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**RAOUL PLOMMER:** Thanks, Andrea. I would like to, yeah, welcome everyone to the session. Thanks for being here. I think we could go through introductions. We're not too many, so that won't take too much time. Maybe Benjamin could start over there.

**BENJAMIN AKINMOYELE:** Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Benjamin Akinmoyele, and I'm the NCUC chair. Great to be here. Thank you.

**WISDOM DONKOR:** Hello. My name is Wisdom Donkor, GNSO councilor. I'm happy to be here. My organization is a member of NPOC as well.

**SAM LANFRANCO:** Sam Lanfranco, NCSG. I may be coming back to NPOC, but I'm not here at the moment.

**JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:** Judith Hellerstein, the representative from ISOC DC.

**CALEB OGUNDELE:** My name is Caleb Ogundele. I'm currently the membership chair. Thank you.

**BOLUTIFE ADISA:** My name is Bolutife Adisa. I'm currently the Communications Chair with NPOC. Thank you.

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JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Hello, everyone. My name is Juan Manuel Rojas. I am actually, or what NPOC Policy Chair, I think, an incumbent chair of NPOC.

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: Hi, everyone. Jean-Francois Queralt. On behalf of the IO Foundation and incoming Coms Chair.

JOHAN HELSINGIUS: Helsingius Julf, NCSG Chair.

RAOUL PLOMMER: We have the last person just to introduce himself.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Hi. My name is Emmanuel. I'm the upcoming policy chair for NPOC.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Thanks for that. Well, to start off the meeting, I would like to take one minute of silence to respect recent demise of one of our members, Olevie Kouami. And if we could take that one minute to respect his memory. Yeah. Thank you for that. Olevie was a long-time member with us. And he was already in ICANN when I joined seven years ago. There's going to be a vigil for him. I think, Emmanuel, you know better the specifics of that. So, if anybody wants to join in sharing memories about him, they could join that vigil. Could you tell when it is?

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yes. It's Wednesday, SO at the end of the meeting. It will be 8:00 PM European time, I mean, the German time and 6:00 pm UTC. So, the idea is to share our different memories about him. And his family will be able to join as well, his children, so that we can actually send our condolences to them. So, yeah. Caleb has also proposed that we set up a Google form so that people can actually put up their messages then we can later on share that with the family. So yeah. So, I will share the link in the mailing list maybe prior to the few hours to the NomCom.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. We have a picture that I think Emmanuel has prepared that also has a QR code, which you can use to join the visual. Just a moment. Andrea will put it on the screen. So, yeah. That's taking place on Thursday at 6:00 PM UTC. Yeah. Since we're on real cherry discussion, I would also like to announce that Glenn McKnight has cancer. And that's why he's probably not here with us right now. And I think he can still, at least he is participating in most of the ICANN meetings right now, remotely. And I haven't seen sort of any signs of him being-- I haven't seen any lack of energy. You, me, everybody who knows Glenn, he's a very energetic person, and I would like to just say that NPOC supports him and hopes that he will get a speedy recovery.

Yeah. So, I think we can go to the minutes. So, we have made this transition plan for updating the NPOC charter. Like it says, we completed this phase 1 of the charter review in May 2022. And it's been like a few bounces back and forth. It's gone to the Board and come back. And on the 11th of June, we got a Board resolution on the charter

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amendments. As you can see, there is quite a lot of items. We pretty much redid the whole charter. We still managed to make it a little bit shorter and I think more easily comprehensible. There was a lot of lawyer jargon there that were just like kind of simpler things said in very many words, and I think we've really improved it a lot.

And I think the biggest visible change is the decrease of current roles in the executive committee. So, we're basically in the new charter, will have an EC of 4 members instead of the current 6. And the vice chair and comms chair, are basic-- there's one fusion as well. Basically, the comps and membership chair will become outreach and engagement officer. And secretariat is now secretary. And we can also appoint a treasurer into the EC, but that's not mandatory for us.

And I think the last thing to do before the charter is finally can be implemented is for us to decide that when will it become our new charter. And I'd like to suggest that the charter will go into effect at the end of this AGM. And if there is anybody opposing, I would like to hear why. There might be a good reason. For example, I've been thinking that, since we now have, we've elected an executive committee, with these 6 members and now if we change into a charter, that where it will become only 4 members according to the charter. Does that create problems for us? But I guess not. And we are not a registered organization, so we can't really get in any serious trouble in any case. So, yeah, I would suggest that we implement this day after tomorrow.

Nobody's jumping up. So, yeah, I think maybe even have a vote. All the NPOC members, I think, would be okay to vote on this who are in this

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meeting, or just to say that it comes in effect in day after tomorrow.  
Yeah, Juan.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:

Okay. Thank you. This is Juan for the record. I think that the question that we have on this plan, transition plan, is something that we should discuss maybe first, between us and after and then with our members, of course. Because the question I'm going to read is, should positions carry over? Should all position be considered new for the purpose of term limits? Because, according to our charter, there is no change in that. Our positions are just one year term, right? I think that that question is related to the new positions, because in the charter documenting the transition plan, okay, this will be held for the next election in 2024, next year. So, I think, this is something that we need to consider. And I think that it's a new charter, so could we consider it as new limits, new term limits? So, that's my concern in this. Not concern. Just my comment. Thank you very much.

RAOUL PLOMMER:

Yeah. So, that's actually stipulated in the operational procedures, so not in the charter per se. Yeah. that's more easily editable document that we can just do within the EC. We don't need ICANN Board. Thank God for that. And yeah. So, hang on. I think we'll only have sort of one position that is staying with the same person.

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CALEB OGUNDELE: Yeah. So, I need us to separate two things. I think some of those questions also I feel should have been discussed within the EC before it is brought out here. I'm just saying this. I would have probably provided different guidance to that. One, what is the charter and what is the operating procedures? These are two separate documents. One is an appendix of another, which means that in a country, if there is a constitution and there is an act, the constitution overrides the act whenever any situation occurs or arises.

So, what is not in the charter and is not serving as a guidance within the charter should not be infused when it's going to stand in conflict with the approaching procedures. Now I understand that issue that we raised about the 10 limits, And I think I probably raised that when we were building this charter, I reached that as an issue, but I still see why probably we missed that part and then we now want to infuse it in the operative procedure.

So, here's my guidance and suggestion is that what is not in the charter, right, does not mean that what we're forgetting to put in the charter, we should now start putting it in operating procedure. Operating procedures are just operational issues, and it shouldn't affect certain other issues. And therefore, my guidance will therefore be that you cannot put a substantive issue within the charter in an operational procedure as there will be a mismatch and it will probably not work in accordance to the way the charter was designed. Thank you.

RAOUL PLOMMER: So, what are you saying? I don't know. Do you want to review the charter to include that language in there?

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CALEB OGUNDELE: Yes. If you want to do that, you will have to go back to the charter again. And I know it's a hackathon task because I was part of this. And so, if we skip that, we should document this as part of our failures. Not failures, per se. Sorry to use that one for lack of a better word. As of things that we forgot to add and then how we can improve on it. The law of every country is always improved upon. It is never you don't get it right the first time. So, we can improve upon it for the next, what do they call it? For the next charter review, which happens in the next five years, by the way.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah. But I think that we are not changing anything because the term limits is not changing and there is no any change of that. I don't understand what are you saying because this is the third limit is the same. There was no change.

RAOUL PLOMMER: We didn't use to have term limits.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: It has. No? No. It has. Yes.

RAOUL PLOMMER: No. If you will have a look at the old charter, there is no term limits.

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JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: But always have been one year?

RAOUL PLOMMER: I mean, term is one year, but what we call term limits means that now there is a limit of terms that you can take as part of the EC in the same position. Yeah.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, it is. For instance, for term limit is if you want the terms for NPOC are one-year terms, and you're limited to two terms. That means after the second year, you cannot run for a thing unless depending on how long a break is set out in the rules. So, if they're saying, oh, after one year, you can apply again. That is how the rules most people have. It tends to be when you do term limit, it tends to be two or three terms and then you're out for that position for a certain amount of time, unless they have saying that, no, you can't be on it again ever in that position. It all depends.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. So, the question there is, should positions carry over? I would say that no. If you mean by that, that you should take into account who is in which positions right now. We only have one that isn't changed, and even that one is a fusion of past two. So, I think it's reasonable to say that no, they are not carrying over, so we are starting all those term limits from 0zero Okay? And we don't need to take that into anywhere. It's already explained like that in the procedures and in charter. I don't know what are you talking about a failure or something and wanting to

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do a new review. You can do it like all I care. Okay? I think we can move on. Oh, Wisdom?

WISDOM DONKOR:

Yeah. Thank you very much. I think this time limit, we need to look at it carefully because looking at ICANN environment and how complex it is, and then looking at a membership base. So, if you say someone has a time of, let's say, one year, renewable. We have people who are. Let me use the word, slow to understand. So, if I have one year, I can take almost like six months or a number of months for the person to really understand the processes of ICANN, understand the policy processes and all of that. And then after that peak, then the person goes off, then another person comes, we go through the same process again. Then once the person gets to that peak, the person goes off. So, we keep going in cycle and then we'll have nothing done. So, we need to look at it, if it is too thin. I think, it will help, it will help.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Yeah. It's Judith Hellerstein. I mean, Wisdom raised a good point, but the problem is, is it could easily be solved by having the terms longer than one year. So, if the terms are on two years, and you'll mandated a term limit of two, two terms. That's four years, and I think four years is enough time in a position and you want to give new people the opportunity to take on a role. So, the question is, do we lengthen the time of each person's term?

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RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. Okay. So, we are basically now getting into discussion of editing the charter, and that is not the discussion taking place today. So, the charter has been done. If you want to review it, by all means, do it, but we are not doing it in this meeting. Okay?

BOLUTIFE ADISA: Yeah. So, I have a question. If I understand what you're trying to say, the idea is that the previous positions that existed before the reduction in the number of executives, these term limits would not start until we begin the new implementation of the charter, right? Or are you saying that this one also can't count as part of the term limits requirement?

RAOUL PLOMMER: No. I'm saying that-- So, the current executive committee members, they are all shuffled around and the one that isn't is a fusion of roles. So, I think we really can reasonably say that we are not carrying over. We are starting over from day after tomorrow. So, from that point, all the EC members will basically have a chance of holding their position for another term.

BOLUTIFE ADISA: Okay. So, you say from day after tomorrow. Does the reduction of the number of executive positions also start from the day after tomorrow?

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RAOUL PLOMMER: No. And that's basically the idea that I think we can risk. I don't think anybody is coming to demand that you need to reduce people from your executive committee.

BOLUTIFE ADISA: Yeah. Because to my understanding, especially based on the previous conversations we've had on the EC regarding this, is that until the next AGM before this charter kicks in. But I'm hearing you say that day after tomorrow, certain parts of the charter would kick in, and then the other parts would be later on. I'm trying to understand that. Maybe you can explain.

RAOUL PLOMMER: So, basically, we did the elections with the old charter. We have to go with that. It's sort of inconvenient that the election is so much before the AGM when the roles are actually changed. That'd be actually something I would look into at NPOC to maybe move the elections much closer to the AGM because right now, people can be very demotivated to do their work if they've lost their position, for example. Caleb.

CALEB OGUNDELE: So, I just wanted to say something to wrap it up. So, if you look at the end of that document, while we were drafting it and we agreed on this, it says this charter goes into effect as at 2023 AGM. It means that there's a hard reset. So, yeah, it means there's a hard reset for all section, and I repeat again, there's a hard reset for all sections of the charter. It

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therefore means that take, for example, one is the chair, incoming chair. And if after this AGM, it means year has probably start. I'm looking for a better explanation, but we cannot say a section of the charter will now be in effect for a section, and another section will be in effect for another session. We need to do a hard reset for the entire charter. Everything in the charter restarts from the beginning, from zero.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. So, what day would that be then?

CALEB OGUNDELE: Okay. It means that take, for example, I'll see one as starting—assuming there's a time limit there, assuming. It doesn't mean that there's a time limit—I'll see one starting from zero of any counts in number of anything that I want to do. So, we cannot see a section of charter will favor this, and then it won't--

RAOUL PLOMMER: No. No. Please tell me the date when you would like the charter to be implemented, as in fact. Which date would that be?

CALEB OGUNDELE: Sorry. So, I do apologize. This this is not a-- It's a gentleman's conversation. So, my suggestion, therefore, is that as the document states that this charter comes into effect after this AGM, that is when the zero count should start for anything on that charter. So, let it remain that way then. Thanks.

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RAOUL PLOMMER: Emmanuel?

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yes. Sorry. I've been raising my hand for a while now. I think this charter is like a constitution. So, I actually disagree on the fact that we should have to go back and redo that 3- or 4-year work that we did. So, if it's coming into effect from this moment, for me, what I'm thinking, if you look at the positions in that charter, it's missed technically, we are in the EC. The EC members right now, the composition of the EC right now is from the old charter. But if this come into effect now, what would that mean? Because in this charter, the positions are not the same.

CALEB OGUNDELE: Sorry. So, I'm going to use you as an example now. I'm sorry. That was what I was trying to avoid, but just to explain it to you. You are the policy chair now. What was been initially suggested is that if you want to run for policy change next year, it already counts two Is for you. And so, it nils you off. So, what I was arguing initially for was that the charter does not even specify anything about term limits. And therefore, we should not infuse it into the operational procedure. That was what I was saying. Therefore, if you want to run for policy chair again, it means that, technically, if this charter comes into effect after this AGM, it means that in the next election, your account starts from zero.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yes. But does it pose any problem? I want to know. Does it pose any--

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CALEB OGUNDELE: No, it doesn't pose because, Raoul just agreed with me now that this is hard reset. Everything goes back to zero again immediately this comes into effect from the next election. Yeah.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Jean-Francois?

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: Jean-Francois for the record. Could it help that we just add a bit of a naming to the current position, such as transitional or interim, whatever? So, that we remain as we are right now. The charter is getting into effect right after this AGM. And we just know that those positions will remain with this temporary label until the next elections. And if ever possible, we can try to move the elections closer to the next AGM as well to help with the transition.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Yeah. It's basically you elect a named position. We can't really change it afterwards. Look, for all practical purposes, and my suggestion, like it says in the paper as well, I didn't write, the 2023 AGM at the end of it, day after tomorrow, for all practical purposes, we will treat the charter, the new charter as we would be leaving it apart from these positions. And that is sort of waned off by the time next elections come. And then we're back in normal routine.

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And this problem, that's why Caleb, I was asking for the suggestion for a date because there can't actually, in my view, there can't be a date that would be really a 100% valid because the election and the AGM, they come at different times. You have to have a gentleman's agreement over this that everybody agrees that these positions are as they were elected and everything else becomes, implement day after tomorrow.

CALEB OGUNDELE:

Okay. I kind of see where you're going, and I do share your views in that. Therefore, if we are going to say that that last statement is going to say, this goes into effects, that means that it has to go into effect as soon as there is a call for the next elections. Maybe we should add that as a caveat. Not the 2023 AGM, which is summer next-- Because this the current charter we're using makes us active ECs until--

RAOUL PLOMMER:

Sorry, Caleb. Look. It's like if we-- I really did think about this. And if you implement it for our elections, then we're still at the situation where the current board is against the charter. Okay? So, it's like, we can't find the perfect date here. We should have thought about this more carefully, and I haven't got confirmation from ICANN staff on this either. And I think they think it's a known issue. I'm starting to think so.

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EMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yeah, sorry. I think we can wrap it up and let's maybe the new EC take it to the ICANN staff and clarify that and notify the community so that I think it-- We'll waste time because--

RAOUL PLOMMER: So, am I understanding correctly? You don't want this to go effect day after tomorrow. You want to talk about it? Can we have a vote on that with the current EC members present?

CALEB OGUNDELE: Yeah. I'm voting that we have-- I'm having a summit in a resolution that we take this into a further EC meeting for deliberations in the next EC meeting that we will have after this AGM.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Okay. Any support?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Just one question. You said that we have the support of the EC members in the room. Okay, we have all of here, but we are just not too broader discussion. In this case, we are talking about the current or the next period EC, I mean? Because we are in transitional, actually.

RAOUL PLOMMER: So, basically, the implementation would be postponed until you decide to do it. Instead of doing it or having it in effect day after tomorrow. I'm good with that too. Yeah. I'm fine with that too. I'm not voting for it. I

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would like to see it implemented day after tomorrow, and I think it's a non-issue this amount of EC members in the new charter, like the difference. But, yeah, let's have a vote. Who supports Caleb's suggestion of postponing it?

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: So, technically our next EC meeting, right? Technically, our next EC meeting, we should decide on this. I don't have a problem with that.

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: May I request that we use the microphone for the transcript, please?

CALEB OGUNDELE: Yes, for me.

BOLUTIEFE ADISA: I also agree that we should discuss this in our next EC meeting before making any decision.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah. Discuss it later. Yes. Thank you.

RAOUL PLOMMER: I'll abstain on this one. Okay. Okay. I'll vote for Caleb's suggestion as well just so we can move on. Thank you. Yeah. So, the next item on the agenda is that new EC. And basically, I want to welcome the new EC into its role. And it seems you've got something to discuss about

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already. And we talked with Juan, he's the incoming chair, and we talked that he could take care of the rest of the meeting to give a little practice run for his role as the new chair. Please.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Thank you very much. Where is the point that we have already? Okay. This is Juan for the record. Just I am confusing that I am still incoming or not, but it's okay.

RAOUL PLOMMER: So, to clarify that, yes, the members of the new EC will come into force day after tomorrow after the AGM finishes. So, that's not today. But you are doing a practice run as the chair now.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Yeah. So, thank you, Mr. Chair, because you are still the chair. So, we are in in point in point 4, I think, going to. So, it's about the policy work participation. And we have some people like here is Emmanuel, myself and even Wisdom who is replacing me in some of the TPR meetings because I haven't-- actually, I couldn't be in the TPR meeting though this Monday. So, in TPR, maybe he can update us because I wasn't in the last meeting. So, Emmanuel, I think it's your time now to talking about the policy participation or IDNs, I think.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: I think there's not much to talk about the IDNs because from the meeting we just heard from the NCSG is the same update, basically. So,

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I don't have much to say about it. We finished the phase 1. That's case close. The phase 2 will be technically closed very soon because we are having a physical meeting, a workshop, to speed up the remaining charter questions. We have done 13 out of 19. So, I think the Malaysia meeting will help speed it up and complete that process. But if we have anything that is in concern to us, I think I would raise that in the mailing list or with the NCSG.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Thank you, Emmanuel. Yes, Jean-Francois.

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: Jean-Francois for the record. Concerning the Kiel meeting that is going to be happening in December 6, 7, 8, I think it is. If you want me to go and attend and give a hand, just let me know. It's easy for me. I'm over there.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yes. I don't know if they will allow observers. I will ask the question and let you know because it's a close meeting of the EPDP members, but I don't know if they will allow observation, physical observation. So, I will ask that and update you.

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: For all I know, they will because I already spoke with Jennifer, and she gave me the green light. She sent me the information.

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EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Then you can join so that we do that since it's in your house.

JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT: If there is anything I can help you with that, just let me know.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: That's fine.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Thank you, Emmanuel. Maybe I can invite to Wisdom, please, to give a short update of what we discussed in the TPR meeting on Monday because--

WISDON DONKOR: Yes. My name is Wisdom Donkor for the record. In the TPR meeting, it was kind of give that report. And so, I think I'll just have to look for that document and then I can circulate it to all of you.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Thank you, Wisdom. Just updating that. Okay. And I am also working in SubPro implementation review team. We are discussing about languages for the Applicant Guidebook. And tomorrow, we have another session. So, we are just still working, and we have two more sessions in this meeting, ICANN meeting. So, I think that I could update it more, on our next membership meeting. So, I think that's it. Anyone have any more to add on this topic? I see none.

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So, in order to have a little bit of time, we're running of time. Point is developing our communication marketing better. Use of platforms I think it's your topic, Jean-Francois. Or who is that topic? Yeah. Jean-Francois, please.

**JEAN-FRANCOIS QUERALT:** Yeah. Jean-Francois for the record. So, the idea was to discuss the possibility of looking into a number of tools to increase our effectiveness in our operations. And the three that I have right now, in my mind, one will be to keep using the, the newsletter and social media planner that we have already started in the past months, as well as a platform to simplify the blogging process so that we can have a much more editorial flow on it. And another one for an AI summarizer for all those very, very long documents that we all have to solve every now and then to try to simplify a little bit as well the processing internally. And if there's any other need that we could have, we'll be more than happy to discuss and see what can be done.

**JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:** Okay. Thank you, Jean-Francois. I'm sorry. I don't know French. I think that's our new agenda. There is another topic that we have in your agenda right now? Another business that maybe someone want to join in or something like that? I'm sorry. This is my first time in this.

**CALEB OGUNDELE:** So, I think we probably didn't add that to the agenda, but I think this is also a good time to thank our current outgoing chair, the person of Raoul for such a good work that he's done during his term. Thank you

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for putting in such hard work, for steering the NPOC in the last few years. And to anyone who wants to say any kind words to him, a very good one to make him feel good. Yeah.

Not just making feel good, but to compliment him and encourage him not to stay so far away from the community, even though there is a break, but to thank him also for the hard work he's putting.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:

Actually, I have to say that I-- You want to add something or? Okay. So, I know Raul since I don't remember when. I was trying to do memory to recall. It was almost from 2018, I think, more or less. So, I have been working with him since that time, starting with the initial step for this finally task that we have achieved this year. I mean, the charter. And it was a very, very hard job, and it was a long time ago. It's a sound like it was a long time ago, and it was, but I feel like with you, we had a good relationship since the beginning, and we could do teamwork.

And so, I'm very grateful for having you as a team worker in that time. So, I hope you don't be away too far. I know you have new plans and congratulations again for your new life as a dad. I welcome you to our club. So, I know that you will be busy. But I know that you will be maybe interested again or still in ICANN topic. So, please don't be away from us, and thank you for all you have done.

RAOUL PLOMMER:

Thanks for that. Yeah, I have to say, I definitely prefer Benjamin's incoming daddy, instead of outgoing chair. That sounds much better.

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Yeah. But, yeah, thank you all. I know I'm definitely not the easiest person. Got quite a bit of a temperament and so on. But, yeah, I've definitely had fun. And yeah, I think in the next two days, I'll probably have something finally done that has been in the process for-- The other issue has been in process for years, and that's relating to the NomCom seat. And another one is I managed to scrape together a meeting with the Board on Thursday morning about the environmental goals. So, I do feel that that's a nice time to go, finally having something accomplished here. So, yeah, thanks.

BOLUTIFE ADISA:

I'm Bolutife for the record. I was going to talk about something else, any other business, but since we're on the topic, I would also like to say thank you to Raoul for the time. It's not an easy task leading, such a diverse group. And I think for everyone who chooses to go the route of taking up this responsibility, they deserve some accolades for doing such task for the last two years. So, once again, Raoul, thank you for your time, and thanks for three years now, actually. Yeah. Because there was pandemic as well. So, thank you very much. But I don't know if others want to say something else on the same topic, but I have another topic after that.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Okay. Can I?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: The same topic or the new one?

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EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: No. It's the same topic.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Go ahead.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yes. There's something that I want to say regarding our policy work. I think during the Hague meeting, that was the moment where he actually cornered me and push I think most of us to say go and explore and see what we can do. And I think there was two hot EPDPs, like the transfer policy and the IDNs. That was when I actually joined the IDN. And I think it's a very good experience. I mean, I've been with ICANNs since 2017 since the Joburg meeting, but I think my involvement to policy work has really started from the Hague meeting just last year, which is something that I can give him credit for that. He said he is not the easiest person to deal with and I think that we all experienced that. But as a gentleman, I think--

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: He's finished. He's finishing.

EMMANUEL AGBENONWOSSI: Yeah. He's time to actually move on, but he will not be far. It's also a very good opportunity for us as a new EC to keep focusing on the policy work because I think anytime they speak about NPOC, what do we do really? I mean, we don't have much to say. Let's be honest, we don't

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have much to say. But recently, we noticed that for the last few months, we are involving a lot of policy, we are pushing for a lot of agenda. I know Caleb, for example, with the NomCom seat, and other topics that we are bringing up, I think that make our existence. So, I think, Raoul, thank you very much. I can see that the legacy that you left, I think we'll continue it starting from the charter. And there's a lot that we can do from where you actually, left. And I think you are welcome to our policy committee. I can also see that my running meets is in the room, and we can do that together. So don't be far away, please.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Thanks a lot.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Thank you. Now is your time, Bolutife.

BOLUTIFE ADISA: Yes.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I'm sorry. I haven't seen. Is it the same topic or? Go ahead.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: My name is Benjamin for the record. Raoul, congratulations for successfully sailing the ship to a point of sustenance and handing over. Success is in succession. And I just want to congratulate you for that.

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And thank you for acknowledging the incoming daddy position. Congratulations. Thank you.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Thank you. Before, anyone else? No? Okay. Bolutife, now the floor is yours.

BOLUTIFE ADISA: Okay. Thank you. In the interest of time, I'm going to be very short. Recently, there was a call for volunteers for public comments on the pilot holistic review. I have decided to volunteer for that. But as I am the only one on this public comment, I'd like to also open up to our members for those who might be interested in joining and drafting these public comments. We're happy to have you on board. So please kindly reach out.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Thank you. If there is anyone interested in drafting this public comment, please join in or help in to fortify too. It's just study or just make a comment, that's not too hard, but it requires a lot of study and work. So, I don't know if there is anyone else to say? No. So, we have finished two minutes before time, finally. Thank you very much.

ANDREA GLANDON: You may stop the recording.

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