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Yes, I'll be brief, I just want to say that I have absolutely loved being on the Council and not least because it is the part of the organization that makes the policy. We do the hard yards, through the GNSO working groups rather than just the Council on its own. We've got all of that hard work that we do, and I just want just remind people and valorize the work that we do on council. A lot of people are concerned about the 'GAC-ization' - what an ugly term -- of ICANN.

We in the GNSO develop the policy. We don't write slogans, we don't write talking points. We write policies that are considered documents that have been through many iterations, and that have been put together by many different people. Slogans are not policy and talking points are not policy. Policy is policy. So, let's not forget that.

GNSO policy is not the first position in a negotiation. It is something that has been worked on very hard by a lot of people with a lot of compromise. So let's stand up for it.

And, I just want to pass that on to new councilors coming in to the council that they're a terrific bunch and it's been wonderful. And also to say thank you to Jonathan who as Chairman of the Council makes it look so much more functional then perhaps it should be. So thank you.