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STEVE CROCKER: Okay. I think we have the board seated.

Let me ask for attention focused in this direction. Thank you.

We're going to have a formal board meeting, but before we begin with the formalities and get to the meat of the board meeting agenda, I want to call attention to the ATLAS II declaration.

I understand that we have -- do we have a copy up there? I understand that the recommendations within the ATLAS II declaration will shape the next stage of development of the at-large community as well as lead to greater voice for Internet end users within the global Internet.

I'd like to call on Dr. Olivier Crepin-Leblond, chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee, ALAC, to expound on this a bit more.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Steve.

The at-large community has met during the whole past week, since last Saturday, 150 at-large structures coming over here to London to work on several problematics, several thematic working groups.

The first one is the future of the multistakeholder models; the globalization of ICANN; the global Internet, the user perspective; ICANN

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transparency and accountability; at-large community engagement in ICANN.

These thematic working groups have yielded reports which have been put together into a declaration that I will be handing over to Steve Crocker in a moment.

On the side of this, the at-large community has also worked and discussed the multistakeholder NETmundial that took place a few months ago in Brazil.

I am pleased to announce that the ATLAS II has produced a statement to support the findings, the roadmap, and the principles of Internet governance that were achieved at NETmundial.

So Steve --

[Applause]

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: -- it is my immense pleasure and honor to be able to hand over this report and this statement over to you on behalf of the at-large community. And thank you.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you again, Olivier.

I will ensure that all the board members get a copy of this and review it thoroughly.

From everything that I've seen and heard, ATLAS II has more than achieved three goals of strengthening the bottom-up structure of the at-large community by building capacity and awareness of at-large policies and process of the more than 150 at-large structures, of further developing the at-large community's capacity for engagement in ICANN by increasing its knowledge and understanding of the key issues confronting ICANN and ICANN's roles and responsibilities, and planning for the next stage of an ALAC at-large community development.

I want to sincerely thank everyone, all 150-plus at-large structures, who participated in this second at-large summit during ICANN 50, for the extraordinary efforts to develop recommendations on how to strengthen the voice of the end user within ICANN.

We're now --

Yeah, go ahead. Comment.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Steve.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the 150 ALSs that came from all parts of the world to discuss all these issues and to also strengthen the voice of users, and I would like to thank all the ones involved in the organization of the meeting. It took time, a lot of energy, but I believe that the results are of the level required based on the efforts made, and I would like to say that I'm really proud of having -- being chosen by them three years ago to be part of the ICANN board.

I was elected by them as a member of the board, so I'm really proud of that. And that is also good for the people we represent, so I would like to thank everyone for their involvement, their commitment, and the actions that they carry out everywhere in the world.

[Applause]

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Sebastien.

I now formally call the ICANN board of directors to order and will take a quick roll, and I'll note that Wolfgang Kleinwachter is in transit but will be attempting to participate remotely.

Fadi, if you would just start and each of us just say "in attendance." Say your --

FADI CHEHADE: Fadi Chehade.

MIKE SILBER: Mike Silber.

BILL GRAHAM: Bill Graham.

GONZALO NAVARRO: Gonzalo Navarro.

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JONNE SOININEN: Jonne Soininen.

HEATHER DRYDEN: Heather Dryden.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Chris Disspain.

GEORGE SADOWSKY: George Sadowsky.

CHERINE CHALABY: Cherine Chalaby.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sebastien Bachollet.

STEVE CROCKER: Steve Crocker.

BRUCE TONKIN: Bruce Tonkin.

RAY PLZAK: Ray Plzak.

ERIKA MANN: Erika Mann.

OLGA MADRUGA-FORTI: Olga Madruga-Forti.

KUO-WEI WU: Kuo-Wei Wu.

RAM MOHAN: Ram Mohan.

SUZANNE WOOLF: Suzanne Woolf.

BRUNO LANVIN: Bruno Lanvin.

STEVE CROCKER: And do we have Wolfgang?

If, Wolfgang, you're able to chime in, please do so whenever you can.

In any case, it's evident that we have a quorum and so we're called to order here.

The first order of business is our consent agenda. Let me call on Bruno to move it.

BRUNO LANVIN: Yes. I'm moving it.

STEVE CROCKER: Good. George?

GEORGE SADOWSKY: Second.

STEVE CROCKER: Good. All right. The consent agenda is being flashed on the screen there. We're not going to read all of the details step by step. I will note that 1(b), the Root-Server System Advisory Committee new appointees, that Tripti Sinha and Kevin Jones are representing root servers D as in "David" and E as in "Edward" respectively, and we welcome them to the RSSAC.

That with respect to 1(d), NGPC membership, Suzanne Woolf is now formally a member of the committee.

That with respect to 1(e), the SSAC membership, Sarmad Hussein is stepping down and we thank him very much for his service.

That among the thank yous, I want to single out the Internet Society, which I mentioned before.

And that is the quick summary of the consent agenda.

May I have votes?

All in favor say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

The content agenda has passed.

We now turn to the main agenda, and I call on Kuo-Wei Wu.

KUO-WEI WU: I will read this resolution in Chinese.

Redelegation of the .GW domain representing Guinea-Bissau.

Resolved, as part of the exercise of its responsibilities under the IANA function contract, ICANN has reviewed and evaluated the request to redelegate the .GW country code top-level domain to the national regulatory authority for information technology and communication of Guinea-Bissau.

The documentation demonstrates that the proper procedures were followed in evaluating the request.

Resolved, the board directs that pursuant to Article III, Section 5.2 of the ICANN bylaws, that certain portions of this rationale not appropriate for public distribution within the resolutions, preliminary report or minutes at this time due to contractual obligations, shall be withheld until public release is allowed pursuant to those contractual obligations.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much.

                        And Chris, do you want to give a couple of comments about this?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Thank you -- yes. Thank you, Steve. I just want to talk briefly to this resolution.

                        The -- the IANA department received a request to redelegate .GW from the -- the request for redelegation was evaluated and it's been found to meet the required criteria. Just very briefly, those criteria are string eligibility, and that the domain is valid under ISO 3166-1.

                        Public interest in this case of the request was supported by a number of organizations including MTN, Spacetel, and Orange, who jointly manage over 90% of the Internet telecommunications in the country.

                        Local law. There is, in fact, a decree, government decree, that ARN, the organization to whom the redelegation is occurring, should be the ccTLD manager.

                        Local presence is covered by the fact that they are based in Guinea-Bissau.

                        And the other areas of stability and competency and equitable treatment are also well covered in the report, and so I commend this resolution to the board.

EN

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. Any other discussion?

I call for a vote.

All in favor say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

The motion carries. Thank you very much.

Cherine, will you introduce 2(b)?

CHERINE CHALABY: Thank you, Steve. This is about the location of the ICANN 52 meeting, and given that it is going to be in a francophone country, I'd like to make the introduction to this resolution in French, if I may.

Today we are pleased to announce the city that is going to host the ICANN meeting that will take place between 8th and 12th of February of 2015.

I would like to thank all the organizations that have made proposals to host this first 2015 meeting in Africa.

After the study that we carried out of all the received proposals, we are pleased to announce that the ICANN board confirms the election of Marrakech in Morocco in northern Africa to host this meeting.

[Applause]

CHERINE CHALABY: I would like to thank the Mediterranean federation of the Internet organizations, the at-large structures, and the chairman, Mr. (saying name).

Could you please stand up?

[Applause]

Tijani, you can also stand up.

[Applause]

I'm sure that ICANN 52 in Marrakech will be a complete success.

And now, I would like to present the resolution. Is anyone going to second me?

STEVE CROCKER: Erika, I think it's your turn.

ERIKA MANN: (Speaking in a non-English language.).

STEVE CROCKER: (Speaking in a non-English language.)

ERIKA MANN: Yes, I second.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. And Cherine, is there anything else that you want to say about this?

I've only been to Marrakech once and I'm eager to go back, so this will be great.

All in favor of this resolution say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

 [No reponse]

Marrakech it is. Thank you.

[Applause]

Chris, we come to Item 2(c), multistakeholder meeting strategy working group.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: And Steve, I want to move that resolution, please.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you. Olga?

OLGA MADRUGA-FORTI: Obrigado. Gracias.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

                         Sebastien, would you like to summarize this?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sebastien Bachollet speaking.

                         The multistakeholder meeting strategy working group is a
                         multistakeholder group and it has worked very hard for months in order
                         to produce this report. After they submitted this report, plenty of
                         comments were received, and I really want to thank them for these
                         comments that were positive on many occasions and enabled us to
                         submit this final report to the ICANN board. There haven't been any
                         significant changes in the proposals.

                         The objective is to implement the strategy in 2016, but I'm almost sure,
                         as you may have seen, that there are slight changes in the way we
                         organize our meetings.

There may be other changes taking place before 2016, and in -- the changes in 2016 have to do with the meeting venues and the choice of hotels and conference facilities.

I hope that with this new policy, we will be able to honor our promise. That is, to choose meeting venues with two years in advance.

As you can see, today we are introducing the next meeting venue not very much in advance, so this new organization would enable us to have more time prior to the meetings. I would like to thank the members of this working group and all the people that contributed their comments, and I'm really looking forward -- and I hope you are too -- to the implementation of this proposal.

There's going to be a staff request to implement this proposal and the board will make the final decision regarding the implementation of these recommendations.

Thank you all very much.

Steve, you have the floor now.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much. Any other discussion?

I'd like to call for the vote and I believe that Wolfgang is available now.

Wolfgang, let me ask you to give your vote over voice and then I will ask for the votes of the others.

And I understand there might be a brief delay here.

Maybe the delay is not so brief.

I'll take the votes of the board and maybe we'll come back.

So all in favor say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

Thank you. Wolfgang, are you there?

Well, regretfully he's not. So --

Fadi?

FADI CHEHADE: Yeah. If I could just comment to thank the members of the working group for the meetings. This was one of the groups that frankly we can be proud of the process they followed, the participation they did, and I want to thank Sebastien publicly in front of the community for his leadership on that good piece of work. Thank you for that.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.

[Applause]

So as a matter of form, I declare this as now passed and we move on to Item 2(d).

Ray?

RAY PLZAK: Thank you, Steve.   Cognizant of where we are, I will be speaking in American English.

[Laughter]

This resolution does -- has two parts to it. The first one is the board is going to accept all of the ATRT2 recommendations and direct the President and CEO to implement them.

And in the second resolution, the President and CEO is directed to report regularly to the board.

I so move.

STEVE CROCKER: Bill?

BILL GRAHAM: I would like to second, please.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you.   And continuing with our tour of nonstandard English, moving from American to Canadian to Australian, Bruce, would you like to summarize?

BRUCE TONKIN: Thank you. Just a sort of few comments. We've talked a lot about accountability today, and certainly the output of the Accountability and Transparency Review Team is part of the continuous improvement of the accountability at ICANN.

Firstly, I'd like to thank the review team for the time and effort that they've put into this report, and also note that the implementation of many of these recommendations will be involving the community.

In particular, recommendations 9.2 and 9.3 involve improving the existing accountability mechanisms we have, including the independent review process, the reconsideration process, and the ombudsman function.

We also heard from the GNSO today the need for independent accountability mechanisms, and these may involve improving these existing mechanisms and may involve possibly new mechanisms.

This work will be part of the accountability process that was discussed earlier today to improve our accountability.

I also want to note that with respect to all of these recommendations, that the staff will be managing the implementation of these through the ICANN project management office, and this will include providing regular updates to the community on the progress, milestones, and metrics associated with these recommendations.

There will also be an advisory committee made up of the ICANN executive management team to oversee the implementation of these recommendations. Thank you, Steve.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you, Bruce.

This has certainly been a priority for the board and a priority of my own. The recommendations from the ATRT2 arrived at the tail end of the last year, 2013, and there is an expected period of six months within which the board is expected to act.

We are doing so.

That time was used very productively and very arduously to do a thorough examination of what the recommendations were, what their consequences would be, how to get organized to implement them, so this is not just a pro forma action, this is a very thoughtful process and meaningful, and as Bruce has described, there will be focus on project management, on regular reporting, and on bringing each of these to fruition.

So with that, let me ask: Any other discussion?

All in favor say aye.

[Affirmative responses]

STEVE CROCKER: Any opposed?

[No response]

Any abstentions?

[No response]

And once again, Wolfgang, are you there?

>> No, Steve. I'm sorry. We've been trying to reconnect with him.

STEVE CROCKER: Thank you very much.

The motion passes.

This is a key piece of work. I'm very pleased for it. And the ATRT2 recommendations have been accepted and will be implemented.

The last item is whether or not there's any other business.

Does anyone wish to introduce a new piece of business?

Hearing nothing, this concludes the meeting of the ICANN board of directors and concludes the ICANN 50 in London, with the sole exception that it's party time downstairs in Sovereign. Cocktails for everyone.

FADI CHEHADE: Yeah. There will be no wine at the gala. Just vodka.

[Laughter]

CHRIS DISSPAIN: And possibly some vinegar.

[Laughter]

STEVE CROCKER: Well, no wine before its time, I presume.

Thank you very much. See you downstairs.

[Applause]

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