Marika Konings: Welcome to the GNSO Council meeting of 8 May 2014

Bret Fausett, RySG: Long hold time to get in on the telephone....

Marika Konings: Hi Brett - the call starts in 57 minutes from now

Marika Konings: at 15.00 UTC

Bret Fausett, RySG: Well that explains it!

Marika Konings: :-)

Bret Fausett, RySG: I will go eat breakfast and come back.

Marika Konings: Hi Yoav - the call starts at 15.00 UTC

Volker Greimann: that is in 5 minutes, right?

Osvaldo Novoa: Hello all, I am calling in.

Jennifer Wolfe: Hi everyone, I apologize I will not be able to call in until the second half of the meeting.

John Berard: ah, all agents are busy!

John Berard: I am unable to dial-in; anyone else have that problem?

Mary Wong: @ John are you not connecting at all?

Marika Konings: @ John - should we dial out out to you?

John Berard: got in just now

Magaly: Hello! I am also calling in

Thomas Rickert: Hi all!

Dan Reed: Hi

Amr Elsadr: Hi all.

Bladel: Does anyone have any changes they'd like to report. *ahem* Volker....

Bladel: :-)

Volker Greimann: nothing with regard to my SoI ;-)
Avri Doria: What? No new influences?
Volker Greimann: BTW: Glen has arranged for a very nice bouquet of flowers in the name of the council for which I would like to thank Glen and the council very much. I was very pleasantly surprised.

Volker Greimann: Glen, not Glan, of course.

Bladel: Oh, your interests have changed, believe me. You just don't see it yet. :P

Maria Farrell: Re. the meetings strategy comment, yes, it was my job and Marika has kindly reminded me. Unfortunately I've been swamped and couldn't draft anything.

Marika Konings: The draft Jonathan is referring to can be found here: http://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/msg16102.html

Berry Cobb: 1 Chair and 3 co-chairs

Amr Elsadr: Thanks.

John Berard: for Bret: was Thomas accurate in explaining your view?

Osvaldo Novoa: I support the amended motion.

Osvaldo Novoa: Yes, I would.

Bret Fausett, RySG: Yes, we wanted the motion silent on future rounds. We didn't see the need to address that.

Bret Fausett, RySG: My note was to John's Q

Amr Elsadr: @Alan: :)

Dan Reed: I would support either version. I think we must balance process and efficiency.

Avri Doria: As stated on the list, I am inclined to vote against the unamended motion. I need further understanding before I know whether I can accept the amended motion. I think that Section 9 of Specification 9 is adequate for the purposes for any registry.

Avri Doria: ... section 6 of spec 9 ...

Alan Greenberg: Proposed re-wording: 2. that the Council, notwithstanding Resolved 1, does not object...

John Berard: For Volker or James: why did the registrars who initially objected decided to stand down?

John Berard: decide, of course.
Alan Greenberg: If we go ahead, I would also suggest that we add a final resolved saying that the Council's acceptance of a variation from original policy recommendation may not be taken as a precedent for any future decisions.

Alan Greenberg: The NGPC has ALREADY passed Spec 13 without the exception and have not asked for our opinion on that.

Volker Greimann: John, as one of the registrars who objected, I would like to clarify the reasons.

Volker Greimann: we withdrew our objection on a factual basis, because we agreed that the end result was acceptable on a practical level.

Bladel: John: As far as I'm aware, we neither raised an initial objection, nor withdrew it.

Volker Greimann: This did not in any way reflect on remaining concerns to the policy implications.

Avri Doria: My main concern is allowing a blanket exemption of clause c of the section 6 - in terms of protecting the public interest. Insufficient consideration has been given to the effect of a blanket exemption to 1/3 of the new gTLDs from individual examination of public interest review.

Avri Doria: GNOS does not make policy by reviewing Board requests for comment.

Volker Greimann: If the amendment proposal two passes, this would have a direct influence on the way I vote.

Alan Greenberg: Saying that the GNSO does not comment is akin to the GAC saying they do not comment, resulting in them only commenting when the board is about to act. Both may have been true in the past, but is that how we should go forward.

Amr Elsadr: My understanding is that Volker’s suggested amendment would be the opposite of the motion as it exists regarding recommendation 19. If that is the case, I would vote for the amended motion. I would need to vote against the motion as-is.

Klaus Stoll: I agree with Avri.

Avri Doria: I believe public interest review is substantive.

Petter Rindforth: Is it possible to show the suggested versions on the screen?

Marika Konings: It is a simple majority vote as it does not meet any of the criteria for supermajority as listed in the ICANN Bylaws.

Avri Doria: As for clause 3, saying something is not a precedent does not mean that it does not become a precedent.
Volker Greimann: I would vote in favor

John Berard: Can you please restate the Volker amendment

Marika Konings: Let me pull up Volker's email

Petter Rindforth: thanks

Dan Reed: Thanks, Marika

Bret Fausett, RySG: Jonathan stated our position correctly. I read the registrar amendment as materially changing the substance of the motion so we would not be able to support it at this meeting.

Bladel: It is a good question from Amr.

Ching Chiao (DotAsia): +1 Bret. The RySG can support Thomas' motion with Clause 3 removed

Bladel: Just to be clear, Bret: RySG are supporting the motion only removing #3?

Bret Fausett, RySG: Yes, we will support the motion if we can remove any reference to future TLD rounds.

Amr Elsadr: @Volker: Nicely put. Agree completely.

Avri Doria: So in other words, as a sole registrant, the brand can register with whomever the wish - restricting themse to 3. Makes Spec 13 seem even less necessary. I had forgotten about the registrants freedom to discriminate.

Amr Elsadr: Yes Avri. The brand holders, their associates, partners, etc..., as registrants can choose to do business with whatever registrar they like.

Avri Doria: As a rep of registrants that was silly of me.

Petter Rindforth: If the version on the screen is the new, I support

Volker Greimann: we will have t vote no on the original amendment with or without Bretts amendment

John Berard: I am good with Alan's amendments

Bladel: +1 Volker

Amr Elsadr: I'm not clear on Alan's suggested amendment. If I'm not mistaken it clarifies the intent of WHEREAS 2 and add that this is not a precedent?
Alan Greenberg: Thomas, perhaps way forward is to ask if anyone feels that my suggestions change the intent, and if not, John can smove them and you can accept as friendly.

Marika Konings: @Alan - was there also language for a resolved clause 4?

Alan Greenberg: Think so. One moment.

Amr Elsadr: I meant resolved clause, not whereas. Apologies.

Marika Konings: @Thomas - you can suggest the amendment as well as the maker of the motion.

Alan Greenberg: That the Council's acceptance of a variation from original policy recommendation may not be taken as a precedent for any future decisions.

Bret Fausett, RySG: I personally think the Clause 2 is clear without the "notwithstanding" amendment.

Gabriela Szlak: Hi all, I am in the call now, it seems there was a problem, with my proxy, with really bad connection.

Alan Greenberg: If Volker's amendment is not friendly, it needs to go to a vote!

Gabriela Szlak: (I am with really bad connection)

Bladel: Just to be clear, we are saying: "this is inconsistent with policy, but please proceed. But only just this once."

Bret Fausett, RySG: I would support it with the Alan/John amendments.

Petter Rindforth: These amendments are acceptable

John Berard: Let's vote on Volker's amendment

Mary Wong: Yes we are looking into it.

Dan Reed: Let's dispose of the "non-friendly" amendment via clear vote, looking at the text. It is important that it is clear to everyone on what we are voting.

John Berard: what is the voting threshold?

Alan Greenberg: 50% +1

Mary Wong: Simple majority

Ching Chiao (DotAsia): what exactly are we voting on? support or do not support volker's amendment?

Volker Greimann: I agree, we can vote on this
Mary Wong:@John, more specifically, "greater than 50% of the eligible voters in each House" (per Section 4.2 of the GNSO Op Procs.)

Avri Doria: point of order, exemptions need to be explained

Alan Greenberg: It is on the screen

Glen de Saint Gery: Jennifer Wolfe is now on the line

Jonathan Robinson: Thanks Glen. Please record Jen as present from this point on then.

Maria Farrell: Glad to hear an Irishman quoted, John B.

Klaus Stoll: I can only support this!

Dan Reed: Yes, this is crucial

Amr Elsadr: Thanks John. +1

Gabriela Szlak: +1

Thomas Rickert: I would support this, Jonathan!

Volker Greimann: +1

Klaus Stoll: It needs to be on record in time, so I support you submit as a personal comment

Klaus Stoll: That's the right phrase

Tony Holmes: Initial support but needs further discussion and final ratification

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Amr Elsadr: @Tony: +1. The draft charter seems like a good starting point.

Avri Doria: did audio cast ever get fixed?

Glen de Saint Gery: We have had serious issues with the Audio cast and we do apologise, there has been no audio cast

Avri Doria: thanks for checking and for the attempt to fix.

Tony Holmes: Agree gp should be wider than council but not beyond GNSO for now

Maria Farrell: I agree with Tony

Alan Greenberg: Observer, even non-speaking ones, would be acceptable from my point of view.
Tony Holmes: Do observers have to remain mute?

Mary Wong: @Tony, speaking very generally the difference seems to be in voting. This may not be as important for this group but for e.g. the SIC which works on Full Consensus that may be helpful to bear in mind.

Mary Wong: Sorry, not SIC - SCI!

Avri Doria: And we have a model before where NCA could pick one rep from among themselves.

Mary Wong: The same distinction will apply in the new CWG on Framework of CWG Operating Principles, currently co-chaired by John Berard and Becky Burr.

Alan Greenberg: Yes, please send slides to list.

Amr Elsadr: Thanks Mary.

Amr Elsadr: Mary..., could you circulate info on the new study? I missed the name.

Mary Wong: @Amr, NORC has been asked by ICANN to develop measurements ofWhois accuracy.

Mary Wong: I will send the links/info to the Council list.

Tony Holmes: Can we know if time will be allowed for Constituency or CG meetings on the Sunday afternoon?

Amr Elsadr: Thanks Mary.

Mary Wong: You're very welcome!

David Cake: Thursday slot usually conflicts with WG meetings. And SSAC.

Tony Holmes: Thanks thats helpful

Mary Wong: @David we've not asked for Thurs a.m. mtgs this time due to the new Thursday schedule.

Mary Wong: For WGs I mean.

Alan Greenberg: Thanks all.
Bladel: Thx
Dan Reed: Thank you
Gabriela Szlak: thank you
Thomas Rickert: Well done, Jonathan and thank you! Thanks and bye all!
Magaly Pazello: Thank you! Bye!
Klaus Stoll: Thank You!
Osvaldo Novoa: Thanks, Bye
Ching Chiao (DotAsia): bye
David Cake: bye all