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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: I know it has been a long day, but a quick discussion on the GAC communique review. We have a 45-minute session. Those checkpoints to be very useful throughout the week, and they actually facilitate our discussion at the end of the week when we are compiling the communique. Basically, this is to see from our discussions today if there are any topics that are potential to go into the communique end of the week, and then we can agree on who will be starting the initial draft and whether others would like to contribute or participate to this drafting. At the end, everything comes to the GAC, of course, for final adoption. So, I understand we will be having something on IGOs, right? No? Yes? Switzerland.

SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Manal. I wondered whether Brian, if he's here and going to contribute something. But in any case, on Red Cross, I'm looking into -- Stefan. There I can promise we will be proposing something. Yeah. That's on the point.

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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Apologies for conflating both. You're right. You were talking about the Red Cross in specific, and probably Brian will be looking into IGOs. Is this going to be GAC advice on the Board or simply some update or information report?

SWITZERLAND: Thank you, Manal. At least on the ICRC, I think it's more of an informational piece. On one side, and also, I guess it's a text that we extend that we will be welcoming the IRT in that presentation of the national society at least of the Red Cross that would be -- that's a billing plug for a GAC input into the public comment period. I don't know how to build it into the communique, but at least it's not directed to the Board as advice.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you. Exactly my question. Yeah. It's not directed to the Board. It doesn't go under the GAC consensus advice. So, again, looking throughout the day, I see also our bilateral spot also .Amazon. Please, go ahead.

BRAZIL: Thank you, Manal. No, I don't have language at the moment. We made the suggestion. I think several litigations intervened. Most seem to be in favor of some kind of opportunity to reach a mutual

agreed solution. I guess we should reflect what the -- to hear. Maybe it's not proper for me to propose the language since I have a very definite position. I made the suggestion. I think a couple litigations opposed it. I think we should have a factual -- at least a factual register of the debate. Thank you. In the next two days, hopefully have compromised solution is found true, but we should prepare to at least register the debate. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Brazil. Just to seek further clarification, we will be reflecting the factual language on the discussion that took place during the session. Is there going to be something in this section titled GAC advice to the Board?

BRAZIL: If GAC -- my suggestion would be perfectly happy, but I true -- oppose it. Unless some kind of agreement happens in the next two days, I think we should stick to our factual reflection of what transpired here.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Okay. Fair enough. Thank you, Brazil. Let's start working on this factual language so that we have, again, something ready by

Wednesday. So, anything else from our discussions today? Wow. UK.

UNITED KINGDOM: Thank you, Chair. Here for the UK. I think we might want to think about possible advice on the CCT review and subsequent procedures. I'd like to talk to other colleagues to get other views on that. But I'm concerned that there may be a misunderstanding of our advice from Kobe. We should explore that when we meet the Board. After meeting the Board, we might decide some advice -- very clear is necessary. So, if we could keep that as an option. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, UK. Yes, please. Indeed start talking to other colleagues as well and let's see how we can provide something. We also discussed today who is in data protection. I don't see the members of the small working group here, or maybe -- so, we can expect maybe some suggestion for languages, but we are still having this discussion. There's the cross communique session, and there is a GAC meeting after the cross communique session. So, I believe it may be a little bit early to decide on what exactly would go into the communique, and whether it would be,

again, informational part or GAC advice to the Board. But I'm just flagging it as a topic.

I think on universal acceptance it's going to be more informational, and our meetings with the registry stakeholder group is going to auction proceeds. So, I don't see anything else. I stand to be corrected. Okay. If not, then I think we're good for today. I'm looking at stuff. Anything else I overlooked? Okay. No? Yes? Yeah. So, just to bring to your attention, I believe we will be announcing the results of the elections tomorrow, Rob? No? I'm sorry. Yes? Oh, okay. Yes. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Rob. I know you're -- so, the results of the election will be tomorrow. I think the voting will be closing shortly, so if anyone who hasn't voted yet, please make sure to do so. I can see Rob now near the mic, so I'll stop here. Over to you, Rob.

ROBERT HOGGARTH:

Thank you, Manal. Just a reminder that the electronic voting period ends at 6:59 p.m. this evening. If you have not yet voted or you want to change your current vote, please do so by that time. After that time, the system shuts down. That's part of the programming, so we cannot extend it. It ends at 23:59 UTC. We happen to be in a different time zone this time. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much, Rob. Fabien will be circulating the URL for the communique on Google Docs. It's still more of a structure of the communique with a few placeholders, but also some text on meetings that has been taking place, all in the information part of the communique. Also, placeholder for the elections, and I believe also text on the passing of Tarek Kamel. All factual things that have taken place so far. Please, if you can review, and if there is any comment, you can provide this, so we have a smooth drafting between now and Wednesday.

Thank you, everyone. Thank you for your patience. I know it has been a long day. Enjoy the rest of the day. Just to note that there is a reception this evening at 6:30 with the commercial stakeholder group. Do we know where, Julia? I'm sorry. So, I made the whole support staff to run today.

JULIA CHARVOLEN: In room -- it works? Room 720.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: It's Room 720 at 6:30. Reception with the commercial stakeholder group. Hope to see you all there. Have a good rest of the day.

Tomorrow we don't have sessions in the morning because the welcoming ceremony is at 8:30. There is the cross communique session on EPDP Phase 2, the first part of the public forum. As GAC, we'll be meeting here in the GAC room at quarter past 3:00. So, see you all at quarter past 3:00 in the GAC room. Hope to see you all at the opening ceremony in the morning. Have a good rest of the day. Thank you.

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