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### GNSO Standing Selection Committee

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DEVAN REED:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to the GNSO Standing Selection Committee call on Wednesday, 12th July at 1400 UTC. In the interest of time, there will be no roll call. Attendance will be taken by the Zoom room. We do have apologies from Brian Winterfeldt, (IPC), and Glen de Saint Gery, (IPC alternate). All documentation and information can be found on the wiki space. Recordings will be posted on the public wiki page shortly after the end of the call. Please remember to state your name before speaking for the recording. As a reminder, those who take part in the ICANN multistakeholder process are to comply with the expected standards of behavior. With this, I turn it over to Arinola. Please begin.

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ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thank you, Devan. Thank you, Julie. I want to welcome everybody to the SSC call for Wednesday the 12th July 2023. Before we proceed, I would like to know if anyone has any update to their statement of interests, the SOI updates?

Okay. Seeing no hands and seeing no one with any updates, we know the call for today is basically to discuss the outcome of our poll and then to continue with the process of selecting an alternate for the non-register liaison to the CSC. I want to say thank you to all who participated in the poll, and for those who did not, we will leave that as we discussed, you'll be able to share your thoughts with us, and then we'll be able to progress and then eventually come up with our decision on the sole candidate that we have. So, without further ado, I would like to turn it over to Julie as she takes us through those.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Arinola. This is Julie Hedland from Staff. So, what I'm going to do is go through the-- So, as part of the assignment and selection process, the next step is to go through the poll results, and then we can have the discussion on the candidate selection which Arinola can moderate, and then we'll go to next steps which will be some key actions and dates. So, let me go ahead and start sharing my screen to the poll results. One moment please.

And while I'm doing that just to let you know, the poll is just one tool that we can use to make the selection. The other obviously, other ways that people can express their opinions are via this call in the discussion. And also following the call, there'll be a request for objections if any to the selection if it's decided on this call and

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people can certainly express opinions there as well. Just as a reminder, this of the SSC operates via full consensus. That means there needs to be full consensus on the selection of the candidate for the liaison to the CSC. If we do not have full consensus, then we'll have to talk about what we do at that point, but generally that's never been an issue.

So, let me Just share the screen now. And I was looking at it and realized I didn't share it with you. There. And we'll go over the results. All right. I think you can all see that. Let me bring up the chat and the participants so I can keep track of any questions or hands raised. All right. So, here you see the poll results. We have five responses. We have nine total people who can take the poll. We have one alternate to Brian Winterfeldt, it's Glen de Saint Gery, the alternate. She's not eligible to take the poll. And also, we have an ex-officio member which is Greg DiBiase from the Council leadership and he also is not eligible to take the poll. So, five out of responses.

Note that we confirmed that if someone did not feel they had enough information to answer a question, they were allowed to skip that question. And so, as you'll see through the results, some of the questions were skipped and that's fine. And one other-- No. I think I covered it. Sorry.

All righty. So, the first question is just whether or not the people taking the poll reviewed the candidates' materials which they did. Now, so based on the application materials and your own knowledge about the candidate, please rate the candidate's direct experience with and knowledge of the IANA naming function. We have four responses there. So, we had one skip response which

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is fine. And there we have 1 response is 4, 1 is 5 and 1 is 7 on a scale of 1-10.

Next question is based on the application materials and your own knowledge about the candidate, please rate the candidate's analytical skills, including ability to interpret quantitative and qualitative evidence as well as capacity to draw conclusions purely based on evidence. And there we have 1 score at 7, 2 scores at 8, and 1 score at 9. Next question. Based on the application materials and your own knowledge about the candidate, please rate the candidate's ability to work and communicate in written and spoken English. And there we have all responses at 9.

Next question is based on the application materials and your own knowledge of the candidate, please rate the candidate's communication skills. There we have 2 responses at 8, 3 responses at 9. Next question. Based on the application materials and your own knowledge of the candidate, please rate the candidate's experience in managing and/or participating in committees in order to contribute meaningfully to the CSC processes. We have 2 responses at 8, 2 responses at 9, and 1 response at 10.

Next question is based on the application materials and your own knowledge of the candidate, please rate the candidate's demonstrated ability in relationship management to support diplomatic discussion, consensus-driven decision making and production negotiation. There we have 1 response at 7, 3 responses at 8, 1 response at 9. Next question. Based on the application materials and your own knowledge of the candidate,

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please rate the candidate's demonstrated interest in becoming involved in the CSC. We have 2 responses at 9 and 3 at 10.

And then based on the application materials and your own knowledge candidate, please rate the candidate's demonstrated understanding of the purpose of the CSC. 2 responses at 5, 2 responses at 7, and 1 response at 10. And then we had some written responses. The first is that "I highly recommend the candidate for the role". Second is that "while the candidate comes in with the background in a related area, it's difficult to evaluate the candidate's [inaudible 00:08:26] into CSC, but the resume suggests a capable candidate and a quick learner."

I'm just going to not read that whole of the response. I'm just going to leave it up on screen for you to read, but that completes the results of the poll. And so, I'm going to pause there and see if there are any questions. Not seeing any hands up. Ah, there's a hand. Anne, please.

ANNE AIKMAN-SCALESE: Yes, thank you, Julie. That was very helpful. This is Anne. I did not personally write any of the text in the other factors to be considered but I just wanted to say that I agree with the observations there that the candidate may not demonstrate a direct knowledge of exactly the purpose of the Customer Standing Committee and the AINA naming functions. But the candidate does demonstrate significant involvement in whatever he becomes involved in and apparently, as one comment shows here, that the candidate demonstrates an attitude for being a very quick learner and being a very involved communicator. So, I tend

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to agree with these comments that others have written on the other factors. So, I think the committee would do well to move his nomination along. Thank you.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Anne. Any other comments before we go to a discussion of the candidate? And, Anne, is that? There. Thank you. Arinola, over to you to lead discussion of the candidate.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: All right. Thank you, Julie. I was accidentally gone. Once again, I thank everybody for participating in the poll. And I think Anne especially for that comment, the last comment she made. It was a great comment. I share the same sentiments too. However, like I noted in the mail, I circulated on the mailing list based on my interactions with the outgoing ISOC Nigeria president and currently member of the ISOC Global. He comes with a high recommendation. He actually could share the governance and policy working book of the ISOC Nigeria team, which I used to be on too. And know it was not an easy working group to be on.

Also, like I said, I spoke with Peter, who was also part of the SSC in the last dispensation, who was the vice chair, and he also had some good feedback for him. However, they [inaudible - 00:12:08] with us as the current members of the SSC going forward to decide. So, I'm going to open up the floor, and I expect to hear from all of us, especially for those who did not participate in the poll so that we can also have your thought. So, the floor is open.

JULIE HEDLUND: Thank you, Arinola. Alan, please.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Alan, please go ahead.

ALAN WOODS: Thank you very much. Alan Woods for the record. Just to confirm, I agree with everything that has been said and I as Arinola said that I was the long-winded one. I do think that although the core competencies or the specific competencies in the CSC were not necessarily present, I have no doubt in my mind that he'd be able to be a very good alternate here and with the hopes of hopefully proceeding at some point in the future to become the direct member. But that's the matter out of our hands. so, I have no issues with us suggesting him for appointment.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thank you, Alan. Do we have anyone, anybody else who would like to chip in something?

Q MISELL: Yes. I agree with what Alan said. And also, I'll just like to add that in-depth knowledge of IANA details perhaps isn't necessary because, well, it's kind of there is the opportunity to learn on the job as well, and clearly, they're capable of doing so.

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ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thank you, Q Misell. Yeah, I agree with that too. Any other person who would like to chip in or anything?

JULIE HEDLUND: Arinola, this is Julie from staff. I just wanted to let you know that Christian Dawson at the start of the call, I don't think you were on yet, had indicated he had a conflict and would be multitasking on another call at this time. So, I don't know that he's able to respond at this point.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Okay. But I'm sure, like we all know, we still have the opportunity to respond even via the mailing list after this call since it has to be by full consensus. So, he might be able to still share his thoughts over the mailing list. Oh, okay. Seeing no further inputs for now and that considering we have basically from what I gather from all the comments here, we all have the same opinion or practically the same viewpoint considering it's an alternate position, which allows for you to actually also still land on the job.

So, we've noted that, and I believe I'm stating the opinion of everybody. So, we believe that considering him for the position is in order. That will be so that I can then make a consensus call while we're at. Thanks for the inputs. So, do we have anybody with any other inputs?

JULIE HEDLUND: And, Arinola, this is Julie from staff. I see that Anne has a comment in the chat. Sorry. Go ahead, please.



ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Yeah. She agrees and it appears that the question [audio glitch 00:15:59] to any objections on the dates. Thank you, Anne, for that wonderful comment. So, I would officially be making the consensus call so that it will be documented in the meetings. So, varying for the comments on the discussions on the candidate, I would want to make a consensus call for those who are present on the call. So, do we agree that we would be putting this candidate forward to the Council? Okay. Q Misell, I'll like to hear from you?

Q MISELL: Yes. Agreed. Sorry. Thought I was on mute.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: All right. Thank you very much. Okay. So, we have those on the call considering into it. And since we all know that the SSC must come up with the full consensus, the staff will be sending a mail requesting for all that so that we can then have a full consensus of the SSC. Yeah. Did I get that right, Julie?

JULIE HEDLUND: Yeah. Thank you, Arinola. This is Julie from staff. Absolutely right. So, we'll send the email allowing 24 hours for any objections and in particular to allow for any comments from those who were not on this call. I think we'll only need 24 hours as opposed to 48 hours. It seems pretty straightforward and since we have consensus with those on the call today too. And so, expecting no

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objections, we will insert the candidate's name into the placeholder motion and then that will be before the Council on its 20th July call for a vote on the consent agenda.

And just to note that we've already had an inquiry from the staff supporting the CSC, asking whether or not the GNSO was ready to put forward its person in the position of the alternate non-registry liaison. And so, we've indicated that we are expecting a vote on the 20th of July. So, thanks to all for this helpful discussion today and many thanks to Arinola for leading us so ably.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: Thank you, Julie. But I would rather suggest a 48 hours' timeframe so that we give you enough room for people to actually see the mail.

JULIE HEDLUND: Certainly, Arinola. We'll make sure that we allow 48 hours.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI: So, thank you. I think with 48 hours, we should still be within the timeframe and ensuring it goes for Council vote by the 20th of July.

JULIE HEDLUND: Well within. No worries there.

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ARINOLA AKINYEMI:           Okay. Great. Okay. So, the next item will be any other business if I'm correct. Julie?

JULIE HEDLUND:            I think that's all we have. No other business was presented. Thank you, Arinola. Thank you, everyone.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI:        Thank you, everybody. So, we can have the rest of our days back.

JULIE HEDLUND:            Excellent. Thanks so much. Then this meeting is adjourned.

ARINOLA AKINYEMI:        Thank you all. Bye.

Q MISELL:                 Thank you all. Bye.