
SAN JUAN – GAC Opening Session
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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So, good afternoon again everyone. We will be starting our sessions, so if you can please take your seats. So, just to let everyone know, we have been handed a script that we need to use at the beginning and end of every session so that the recordings are properly cut to divide the session so anyone who's going to start the session needs to start with the script and end with the session script as well to facilitate the job of the people who need to cut the recordings into the sessions properly. So, with this I will be starting our opening plenary. Dear members, thank you for your attention, we are about to start agenda item 1 on the schedule. The GAC opening plenary session scheduled at 1330 on Saturday 10 March for 30 minutes. Please remember when you are called upon to state your name and affiliation for transcript purposes. So welcome everyone to our plenary session. It is good to be back here because I think we had a GAC meeting before in San Juan in June 2007, so we normally start our plenary sessions with our tour de table with everyone briefly introducing him or herself. So I appreciate if you can try to speak slowly and clearly for the transcription and interpretation. and I would like to start by welcoming our new GAC members. We have the

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Republic of the union of Myanmar. So welcome, we also have Bosnia and Herzegovina. Welcome. And we have Bangladesh. So we have three new GAC members at this meeting. So, welcome to you all. And let me start by my very far left. And Milagros please can you start by introducing yourself?

MILAGROS CASTANON: Good morning, Milagros Castanon [INDISCERNIBLE] from Peru.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning everyone [INDISCERNIBLE]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am from [INDISCERNIBLE] and one of the five members of the GAC [INDISCERNIBLE].

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Welcome to Puerto Rico. Greetings to you all friends.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Senegal.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Senegal. Very happy to be with you. I hope you have a very fruitful week.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the GAC support.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, please feel free to speak any of the languages plus Portuguese. We have interpretation in the six UN languages plus Portuguese. So make sure to benefit from this wonderful service. So we are going to start by you, sir, go ahead.

HARRY CHAPMAN: Good afternoon. Harry Chapman from the New Zealand government.

FINN PETERSON: Good afternoon. Finn Peterson from the Danish government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon [INDISCERNIBLE] from Trinidad and Tobago [INDISCERNIBLE]

TEPUA HUNTER: Tepua Hunter from the Cook Islands.

JEAN RAKOTOMALALA: Good afternoon, Jean Rakotomalala from Madagascar.

LUISA PAEZ: Good afternoon, Luisa Paez for the Canadian government.

TAYLOR BENTLEY: Taylor Bailey with the Canadian government.

CHARLES CHEW: Good afternoon, Charles Chew from IMDA Singapore.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] Singapore.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, this is Ser Pheng Queh from IMDA Singapore.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Portuguese government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Italian government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] representative of the European Union.

NIGEL CASSIMIRE: Nigel Cassimire from the Caribbean telecommute locations union.

BERNADETTE LEWIS: Hello, this is Bernadette Lewis from the Caribbean telecommunications union.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. This is [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Israeli government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] Australian government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, my name is [INDISCERNIBLE] from Ivory Coast.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] representing the Dominican Republic.

JESUS RIVERA: Jesus Rivera representing the [INDISCERNIBLE] Republica Venezuela.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Finnish government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon [INDISCERNIBLE] from Japan.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Japan.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE]

JOSE MANUEL LUCEA: Good afternoon, José Manuel Lucera from the Spanish government.

JORGE CANCIO: Good afternoon to all. I'm Jorge Cancio from Switzerland.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Russian Federation.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Russian Federation.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Belgium.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from France.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] I am the representative of Morocco.

BLAISE AZITEMINA FUNDJI: [INDISCERNIBLE] Blaise from the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon everyone [INDISCERNIBLE] from Nigeria.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] assembly.

RAFAEL LITO IBARRA: Good afternoon, Rafael Lito Ibarra from El Salvador.

THOMAS DE HAAN: Good afternoon, Thomas de Haan from the Dutch government, the Netherlands.

ELISE LINDEBERG: Hello, Elise Lindeberg from the Norwegian government.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Rwanda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon [INDISCERNIBLE] from Rwanda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon [INDISCERNIBLE] from Rwanda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the government of Jamaica.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon [Lance Heinz] from the government of Jamaica.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] Good afternoon [INDISCERNIBLE] German government.

ALEJANDRA ERRASPUME: Good afternoon to you all. I'm Alejandra Ramos Erraspume from Uruguay.

ISRAEL ROSAS: Good afternoon. Israel Rosas from Mexico.

BRIAN BECKHAM: Good afternoon. Brian Beckham from the World Intellectual Property Organization.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, my name is [INDISCERNIBLE] from South Korea.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from international telecommunication unit.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE]. I am representative of the foreign affairs Ministry of Brazil.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, [INDISCERNIBLE] advisor to the Brazilian government to the Brazilian steering committee.

ASHLEY HEINEMAN: Good afternoon. My name is Ashley Heineman from the government of the United States.

RYAN CARROLL: And Ryan Carroll from the US as well. [INDISCERNIBLE]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the government of Egypt [INDISCERNIBLE]

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] I'm representing the government of Mali.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon everyone. My name is [INDISCERNIBLE] from Taiwan.

PAUL BLAKER: Hello I am Paul Blaker from the United Kingdom government.

CHRIS LEWIS EVANS: Good afternoon. I am Chris Lewis Evans from the UK.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Thailand.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from the Nigerians telecommunication commission.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [INDISCERNIBLE] from Nigeria.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Anyone that is GAC member or observer sitting away from a microphone? So if not, thank you all. And so this is my first GAC meeting as a GAC chair so please bear with me if I cannot really remember all the names. We also have so many new GAC representatives. Welcome to all our new GAC representatives and as our previous chair used to say, if you can please maintain your seats we try to take notes according to the seating plan. So if it is at all possible to maintain your seats so that you can help us remember the countries and I'm sure we are going to know you all by names. So thank you. Tom, would you like to get us through the agenda, and thank you.

TOM DALE:

Thank you Manal. Just to address the main points made in the briefing for this session covering the overview of the meeting, there are really three things that make up the GAC's work during the iCANN meeting first is a GAC schedule itself which have copies of in your briefing. The GAC is meeting on all the days although on some of the days of the iCANN meeting there's only one or two meeting so please check the schedule. As far as the substantive issues are concerned, the briefing suggests that seeking a good outcome for public policy in terms of the European general data protection regulation and how it is applied by iCANN to its contracts particularly with regard to the data known as who is is a priority for the GAC and indeed for the rest of iCANN this weekend we have a number of sessions dealing with that. Secondly, the issue of iCANN account ability is moving to its conclusion of the so-called WorkStream two and there will be some briefing on that later in the week and the GAC will consider how to come to a agreement or a view on whether to support the final recommendations of that cross community working group. A number of policy issues dealing, to do with new detailed is generic top-level domain names. I have to be very careful that there are a number of new members here and not slip immediately into iCANN speak although it is inevitable. I'm sorry. One issue in particular, which the GAC has sometime devoted to concerns work on geographic names at the top level which we will be discussing later this afternoon. And there are a number of

other issues, which we've tried to identify outside the GAC meeting but which are being dealt with in other parts of the iCANN meeting this weekend they are identified in the brief. The final part of the GAC work concerns cross community sessions which are held now at each iCANN meeting. There are a number of cross community sessions open to everyone at this meeting. The most relevant to the GAC is on Monday. It deals with GDPR, who is compliance models and the GAC public safety working group, who have been very active in the, working with others to organize that cross community session. The others are a bit more specific, the other sessions which are mentioned in the brief, they deal with the experiences of new gTLD the registry operators, the importance of name collisions and of ordering that problem in the domain system, and the issue of open data and iCANN can develop a model for how open data can be implemented through iCANN and made available. That is a very quick overview of the week that is in front of you. As I said, there is material that was distributed to you by the GAC list but all of that information, any updates, additional material as they become available such as slides and other materials that people use during presentations will be made available on the GAC website as soon as possible and sometimes in advance. So please use the website as a resource. It is very important. We are always getting complaints about too many emails relating to iCANN and the GAC so we will try to direct you to the website to use and download material

there as much as possible rather than emailing you masses of material. Unless you really want. Thank you Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Tom, for walking us through the highlight of the agenda. We look forward to having fruitful discussions. And Rob, can you please talk to us about the GAC elections?

ROBERT HOGGARTH: Thank you very much. It seems those of you who are GAC veterans just went through the election process as we did over the last several months leading up to the Abu Dhabi meeting at iCANN 60 well the purpose of this afternoon is to alert you to a new election cycle. Traditionally we will be starting at the end of the next iCANN meeting 62 the nomination process will begin again for the GAC chair and GAC vice chair positions. There may be additional announcements that come out that move forward some other election activities but I'm not going to sue presupposes any of those at the moment, but But the other piece of that is that the terms of the GAC leadership actually begin at the end of the next meeting. The next term of the meeting officially installs the vice chairs you see before you here at the table. And they will continue in the present role until the end of the iCANN 64 meeting. The iCANN you're taking about three iCANN meetings at present, so the tenure will be in office through iCANN 64. It is a constant

process for people to discuss and think about leadership and the rest and welcome all of your thoughts and ideas with respect to nominations as we begin the process again after iCANN 62, so please start thinking about that. Manal, if I can take advantage of the microphone for moment, in particular as you noted we've got a number of new GAC attendees, and please accept my personal welcome. I'd like to introduce you to or at least allow you to see some other members of the GAC support team who are here and available to help you at any point in time today or for the rest of the week. At the back table in front of all of our wonderful technology folks, you will see Julia Charvolen and Gulden Tepe, who I will ask you to send if you need anything during the week from your tongue please a person at the back of the room. Up at the front of the room in the first row, Fabien Betremieux is a member of the team so please reach out to Fabien. And I don't know, I have never done this before so I hope my colleagues from the engagement and global stakeholder engagement teams won't be offended by this, but you have many members of the iCANN staff who are here who are responsible for interfacing with you in your local regions and I'd just like members of the iCANN teams of the government engagement and global stakeholder engagement could stand up and identify themselves for you just so that you see some familiar faces. Laurent, Eric... I see [Jurong] in the back of the room and I think Rodrigo was at the back of the room, [Solvay], Alexandra and other members of the team at the

back there. Please take advantage of reaching out to them as well throughout the course of the week if you have questions, anything that we can do to help smooth your transition either as a new member or as a member we can help you with anything else as an existing GAC veteran thank you Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Rob and I think Milagros, you also asked to make an announcement. So I hope this is a good point in time to hand you the floor.

MILAGROS CASTANON: Thank you. I want to tell you all that unfortunately I have to step down. I'm being transferred to overseas, so I did not know this was going to happen so soon, so this place will be vacant. It is something that you all have to decide if you want to have a little election to fill out this chair or not. The person that will be replacing me already works with me. She is first secretar and her name is Rosillo Echeverilla. Thank you all very much for your support during the past years. It's been a very interesting expense. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Milagros. We are going to miss you at the personal level and the professional level as a GAC colleague and a

colleague on the leadership team as well. So a round of applause please for Milagros.

[Applause]

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So as Milagros mentioned, this is her last GAC meeting. We are going to have elections at the end, I mean at the Barcelona meeting at the end of the year. So frankly speaking I'm just posing the question whether we need to have election twice to replace Milagros? or we can wait till the end of the year when we have our normal elections in Barcelona. We have looked into the GAC operating principles, so Rob, would you like to tell us what the operating principles state?

ROBERT HOGGARTH: For those of you familiarizing yourself or you're familiar with the operating principles of the GAC at some point in the future you can consult principle 31 which covers this eventuality. Which provides that if a vice chair can no longer perform the functions before the end of the term, new elections should be organized if necessary for the remaining term in office during the next GAC meeting. That would presume an election taking place at ICANN 62 so take that route if you want to replace Milagros seat as the vice chair role.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you, Rob. So before closing the plenary, any questions? comments? reactions? So if not we will be proceeding directly with the following session, which is on dot Amazon, but before this I have to go by the script. Close the session and open the new session. I don't want to sound like a robot, but we need to do this. For the recording. So. we will proceed with the agenda item once the technical team gives me the signal to go ahead. So. You can stretch meanwhile as we wait for the technical team to give us...

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