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ALISSA COOPER: Hi everyone. This is Alissa. It sounds like we've had a lot of people join, and join has slowed down. So I think we can get started. As usual, it would be helpful if anyone who is not in the Adobe Connect meeting room, if you can make yourself known right now, just tell us that you're on the call please.

[CROSSTALK]

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Jari.

MANAL ISMAIL: And this is Manal.

ALISSA COOPER: Thanks Manal. Anybody else? Okay. Great. So yeah, Jari and Manal we'll be using the raised hand feature of the Adobe Connect room to run the queue again today. So since you're in the room, if you want to get in the queue just use your voice to let us know. And if anyone seems to be having trouble using the raised hand feature who is in the Adobe Connect room, then you can always just say you want to be in the queue and we'll put you in the queue.

So, I think Alice has helpfully put the group's agenda into the meeting part of the meeting room. We have three topics today. The first one is minutes approval from the call from September 17th, and Alice is projecting those minutes on the screen in the room. These were prepared by Samantha, as usual.

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So the question is whether anyone has an objection to approving these minutes for publication.

KAVOUSS ARASTECH: Alissa?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes.

KAVOUSS ARASTECH: This is Kavouss.

ALISSA COOPER: Go ahead.

KAVOUSS ARASTECH: Yes, I have talked to Alice several times. What I intervened, it is not in there, in the minutes. I don't know what's happened. You remember? I made a lot of intervention, but none of them is in here in the text.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. I mean, I see lots of references to your name and things that you said. So, I guess it might, what we might need from you is a specific list of the things that you were said that are missing, because there are lots of notes in there about things that you did say.

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KAVOUSS ARASTECH: Yes, but I don't remember what all of them, I didn't take any note of what I said. So I cannot, unfortunately, help you to see what I said. Only thing at the beginning, I said that we should not go to too much detail, we should do a quickly as possible. Some things, but I don't remember what I told you at that time.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. I mean, so that one in particular, I'm trying to show it on the screen, it's actually there. And I don't know if Samantha... Is Samantha on with us today? She might not be. I'm not sure if she's on. So what Samantha did last time, is she went through, oh she is here. Okay well, she can speak for herself, but I believe what happened is that she listened to the audio recording and produced the minutes precisely from the audio recording.

Samantha, do you want to speak to this issue?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: No, no. I don't want to... I haven't created any [inaudible], but I hope that tonight I would be on the recording, and then whatever I said would be recorded, and then stated on, will show it to see whether I could [inaudible]. I'm talking of tonight, what has past has past.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. So you have no objections to publishing the September 17 minutes as it...

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KAVOUSS ARASTEH: No. I have no objections no. I have no objections with the others, yeah, yeah.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. Thank you. And just to be clear, we end up with multiple records each of these meetings. So we have the chat logs, which is from the Adobe Connect meeting room, which Alice can reproduce immediately and send to the mailing list. We have the audio recording of the minutes, and the transcript which gets produced from the audio recording later on.

So we have lots of ways of cross-referencing this as necessary.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Okay. I raised my hand. Do you see me? I want to know whether I'm connected or not.

ALISSA COOPER: I do not see a hand raised from anyone. Yes, I do. Yes, I do. I see that your hand is raised now. It's working.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Okay. Thank you very much.

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ALISSA COOPER:

Any other objections to approval of the minutes from September 17th? Okay. So we can consider these approved, and for Alice to get them up on the website. Thank you Samantha for all of your hard work.

The next agenda item is to review the ICANN 51 schedule and logistics. Alice, is it possible to project that? Not this one, actually just the schedule of all of the meetings. Yeah, perfect, thank you.

Okay so we talked about this last time, but it has been evolving a little bit. So I just want to make sure that everyone is on the same page, and hopefully you can see the projection and the meeting room. So we have five different events on the schedule now. In the beginning of the week, the meetings with the ALAC and the GAC.

I have reached out to folks from the various different communities to make sure that we had at least one person who can speak to the processes of the operational communities we'll be using for transitional proposal development. And we're pretty close to having those slots filled. Still trying to find someone from the numbering community for the ALAC meeting that might turn out to not be either audio or calls, because neither of them will actually be in town yet, but we might try and find someone else from one of the RIRs for that slot.

So for those meetings, you know, I wanted to make sure that we had someone who could speak to each, speak from each of those communities' perspectives in terms of what the operational process will be in the community, but of course everyone in the ICG is welcome to participate. Then we have the community discussion with the ICG, which is on Thursday.

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Patrik has circulated an updated agenda for that meeting. Is Patrik on the call with us?

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM: Yes I am.

ALISSA COOPER: Is there anything that you wanted to say about that Patrik?

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM: Thank you. There have been good feedback from people, and I would like to just emphasize that regarding the feedback from the various constituencies, I think, to the discussion is ongoing how we're going to handle that request. We probably have to... And wherever we are at the moment, I haven't read email for a couple of hours because of the time of day, we are in my time zone at the moment.

But I think I just want to emphasize that the, that I picked seven presentations, five minutes each, just because I expected it to be like 4:00, potentially one or two more. So if it is the case that we get many more people that are trying to, that would like to present, then we'll have to sort of adjust accordingly, or to select or something. But it's just an approximation of how much time I think we need for the sort of second slot.

ALISSA COOPER: Any questions about this meeting discussion? I think that the agenda is evolving well.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me Alissa, I have a question. The agenda, I don't see any hyperlink, others I see two hyperlinks. Just sorry, what are these two hyperlinks? And why GAC is not [inaudible]? I have not had a chance to open these two hyperlinks today [inaudible].

ALISSA COOPER: So for the ones with the ALAC, there is just, there is a listing on the overall ICANN schedule that shows where this meeting occurs. And then ALAC hosts that also sent me a link to their own community website that has some more detail about their entire schedule on Tuesday. So I included them both. I wasn't clear, actually, when I put this together earlier today, exactly where, on the GAC schedule, the GAC was going to call...

Actually, can update this a little. I know the room now, which is I believe, the Plaza Pavilion room, that's where the GAC meeting will be. But I didn't receive any link from the GAC people who I'm in touch with about organizing the meeting. So if I get something like that, we can add it to this schedule, but it's basically just a link to the calendar.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. I have a second question. Do we have any idea what type of conversation we have with these [situated?]? It's just general presentation of what ICG is doing? Or what? We expect questions and answers? Just a question, what is the situation? Is it just presentation about ICG? Or is there some particular question?

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For instance, we know in the GAC, we want to meet the Board. We have already a meeting with ourselves. And we formulate our question and then the Board comes and we express our question, or explain our question. So my query, is that, what we expect from these two meetings? Just a presentation about what ICG is doing? Or if there are any other question already prepared, or raised, or it would be just questions and answers?

ALISSA COOPER:

So I think the idea of these meetings was that I would give a very brief introduction to the ICG, probably not say very much beyond, you know, who we are, and that what we're here and happy to meet. Then we have basically one person each from the [aboriginal?] community to speak briefly about how the process works for how people to become involved in the development of the transition proposals in each of the community processes, and then open it up for any question and answer that people might have who are in the meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

Okay, thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Sure. Wolf-Ulrich.

WOLF-ULRICH KNOBEN:

Yes. Thank you Alissa. I'm fine with the agenda. My position might be interesting to mention that the other meetings which are related to the

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issues we are dealing with, with IANA stewardship and the accountability aspects. There are two meetings you know, from the [inaudible] coordination groups. One from the cross [community?] coordination group.

I think it's on Monday, and the other one from the coordination group dealing with the ICANN accountability. Maybe that's interesting to mention here as well. Thanks.

ALISSA COOPER:

Yes, good point. Thank you. I was kind of focusing on making sure people have the information about where they need to for the [inaudible], but that's a very good point.

So, the only other item that I wanted to bring forward while we're talking about this, is that we have some details about the Thursday night dinner. So the Thursday night dinner is being arranged such that it would come kind of towards the end of what I believe is called the wrap-up cocktail at ICANN. So you can go to the cocktail, and spend the time there, and then the dinner will only overlap slightly with the end of the cocktail.

The information that I have from the ICANN folks is that they found a place, it's a little hard to find a place that is big enough for 30 people, but they found a place at the Intercontinental Hotel, which would be, I guess, a three course meal at \$83 a person, includes a cocktail as well, I believe. And we would be paying our own checks separately.

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So thoughts about that? They actually put a deposit down so that we could hold that. It's getting fairly close, but we would like to close on that if possible. Kavouss.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes. I have just a question. Apart from the ICG members, there are other people or not?

ALISSA COOPER: No. [CROSSTALK] ...possible that, I mean, we have obviously ICANN secretarial staff and so forth. I'm not sure if they plan to join. I would certainly welcome them, but yes. Just...

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: ICG people. Okay. Thank you.

MARY UDUMA: Hello?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes.

MARY UDUMA: Okay. This is Mary. Mary Uduma. If this dinner is specifically for the ICG, would it not be critical for... I thought we would have a time that [inaudible]... I thought that was the idea for the dinner. I didn't know it was just for ICG members.

ALISSA COOPER: I'm sorry, I had a little trouble of hearing, but who else was it that you thought would be invited?

MARY UDUMA: I thought [inaudible]... I said to join the dinner, I didn't it was just for ICG members. I thought it was another thing that others would come and, you know, relax with us and I thought that it was actually for... That was the idea I had. So maybe I was wrong. You can correct me.

ALISSA COOPER: I mean, I'm flexible. It's just a social event. I guess my thinking was that, you know, we've had some meetings together, but we had some social time in London. Not everybody was there. So it might be nice to have an additional amount of time with just us to socialize a little bit and get to know each other better.

And it does come right after the cocktail, which is open to, I would imagine, anyone who is attending the ICANN meeting. But that was my thinking, but we can do this however we would like, as long as make a decision very soon. So Kavouss and then Milton in the queue.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Perhaps in that meeting, because the first ICG informal meeting, we could have a collect photograph of all ICG members. Thank you.

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ALISSA COOPER: Thank you. We'll note that to the secretariat. Milton.

Okay, Milton, if you're trying to speak, you're muted.

We'll go back to Milton. Patrik.

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM: I don't understand how the hand came up. That's an error. Sorry.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. So, I think, I mean, unless there is a... Milton, are you able to speak?

No. It looks like not. Okay. Milton, we will try to collect your thoughts. We cannot hear you, we cannot hear you on the call. So, maybe if you could reconnect. If you think some other medium, we'll be able to hear you. But I think we will, unless there is a strong feeling that we should open this dinner up much more wisely, I think maybe we will proceed with the arrangements that have been made, and we can leave this open for another day or two on the mailing list.

If people have thoughts. But I wanted to get that information out as soon as we had it from ICANN. So I think that's all that we had on the ICANN meeting schedule, and we can move on to the FAQ.

So, Alice, maybe if you would like to make me the presenter, or if you could present, either way.

Actually maybe if you could make me the presenter, that would be good.

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Okay, I'm having a little trouble presenting. Give me one second.

Apologies. I'm having difficulties.

Okay. Do people see just the list of questions? Do you see anything productive?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, too small. Can we make it bigger? Yes, better.

ALISSA COOPER: This is better. Okay. So, I will send this over to Manal momentarily. We'll see how this works. She is not in the Adobe Connect meeting room. But I just wanted to kind of level set on what is the purpose of this FAQ, and right now we're just looking at the questions and not the answers.

So I think, as Heather mentioned on the mailing list, that the main purpose of this, at least for the moment, is for us to have some, essentially shared talking points that we can all speak from when we're at the ICANN meeting, or in other places. So that when we get questions in various different venues, we have agreed answers that we can provide.

So I think what Manal, and Martin, and Patrik, and Mohammed, worked up here is meant to be a list of questions that we think people in the communities might actually ask, so that we have some of those answers prepared. And so I think the first thing that we wanted to do was to see if there are additional questions that are not on this list, that we think

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that we should be providing, or that we think that we should be, you know, developing as part of the FAQ and having answers for.

So before we get into the substance of the questions and answers that were written up, I wanted to see if people had additional questions that they think we should definitely be included here that aren't included. I know there has been some discussion of this on the mailing list as well.

I have Kavouss in the queue.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Yes. I have two questions. First, this list is a living list up to what time? And then we finalize that. Are we going to finalize that tonight? Or this morning, this early morning. Or, still we have some time to complete that and make it, let's just say, more completely. What is it that line for the finalizing text? This is the first question.

Second question is that, would it be a good way that this will be made available in some sort of the copy? In order that we do not waste time to explain some of these which could be easily explained on the paper. And just that we reserve the time for any additional, or substantive or complimentary questions, rather than starting to discuss something which already we have answers that.

This is, that is two questions. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you. So I can give my kind of personal perspective on that and would like to hear from others as well. I actually think that we should

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not focus on finalizing this at all. I think we should treat it as a living document that will continue to evolve probably for the entire lifetime of this group. I would imagine that we could keep updating it at various points as we need to.

And in particular, I think our focus shouldn't really be on the specific, you know, word by word of the answers in the text, but just making sure that we have a decent shared understanding of how we think we would answer various questions that might come up in discussion. So that this is really kind of something that we can use amongst ourselves, as the situations arise.

It would be nice, I think, to publish it somewhere on the website, and have it as a reference for other people. But given that we have limited time, particularly before the Los Angeles meeting, I think our primary goal should be that we achieve that understanding amongst us, of the topics, and not necessarily the precise words.

So that's kind of my inclination on this. I would like to hear from others about, this seems like a reasonable set of next steps.

Silence. Nobody can connect the audio? Milton has his hand raised. Can we hear you now Milton?

MILTON MUELLER: I think you can. How is that?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes. Welcome.

MILTON MUELLER: Welcome. Okay. Mainly I just wanted to assure myself of that. But in terms of the FAQs, we're talking about those being a living document at the ICANN meeting, right?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes, and perhaps afterwards, if we continue to live.

MILTON MUELLER: I think we're going to need it. I mean, I think it has been useful for us to go through the exercise of preparing it and agreeing on it. But if it really is going to function as a FAQ, we need to get it out there sometime shortly after the LA meeting if not in time for the LA meeting.

ALISSA COOPER: Other thoughts? Kavouss, are you still in the queue?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes. I am in the queue, and I'm also wondering whether it would be a good idea that before the start of this public meeting, we have certain copy available for people who get into the room, to have that and to look at that one perhaps. That may eliminate some of the questions that they want to raise, and save time for us. Because they see a problem or eventual questions, and the answer to that.

So they would limit themselves to any additional and/or compliment these others and starting the questions for which there would be an

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answer already. That may help. It has been a task somewhat earlier that they have seen, that is such an arrangement before, so people coming. Then they say, okay, the question they want to raise has already been raised by somebody and they also answers.

If there are additional questions, they ask it. If not, they are happy, they won't ask any other question, and we save the time for those who have other questions. That's just an idea. Whether you agree with that or not, that's up to you. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thanks. Yeah, I think that's reasonable as long as we can work with the secretariat and figure out sort of what the cutoff date is for getting that accomplished. And then we just, you know, we publish whatever we have along that date, acknowledging that it's a living document.

So, any other thoughts on either just the role of the FAQ, or on the list of questions before we move on to the specific questions and answers?

So I see a question from Milton in the room, which is, "Will we work on it during the LA meeting?" I think, again, people should feel free to jump in. My personal view is that we will learn about the kinds of questions that people are asking us during the LA meeting, and so we should certainly reserve some time during our face to face portion at the end, to incorporate those learnings into the FAQ. That would be my feeling.

Okay. I don't know if we're having a lot of trouble with the audio, or what, but I would like, if there is no other questions or comments on

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the purpose and set of initial questions, then I think we can move on to looking at the document itself. Manal, would you like to lead us in this part of the discussion?

MANAL ISMAIL: Sure. Thank you Alissa. Can you hear me?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes, we can hear you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Okay. First of all, I have to apologize for not being able to connect to the Adobe room. So but I have a hard copy of the frequently asked questions. I will try to be taking notes and, from just out of context, let me know. Because I don't have the screen in front of me.

So first of all, thank you for all the comments, and I can see that there were some more overnight, comments which I have not been able to read or accommodate. But I had with me now the version one that was circulated on the mailing list. And I think we can take it section by section and take each question and see whether we have agreement on the answer or not.

So first is about the ICG, the first question is, what is ICG. And I think this was a pretty straightforward answer that has taken a copy and paste from one of our documents. So do we have any objections to answer of question one, what is ICG?

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So I can hear none, but I cannot see. So if we have any hands up in the Adobe Connect room, I appreciate alerting me.

ALISSA COOPER: So we have Narelle and then Kavouss.

MANAL ISMAIL: Okay. Narelle, go ahead please.

NARELLE CLARK: Hi. I don't really have an objection per se to some of the answers to those questions, but I do feel compelled to do a bit of polishing and, of the wording that's all. So I would like to submit a bunch of suggested improvements and clarifications, probably because I think like, you know, meeting different articles, I think needs to appear.

I think the definition, a reference to NTIA should appear in that first section as well. So it's a fair bit of polishing out incorporation of a NTIA reference would be helpful there.

MANAL ISMAIL: Okay. So you mean the NTIA test, because the announcement is there, but missing the reference of NTIA?

NARELLE CLARK: When I say reference, I mean a [inaudible] reference, I mean we should actually include, you know, the US government's Department of

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Commerce, NTIA. I'm happy to, I've got a whole bunch of editorial type suggestions that I would like to put in once I see the next version. Now that we've got a whole bunch of other things, now I'd be happy to put those in over the next few hours, if I could get to it. If that would be okay? Sorry?

MANAL ISMAIL:

Perfect. Thank you. So, we had someone else on the queue, I'm sorry. Kavouss.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Good morning, [inaudible]. Thank you very much for everything. I think this question/answer, at least for the introduction to the [inaudible], the announcement that was made in March 2014, that should be the first one. You can't talk about ICG without going to the [inaudible]. It's very simple explanation of the announcement. And then, I have that, I have a question that I raised, and for that answer, and somebody said, "Formulate your question."

But my question is formulated later on, but I hope that you would have room to answer my question, that once you make that announcement of NTIA, that NTIA said that after this stewardship goes to the global multistakeholder community. Is it ICANN? Or is it something else? This is a question that I raised. First, [inaudible] raise it in a formal question, and that is a formal question. Because NTIA mentioned that if it goes to the multistakeholder stewardship.

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So, does it go to multistakeholder or does it go to ICANN? In a different organization of the... This is some question that, in fact, several people raised to me, here. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

So, thank you and I can hear your question. It's definitely an important one. Again, I do not have an answer for this question. We don't yet have an answer for this question. This question is something that is already posed to the community and we are expecting proposal that would include the final transition proposal, with all its different components.

So we are not in a position to answer this question now. And I think the FAQ should contain questions that describe the process, convey the messages, related to ICG that we wanted to pass to the community. So I hope this is a satisfactory answer. And this applies on several other questions that I feel they are too substantial for us as ICG to get into and provide answers, but I'm willing to hear what other colleagues also think. And of course, yourself.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Thank you very much. But if the question is raised, what would you answer? You said that this is an answer that community replies, because I have the second question is that, all of the function of the IANA, which is under the NTIA, really goes to the community [inaudible], or some other which are non-contracted, because yesterday, we had two types.

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The contracted activities will go to the multistakeholder community, whether it is I don't know, but there are non-contractual functions IANA is doing. What happened to that? Who will take care of that? That will be also transfer to someone else?

ALISSA COOPER:

Kavouss, I ask that when you want to rejoin the queue, that you put your hand back up because we actually have a fairly long queue developing right now. And I think some people who wanted to speak to the original question about the multistakeholder community. So we have Adiel, Patrik, Narelle, Milton, and then Mary. Adiel, I know you raised your point in the chat, but since we have some people who are not in the chatroom, I was wondering if you could also speak to it.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN:

Okay. Let me try. I'm using the Adobe Connect mic. Can you hear me well?

ALISSA COOPER:

Yes, we can hear you.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN:

Okay. Wonderful, yes. I just wanted to say something, Kavouss my understanding was that those questions are the outcome of this process. And so I don't think we need, as ICG, to answer those questions in the fact, because what we will put in the FAQ will be the

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formal response from us to those questions, why we don't have answers to those questions.

Even in the following question, what about all of the non-contractual functions for IANA and all? We don't know yet, that would be the outcome of the process. So I don't think we should adventure ourselves to add a fact on that. In the worst case, we pose a question and we answer that we don't know. At ICG, we have no answer to that for that, and that was the outcome of the process.

That's what I just wanted to say. Thanks.

ALISSA COOPER:

Patrik.

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM:

Thank you very much. In general, I think that we have to remind ourselves that this FAQ is something that we are creating for other people. So other ICG members that would like to have questions, I urge them to also submit answers, because we cannot move forward with a FAQ if it's the case that people just ask questions to the others.

Unless you suggest both a question and an answer, I don't have any ability to help Narelle and others stretch this document. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thanks Patrik. Narelle.

Narelle, if you're speaking, we cannot hear you.

NARELLE CLARK: I just pressed the wrong button and then pressed it again.

ALISSA COOPER: Now we can hear you.

NARELLE CLARK: My apologies. That was responding as quickly as me on the phone here. I've got a suggested question that Kavouss, you might like here, and that would be, what does the NTIA mean by the multistakeholder community? And then an answer for that could be, that this is not being defined, several exist within ICANN, etc. etc. But this process will identify multistakeholder community groups that can fully function. End of comment.

I could put that text in [inaudible]. Okay, going back to you.

ALISSA COOPER: I think that might be helpful. Thank you. Milton.

MILTON MUELLER: Yes. I think we're getting sidetracked, and for us the FAQ is people asking questions about who we are, the ICG, and what we do. It is not about the outcome of the process. It is not about the proposals or the specific decisions that are made regarding the IANA transition.

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I think that the whole point of a FAQ is to make things simpler and easier to understand. So when we say, “Where is the ICG?” You know, we tell them what the acronym means. We say we are created. I don’t think it’s a big deal whether we say, US government, or NTIA, or the Department of Commerce, but we can add that detail if we want. Who are the members, you know, we point them to the list.

We say who they are. Does anybody asking us who is providing our support functions? Is that something that the general public really wants to know? Those are the kind of questions I had. This is not a description of the overall transition process, it is a FAQ, a very simple set of basic questions that we’re going to get asked over and over again, and so we can just say, “Here are the answers.”

If we’re not asked a question over and over again, it shouldn’t be on the FAQ. If the answer is not simple, it shouldn’t be on the FAQ. That’s my, you know, it should be very basic. And I think what was produced initially was pretty close to what we need. As you know, I had a couple of suggestions for modifying particular questions, but I really think we don’t need to turn this into a very complicated process. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you. Mary.

MARY UDUMA:

I want to say that we shouldn’t venture into [inaudible], or make suggestions to the community. I think we’re only trying to answer simpler questions. And this shouldn’t be something that is beyond our

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mandate. Whoever will take over whatever that will happen after the process, I think is a community that will suggest the person will take over this function or the mechanism that will oversee the IANA function, that relates to every [IA?] oversight.

So, I think we are still in the right call. We shouldn't, like other say, like Adiel said and Milton and others, I think we should concentrate within the narrow, within the mandate of ICG. I simply, if I get to the FAQ, I should be able to find some of the things that are easy to understand. And we should not suggest answer to the community. Let the community come back with its own proposal that would have, that might be a proposal that will quote with the [inaudible].

So other functions that are not related to the oversight. By the time we are receiving responses from the community, I think this will comment on these things. That's what I think we should do and the way we should act on this. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Mary. I have Kavouss and then the queue is empty.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Yes, I know that the people are over-simplifying these situations. They don't want to get hurry, [inaudible], therefore in that case, Alissa you need at the beginning of the meeting, you mentioned that you are not going to discuss this question. If there is any questions beyond what is ICG, how it's established, what is the mandate of the ICG, and so on and so forth.

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But other questions that depending on the reply on the community, have [inaudible] generally, and we don't know that. But I don't agree with that, that everyone who raised a question should give the answer. That's not always true. Sometimes you have questions and you don't have answers. The people, you should give the answers. So I don't like [inaudible], and I disagree with you totally last night on the phone, on the email saying that yes, you have the questions, you should give the answers.

If I know the answer, I shouldn't raise the questions. Why do that? I agree with Adiel that if such a question is raised, which is not exclusive, we say we don't know the answer. Finished. Or at the beginning, you mentioned Alissa that, our discussion is limited to what we are, who we are, how it is established, and what is our mandate.

There are other questions about the process [inaudible] to these replies, or the process that we could identify as you think generally. We should not send the ball back to the channels that people don't raise the question, other [inaudible] should give the answers. This is a stupid answer. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

I have Patrik.

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM:

Thank you very much. I hear what you're saying Kavouss. My point was that we cannot expect anyone else from ICG to come up with text to the FAQ if you don't know what we're going to have. If it is the case that we

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don't know the answer, or it's the case that there is confusion, or there is multiple answers to the question, in that case, that is the answer that should be in the FAQ.

My point was that we have to work on this together, and having for example, you or anyone else, suggesting a question we should have, who should come up with the answer? If not we in ICG is doing it, who should come up with the answer? And if you don't know what anyone else has suggested a question that they don't know the answer, who do you want to write the answer? Alissa? Myself? I don't know.

We have to work together on this. That's my point. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Patrik. Manal, turn it back to you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you. So, very quickly, let me put it this way. We are trying to provide common answers that we all agree upon. Questions that we have answers for and we all agree upon those answers. So if we don't have an answer, or we don't agree all on the answer that we are providing, then maybe this should be delayed, whether it comes later, or it never comes, I mean, it comes from the community, whenever it comes, whenever we're ready to have the question and the answer provided in the FAQ.

As you said earlier, it's a living document, and we can definitely add this later if there is agreement. So, I'm mindful of time, and I think that we have to move to the following question, who are members of ICG?

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Again, I think this is a pretty straightforward question. Do we have any problem with the answer provided?

Okay. If not, I'll keep moving and please stop me if we have any hands up. The following question, who provides ICG support functions? This was not in the initial draft. Like Milton mentioned, I don't feel it's a pressing question. We've never been asked this question before. I have put it in here for two reasons. First of all, Mary asked for it, and second, I felt that we had no reference to the RFP, the [inaudible] RFP.

And I felt maybe we should have some reference to this document for the FAQ to be a complete representative of all of the documents we have. I'm flexible to keep this or remove it. As we decide, or move the reference somewhere else within another answer. So, do we have any reactions to this question and answer?

ALISSA COOPER: We have Kavouss in the queue.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Keep it please. That is useful, thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Okay, thank you. Any other comments?

ALISSA COOPER: There are a couple in the chatroom. Russ Mundy supports taking it out. Milton is agnostic.

MANAL ISMAIL: Suggesting taking it out?

ALISSA COOPER: Russ Mundy says he would support not having it in the FAQ. Milton says that he is agnostic. Martin.

MARTIN BOYLE: Thanks. Martin Boyle. Like Milton, I'm agnostic, but I think the real question in question two and a half, is about the independence of the ICG, rather than secretariat. I think we're using secretariat and the independence of the secretariat, to identify that we're not actually entirely beholden on ICANN.

So perhaps there is a difference in slight tinkering of the word and emphasize that. And I think that is something we can take offline.

MANAL ISMAIL: Do we have any other comments? Okay. Thank you Martin. And I think we can take it after the call, online, like Marin mentioned. And frankly, Mary was mentioning also the independence of the ICG, so maybe I failed to formulate the right wording, and maybe the question would more about how independent is ICG, and this is where we list our measures of independence, including the secretariat.

So maybe this is a better way of putting it. I agree to take this online. The following is the scope of the work of ICG, and again, this is an

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extract from the charter. I tried to keep it to a minimum, but provide some answer. Do we have any objections to the answer for this question? What is ICG scope of work? Question number three.

ALISSA COOPER: Milton.

MILTON MUELLER: Yes. The question and the intent is good, and the answer is good. I think the question might be put in a way that an ordinary person in this process might relate to more easily. What is our mission? What is it supposed to do? Those kinds of questions.

Scope of work is a very, I don't know, a very technical term that some people might not understand what we're asking there.

MANAL ISMAIL: Okay. Noted, thank you.

ALISSA COOPER: Jean-Jacques is in the queue. Sorry Manal, I didn't mean to cut you off.

MANAL ISMAIL: No, no. Thank you.

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JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Alissa and thank you Manal. This is Jean-Jacques. Couldn't use the usual word in these circumstances, which is remit? What is the remit of the ICG? Because it's not a sort of an evaluation by ourselves of what our duty is. It is set forth both the statement of the NTIA in April.

This is not my natural tongue. I feel remit is a good word. Thanks.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you. James Bladel.

JAMES BLADEL: Sorry. Mute button was a little slow. This is James for the transcript. I was just wondering, if we could find a better verb for the third bullet point, where we say assemble a complete proposal for transitions? I don't know if this was directly from our charter or not. I would have to go back and look.

But it seems what we were doing is reconciling proposals, particularly if there are any differences. I don't mean to imply that proposals that are coming out of the various communities are somehow incomplete. So I just maybe thought that that could be improved a little bit. Thanks.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you. The queue is empty.

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MANAL ISMAIL: Okay. Thank you for the comments, and we'll try to make a second intervention and see whether we can put a better formulation for the question, once we get all the comments and the answer. So the following section is the IANA functions. And I was conscious that this has already taken quite some discussions on the list, so I tried to be very cautious and take a copy and paste from text that we have already agreed upon.

But it seems that this didn't work either. So, comments on question number four? Answers to question number four which is, what are the IANA functions? And again, the answer provided is a copy and paste from our definition of the IANA function that was included in the RFP. It is footnote number one on the first page of the RFP. So do we have any comments on this?

ALISSA COOPER: I have Mary in the queue, then I put myself in the queue, and then Kavouss, and I will note that we are three minutes to the hour. So that might be about all that we have time for today. But let's see how it goes. Mary.

MARY UDMA: Yeah. Mary Udma here. I want to ask that these questions be made simple, for those of us that are not English speaking [inaudible] so that we can get it. I don't [inaudible]... Well, the question that, as you say, what our mandate is, I think [inaudible]...

So that it will not be difficult for us to understand. Make it simpler.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Mary. So I have myself in the queue next. Just talk about question four. I sent an email to the list about this, essentially suggesting that we ask the question a little bit differently, because I think that, as we talked about before, one could write a treatise about IANA, and that a person at the department of ICANN? Is it a set of functions?

And I don't really think this is a place where we want to get into that. So I think perhaps the more appropriate question for this FAQ is, which aspects of IANA are to be covered in the stewardship transition? And I suggested an answer on the list, which essentially lists the functions, establishes that we're talking about the stewardship and not all the other related concepts which is policy development, also that we're not talking about things like the time zone database and functions that aren't covered in the contract.

Essentially just reframe the question maybe, and that might get us out of the thicket of trying to define in a couple of sentences, what is IANA, which I think we all know is probably an impossible task. So that's my suggestion.

I have Kavouss in the queue.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH:

Yes, thank you. I think perhaps we should replace this with the four, let us say, general functions, which are then explained in many documents of NTIA, saying that there are four main functions, coordination of

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[inaudible], the technical [inaudible]... of certain responsibilities associated with the Internet DNS root zone management. The allocation of Internet numbering and the sources, and other services related to the management of the [inaudible] and the NIC top level domains TLD.

These are the four main functions, has been summarized in many, many documents. And this perhaps could have. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you. The queue is empty. So Manal, and we're at the top of the hour. So if you want to wrap up and then I will just make one final comment, then we can close for the day.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Okay, thank you Alissa. Let's continue the discussion on the mailing list. I'm trying to circulate an updated version that includes comments that have been received last night and those that have been stressed on today's call. And I hope my circulating this version, people will start inserting their comments maybe in draft changes, in the document itself.

I think this would make progress more quickly, if agreed by everyone. Thank you Alissa. Back to you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you very much Manal. That sounds like a good plan to me. I think we should just proceed with that and make as much progress as

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we can before the meeting. And it sounds like there is, people are still fairly comfortable with this, and so there is some support for publishing on the website somewhere, perhaps before the meeting and, you know, flagging this as a living document in development, or something along those lines.

So, let's see where we are next week with that and we can proceed with that. The only other thing that I wanted to say was that, we have Samantha has been taking on an additional task this time which is to actually list out the action items directly from the meeting. So Samantha, if I could ask you to share those on the mailing list, right after the meeting, that would be fantastic.

And then we'll have a very quick summary of what each need to do coming out of this meeting. So that would be helpful. Otherwise, we can wrap up...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Alissa, a simple question. Do you have, is there any agenda for the 17<sup>th</sup> of October published?

ALISSA COOPER: Nope. It will be coming around, Juan, Patrik, Mohammed and I put our heads together, kind of wanted to see how far we got on this call first, to determine the agenda for that meeting. So you'll see it on the mailing list some time probably early next week, I would imagine.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:        Okay. [Inaudible] would like to know what we are doing in the afternoon. The morning, I don't know. In any case, it is a good to have an agenda to see what is happening, and then [inaudible]. Thank you very much.

ALISSA COOPER:                Yeah, thank you. And we will see everyone in Los Angeles, in a couple of weeks. Thank you.

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