is a draft out which presumably is just before Beijing and then reconvene at that point.

(George Sadowski): So okay so should we expect a copy before Beijing?

Mikey O'Connor: That's up to Patrick to find out and manage.

Patrick Jones: So Mikey is...

Mikey O'Connor: Yes go ahead Patrick.

Patrick Jones: Yes there will definitely be an update before Beijing if not - you know, so that's in mid-April that - I - there will definitely be an update from the consultants, you know, after the first of the year and well in advance of Beijing.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes and I think...

(George Sadowski): Okay.

Mikey O'Connor: ...what Cheryl's got the right of it in the chat. The informal discussion would probably be best once they have significant drafting done. Otherwise I mean unless they're in information gathering mode at which point, you know, we're certainly happy to do that but...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes but they can just look at our wiki to do that.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes that's true, those lucky guys.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: No they bloody deserve it.

Mikey O'Connor: Tortured by wiki there you go.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: Well, you know, I think we would - I don't want to foreclose the possibility of them coming back for clarification or something like that.

But I agree with that if it would be much more useful for us to be able to review some sort of draft, even an outline of a draft or some preliminary conclusions, you know, because that would give us something that we could react to.

So Patrick I think, you know, the sense of the group is clear that, you know, we're very interested in what the consultants are doing and would love to be kept up to speed as fits best with what they're doing.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: No we're just twiddling our thumbs until they get back to us with something.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes that's basically it. Fire up your thumbs I'm trying one at a time just to get the practice and then twiddle both when you're fully qualified as a thumb twiddler. You know, and I can offer video instruction if people have trouble with that.

But yes we're waiting. It's just too complicated to try and do it in because what it does is it drives us down a whole series of decision trees that it just gets too hard...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes.

Mikey O'Connor: Okay anything else people want to visit about? I managed to kill off almost half an hour but I'm out of bullets. I haven't got anything else to distract us.

(Mark): I do have one more thing Mikey.

Mikey O'Connor: Go ahead (Mark).

(Mark): Thank you so much for leading us for this year and a half endeavor.

Mikey O'Connor: Oh I had...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yeah.

Mikey O'Connor: Yeah. I've had a great time. And made great friends and learned just an unbelievable amount. So I appreciate the enthusiasm and all the help so it's just mutual.

I couldn't have asked for a cooler gang to hang out with that's for sure. And I think we've still got work to do right. You know, I...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Oh yes.

Mikey O'Connor: ...I'm not declaring us done I'm just declaring us in thumb twiddling mode until we have a better sense of the landscape. Because at some point I think we wake up again and at least promote the tools that we've built if nothing else. I mean, you know, we've got a whole bunch of cool stuff that people can do.

So I don't think we're done. Yes Olivier says.

((French spoken))

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Well done Olivier.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes those French they have all those subtle cool words.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes they did a lot with words those French. (Unintelligible).

Mikey O'Connor: Okay I've trolled - I think I've trolled enough. I think I'm going to call it quits for this call. And so (Julie), Julia if you could shut off the recording we'll call it a day and we'll keep an eye on the list and look forward to Patrick's updates.

Leaving that dangling out there with a significant pause Patrick.

Patrick Jones: Thanks Mikey. See you again.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes. Plenty for Patrick to do, just try and remember to also have a nice festive season to everybody who celebrates in various ways between...

Mikey O'Connor: Yes that's true. Happy holidays to all.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: ...now and April.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes, yes. And we'll look forward to presents from the consultants.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Presents from Patrick on the list.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes lucky Patrick.

Patrick Jones: Yes thanks.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Okay thanks a lot Mike.

Mikey O'Connor: Yes. See you later. Bye-bye.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Bye.

Bye.

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