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>> MARKUS KUMMER: Hello, everyone. It's Markus here. It's the top of the hour. But I think let's wait maybe one or two more minutes for others that are still joining.

Okay. Good morning, good afternoon, where you are. Let's get started. It's Markus here, and I think we have -- Celine has shared an agenda ahead of the meeting, and I suppose you will make it available in the chat again.

>> CELINE BAL: It's in the chat. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: And with that, without further ado, can I pass the board on to you, Celine? Can you take care of the first agenda item. First of all we have to agree ifer than agrees with the adoption of the agenda. That's usually a format. Unless I hear objections, I would then assume we have agreement to proceed on the basis of the agenda you shared with us.

And with that, then the first agenda item is updates from the Secretariat. So, over to you, Celine.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you very much. So, let me share the biggest announcement, let's say. We had our IGF2024 session proposals called which will close now on the fifth of May. We have received over 470 session proposals in general. And perhaps just a short breakdown. We have received over 200 -- actually 215 workshop proposals, which is always the main category of session proposals at the IGF. 72 open forums. These are sessions dedicated to governments and treaty based educational organizations. We received 75 lightning talks, 28 networking sessions and also lunches and awards. And 30 day zero events.

When it comes to the Dynamic Coalition proposals, we have received 23 this year.

These are the numbers without having done the initial screening. The initial screening just means whether we have any duplication or whether we have the minimum requirements do not fit, such as, for example, the diversity criteria of having diverse panelists at the sessions, et cetera, et cetera. We are currently screening these proposals received, and we are going to give some information later in the month. Good.

That's for the first updates. Then also just a side information, the IGF has now hired the two consultants for the IGF intersessional work streams that means for the policy network on meaningful access, the policy network on Internet implementation and the best practice on cybersecurity. So, they already started their contract and we will also have some initial meetings or kickoff meetings for these intersessional work streams.

Then another important information, too. So, we are soon having the WSIS forum high-level event that's taking place -- that is organized by the ITU and taking place on the last week of May and the IGF will have two side events organized there. One on the Tuesday, 28th, and the other one on Thursday, 30th. So, this is also an invitation to those who are interested, either virtually or in-person here in Geneva to take part in these two events. Besides the events will have an IGF booth that we will be sharing with 2024 host country, Saudi Arabia. Good.

That's it from my side. I am going to share these -- the links to the two events at the WSIS forum in the chat.

And as already announced in the past, we have our second open consultations and Multistakeholder Advisory Group meeting from the 26th to the 28th of June in Geneva and you are also welcome to follow the meeting. And I am sharing again the link, which shows the registration to participate either virtually or in person. So, that would be it from my side, from the Secretariat regarding the updates.

Do you have any questions so far?

If not, we can actually move to the second agenda item.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Celine, this is Wout. The link for the second consultation is not working. Sorry to interrupt.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Wout. Let me share it again. Good. Perfect.

Yes, now I shared it again.

We will soon post the draft agenda, which is still not finalized and which still needs review from the MAG members, but once it has been agreed upon, we are going to share it here on that same link. And when you click on that link, you will also have the registration for the virtual or in-person participation at our second open consultations. Thank you, Wout.

So, now I would suggest we move to the second part, which is the introduction of two new Dynamic Coalitions. We see that you are all here on the call. So the first one is the Dynamic Coalition on the interplanetary Internet which has been launched about 10 days ago.

And the other one is -- let me share also the link here so we can have a look at their website. The other one is the Dynamic Coalition on financial digital inclusion. So, camco, I see that you are here. Do you want to start with your presentation? I think you can also share your screen. Thank you.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Yes, thank you very much. And hello, everyone. I am pretty new to the community, but thanks for having me today. My name is Yosuke Kaneko, and serving as the coordinator for the new DC on the Interplanetary Internet. This is our very first time to introduce our DC, so thank you very much for this opportunity today.

And, actually, our DC is very, very new to the community. We were actually formed just a week ago. And thanks again to the IGF Secretariat, as the formation process was really, really smooth along the way. So thank you very much.

And I am sure you are all wondering why the DC Interplanetary Internet. So I would like to kind of take a moment here to talk about some of the background and context in space exploration which kind of really motivated us in setting up our DC.

As a matter of fact, we do have a number of DC members joining this call today already, and in the interest of time, I will just briefly introduce their names and stakeholder groups. So, let's see. I am looking at this screen right now.

So, from the academia side, we have Dr. Scott Pace joining. And from the private sector, we have Mr. Scott Johnson and Samo Grasic, and Felix Walter, and Jorge Amodio, and Ginny Spicer.

And from the technical community, we have Mr. Scott Burleigh and mark Blanchet. And from the civil society we have Roberto Gaetano. And also from the space agency we have Felix Flentge. From the European Space Agency, at ESA, and myself, and I am from the Japanese space agency at JAXA. I hope I didn't miss anybody. But our DC members are really distributed across the globe and from diverse stakeholder groups and you are all more than welcome to participate in this new DC mailing list if you are all interested in this topic.

With that, I would like to pull up my charts here and talk about DC. I hope this is working.

>> CELINE BAL: It does work. Thank you.

>> YOSUKE DANEKO: Let me go full screen. Here I would like to briefly go over our introduction of our DC. I am talking on the background why we set up this DC, which goes down to the momentum that we are seeing towards space exploration, and we will try to address our work plan that we envision for now.

If you recall, the last time humanity reached the lunar surface was with the U.S. Apollo programme back in the 1970s. And, actually, people are again living this planet where we are now, again, at a very exciting moment to put humans back on the moon, and this time to establish a long-term human presence on the lunar surface.

So, what we could envision in the future is something like this, where we have habitats for humans to work and live and fuel plants to generate energy, food production, mobility systems, construction systems and all of which become an important piece of infrastructure for science and exploration and for long-term human presence on the moon.

And it's quite evident that a communication network would play an extremely important role to support all of these activities, and things are really starting to sell off. It's no longer a fantasy anymore, and people are getting serious about setting up a lunar com infrastructure.

For example, NASA, ESA and JAXA, which is the Japanese agency, have plans to deploy communication and also GPS-like infrastructure for users on and around the moon, and it's also a vision that these independent space agency projects interoperate with each other to form a more integrated cislunar

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And it's not just the states or the space agencies, there are also several companies from the industry that are planning to provide cellular networks on the moon as well such as KDDI and Nokia.

The question is, could we achieve a common infrastructure, given that several space agencies and private sectors are planning to deploy their own piece of network. Will humanity be successful in establishing an integrated and common network backbone, even in space. So, I think we see that as a challenge today. So, our DC's goal is really to work toward a common network backbone, as I just spoke, which we call the Interplanetary Internet where different types of networks, the space agency's networks and the private sector's networks and, perhaps, an academic network in the future. So they all join together to create a single network backbone, connecting all the earth and moon and Mars access at the end.

And our DC really believes that working toward a common structure like the Internet is really the way to go, because we already know from our experiences, from our terrestrial Internet that having a common infrastructure will be really, really powerful, and we believe that's also true for the interplanetary network.

What is a personal recollection. What is about to happen in space networking is kind of analogous to the old days of the Internet. In 1983, Vint told us that the ARPANET and the SATNET and ARPANET was for all different networks, but they all joined together using TTCP/IP. What is about to happen in space is similar to this where many of the different networks provided by different actors start interconnecting with each other.

It becomes really important that we have a well-functioning and healthy management mechanism to make this all work right. So, the IPNSIG, which is the Interplanetary Networking Special Interest Group, which I currently serve as president today, has been in business around the Interplanetary Internet from 1988. I assumed my position in 2020. But we have been working in this business for roughly 25 years now.

And just last year, the IPNSIG published a report that you see on the right where we have done an initial study to explore a governance ecosystem of the Interplanetary Internet. Our work really looked at the lessons learned from our terrestrial Internet and how it evolved and what we should be projecting to the Interplanetary Internet and these studies were done by our DCCG members, who are mostly our IPNSIG members, as well and joining this call today and one of the key properties that came out of this study was that the multistakeholder policy-making process that has really matured over the long history of the Internet was really at the heart of the Internet Governance and we said that we should try to inherit this concept to the Interplanetary Internet because we already know that multistakeholderism really became the pillar to make our Internet ecosystem so sustainable up to date.

And we think this concept actually deserves more attention beyond the IPNSIG community and we think the IGF is a perfect venue to promote this concept. Therefore, we came to the conclusion that forming this new in Nic interplanetary is the right step forward for us.

And speaking briefly of our work plan, we have just been formed so we only have a rough plan for now, but our goal is to start sharing our initial thinking to the broader multistakeholder community and hopefully we can see each other

to discuss this topic at the upcoming IGF in Riyadh.

And I think that's all I have for today. Thank you for your attention.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you very much for your presentation and welcome in the family of DCs and we actually feel very honored to have such a distinguished group as part of our Coordination Group. So, that strengthens the collective network.

I wonder if any one of the participants would have any question on this new DC. It doesn't seem to be the case. Well, in that case, I think, let me conclude again by saying, wishing you welcome into the family.

And with that, there's another DC that has a presentation. >> CELINE BAL: Just before moving on, I see also Wout his hand raised but thank you to the presentation and your federal DC members. Perhaps if you like, you can share this presentation on your DC web page in case.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Absolutely, yes.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes. Can I ask the question? Thank you. Welcome, and thank you for this excellent presentation. I was wondering what your goal is to towards the, let's say, 1 1/2 years from now. Would that be to come up with a global policy advice, or is it just adapt to the ability to work more easily together and discuss informally? What would your end goal be, do you think? Thank you.

My name is Wout de Natris, and I'm with the Dynamic Coalition of Internet Standards, Security and Stability.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Thank you very much, this multistakeholder concept really needs to be broadened to the multistakeholder community and I think our initial step is to share this amongst the Internet community, which is broad enough, who has really cultivated this concept over the past evolution of the Internet. So, we will start from there and hopefully we will kindly converge on a kind of a unified understanding or a holistic, you know, way of looking at space Internet Governance in a multistakeholder way. So, that is my ultimate goal.

But we will see how we can reach that state. Maybe it would take a couple of years or I don't know whether we will try to endeavor to that.

>> CELINE BAL: Mark.

>> MARK CARVELL: Thank you, Celine, and suddenly broadened the horizon beyond the clear -- in a very clear and ambitious way. So wish you success. I'm also working with Wout on the standards, security and stability Dynamic Coalition.

My simple question really, all Dynamic Coalitions seek to reach out to governments. Governments have an important role. I speak as a former government Policy Advisor in this whole area, Internet Governance, and I'm wondering the extent to which you have governments backing you up and participating in the coalition and whether you look to opportunities to connect with intergovernmental fora relating to your area of activity in the future. Have its own profile raising of Dynamic Coalitions, but sometimes can be a bit of a struggle because many of our coalitions do not have constitutional edifices to back it up, if I put it that way.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Yeah.

>> MARK CARVELL: I note from your website, you have linkage across to ISOC, to the Internet Society and that, of course, is very valuable support for you globally.

But anyway, as I said, the question really is about government interaction, just interested to know your plan for that. Thank you.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Yeah. Thank you. So, basically, as of today, we don't have an official government official joining this DC member, but like, for example, for myself is a Japanese space agency, which is a government sponsored agency, so it kind of like half government. So, that's the current state. And then, of course, after we have lots of discussions at the Internet Governance Forum, I think the next step will be to bring this back to our respective government officials and then communicate with them with this multistakeholder concept, and I think that's the overall plan that I think everyone has envisioned for now.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you again for your response, and I noticed you have ESA and NASA, who are part of the DC, so that's a very strong basis for your action, and there are governments behind ESA, and NASA is, of course, part of the U.S. space programme. So I think there is a very strong visibility there guaranteed for your Dynamic Coalition. I'm sure we could discuss at length your very interesting -- and I'm sure there are many more questions that come up. But once again, we have other issues on the agenda.

And I would suggest, then, that we move to the other Dynamic

Coalition that is joining now.

>> CELINE BAL: I see that Ayden is in the call. Ayden, if you would like to take the floor.

>> AYDEN FERDELINE: Hi, everyone. Ayden Ferdeline, on digital financing inclusion. We are brand-new. We have our first call later this month. But I did want to express my thanks to the IGF Secretariat for all of your support in getting this Dynamic Coalition off the ground.

We have established the Dynamic Coalition on digital financial inclusion to bridge the gap between financial technologies, financial institutions and the significant portion of the global population that remains unbanked or underbanked, and we want to bring this conversation to the IGF. We plan to meet virtual once a month currently exists of organizations and individuals who believe that digital financial inclusion is not just a necessity, but a right that can empower individuals, uplift communities and stimulate economic growth. We hope to bring new voices into the IGF, both from traditionally excluded communities as well as from the financial services sector because we think that the IGF is a great space for emerging discussions.

And because our Dynamic Coalition was formed with intentionality to overcome barriers to digital financial inclusion, our action plan is centered at the moment primarily around responding to one research question, and that is how can the adoption of open global interoperable payment networks overcome existing barriers and leverage opportunities to enhance financial inclusion across different stakeholder groups and how will this shape the evolution of the Internet and the digital economy by 2030.

Our approach here will be technology agnostic. We want to emphasize universal access, robust consumer protections, digital literacy, we plan to work openly and hope to feed the outputs from our work into other Dynamic Coalitions, other workshops at the annual IGF and the other intersessional activities that are active within the broader IGF ecosystem. We hope to be working with many of you on this call and many other Dynamic Coalitions that are out there.

And we would love to invite you join us in this important endeavor, whether you are from government, private sector, civil society, we think that the insights and contributions you can bring to this topic are really valuable. We are bringing in new voices who are not a part of the IGF ecosystem already. But we would love some people who have been active within the IGF ecosystem to also join our Dynamic Coalition so that we can have some really robust debates and work towards creating a digital economy that is inclusive and equitable.

I also have a collaborator on the call, Laurel farmer, she will be joining me at WSIS in Geneva later this month. I would love to connect with you in person to discuss our plans for the Dynamic Coalition. But, Lawil, did you want to say a few words as well?

>> LAWIL KARAMA: Yes. Thank you.

I'm Lawil Karama. i appreciate your time, but also the interest of the working of the Dynamic Coalition on Digital Financial Inclusion. We are, of course, extremely excited to collaborate with many of you to advance this initiative. So, thank you.

>> AYDEN FERDELINE: Let us know in the chat if you have any questions or would like to get involved. We do want to keep this open to everyone. And aside from that. Thank you again for the time today.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you, both of you. It's a new Dynamic Coalition. Welcome again to the new Dynamic Coalition. It's not a new face. It has been around for a number of years now, a well known face in the IGF context.

One thing you said, I think, is very spot on, that you try to integrate your work into other ongoing work of the intersessional work and be part of the overall process. So, that's very much part of our general thrust of the Internet -- of the Dynamic Coalition Coordination Group, that we are really trying to also integrate the Dynamic Coalition more in the mainstream working of the IGF and the intersessional work and that's also on today's agenda.

Now, I wonder whether anyone would have a question to Ayden and the other new colleague whose name I now can't remember. Any questions to both of -- either of them.

If not, then I conclude that I also share my welcoming the new Dynamic Coalition.

And with that, Celine, can we move on in the agenda.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, next on the agenda is a Dynamic Coalition specifier. This is something that we have been discussing actually since quite a few months and actually years already. And I am going to share my screen here.

So, we wanted to share with you some text, some basic texts that helps also Dynamic Coalitions to position themselves within the IGF ecosystem.

First, starting with the Dynamic Coalition branding because this has also been a topic, a recurrent topic. So, we have done our search with VS and counterparts within the UN system. The UN emblem cannot be used by IGF Dynamic Coalitions just because it is really for official purposes and for UN Systemwide partners, which, unfortunately, for example, national and regional IGFs or Dynamic Coalitions would not fall under.

But with regards to the IGF logo, the IGF Secretariat in general really remains at your disposal in case you have any questions regarding the use of the IGF logo. We are also there to provide the proper not only logo, but also the color codes and whatever kind of directions you may need. Because we do encourage also IGF Dynamic Coalitions to create their own branding in case they wish to do so. And if they want to use the IGF logo, in that case, we are there to provide some guidance.

What is important is that the Dynamic Coalition is being recognized by the IGF Secretariat, right? And whenever you, for example, creating some kind of communication material that this also shows as Dynamic Coalition being recognized by the IGF Secretariat.

And now when it comes to the Dynamic Coalition specifier, this is what you see here in that box is a kind of typical disclaimer that we would ask the Dynamic Coalitions to either put, for example, on their website or on communication materials such as outputs or whatever whenever they are referring to the DC and the relation to the IGF as such. And if you do have questions, please let me know. I am just going to open the chat to see if -- yeah.

So, that is from our side what we have been producing. We are going to publish it on the website and also share it via email asking you to send it further in your respective DC mailing list. Just to remind people and also to inform them about the various guidelines.

So, let me know if you have questions.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you, Celine. Are there any questions to Celine? And thank you also, Celine, for the work and the Secretariat. This was long awaited, and as you said, we have to discuss that for many times, try to clarify. But now it's very useful to have something on paper with very clear guidelines. And I presume this has been worked out not just on top of your head, but in close cooperation with New York as well. And the office of legal advice and to all the legal services in New York. Yeah. And it's very important work. Thank you very much.

Are there questions? Doesn't seem to be the case. Maybe just on silenced. Maybe questions come up as you use it and

as Celine said, you can always go back to the Secretariat if there are certain doubts.

But this is essentially not negotiable. I mean, let's be clear. This is proof by the highest authority of the UN and the use of the UN emblem is fairly sensitive there. So that needs to be respected.

If there are no questions, at least I cannot see any hand up right now. Then we can move on in the agenda.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you very much, Markus. Next on the agenda is indeed the IGF 2024 DC session submissions and perhaps also just for your understanding the next steps.

So, as I mentioned already shortly at the beginning, we received a total of 23 DC session submissions. For now the Secretariat mostly focused on workshops because these IGF workshop proposals will now be sent to MAG members for evaluation.

But we are going to talk also with MAG members, let them know about all the sessions received when it comes to networking sessions, launches and awards, DC sessions, lightning talk and day zero events so that they have an overview of all the sessions that are not workshops, and we will also provide them an approximate number of, let's say, slots that we do on the overall IGF programme and schedule.

So, this year I want to have a more focused agenda, just, you know, taking into consideration the feedback that we have received last year, that it is important to have a more focused agenda, that we should just lower the number of sessions on the programme, provide a better overview, et cetera, et cetera. And also starting a little bit later during the day and finishing the IGF days earlier.

So, last year, just as an example, we started sessions already at 8:30. And they went until 7:00 p.m. Those sessions, for example, especially in the morning were just less visited. So this year we would start sessions at 9:30 and it would go up to 6:00 p.m.

We would keep the number of rooms that we normally have to allocate the various sessions which has always been 10 years, plus an additional room or space for the so-called IGF lightning talks. And with an approximate calculation we would have up to 250 sessions that we could allocate during the week of the IGF.

So, what does it mean? So part of the discussions that we had with the IGF MAG members during the first open consultations and MAG meeting that took place in Riyadh end of February, they mentioned that they would like, of course, the selection process or the screening, let's say, of all the sessions that are outside the session type of workshops is being done by the IGF Secretariat.

However, because it is the responsibility of MAG members to curate the programme of the IGF, they want to have an overview and they also want to limit the allocation of slots for networking sessions, launches and awards, Dynamic Coalitions, et cetera, et cetera.

So, we still do not know how many of these slots they would like to allocate. But most probably, so this is what we anticipate, is that we won't be able to allocate all 23 slots. Depending on their decision, we would screen the various proposals and see if there are possibilities to merge sessions. That was one of the ideas or outcomes also from the survey that we did a couple of months and weeks ago, actually, amongst Dynamic Coalitions to see what kind of compromise they would most likely be ready to do and the best option was actually to merge or not really to merge, but to find, you know, joint Dynamic Coalition submissions that are either working on a similar topic or interested in creating such a joint Dynamic Coalition session.

So, we do not want -- not to accept the Dynamic Coalition celebrations that were submitted, but, rather, to find ways how the various Dynamic Coalitions could work together so that such a session proposal will be accepted later on also in the overall programme.

There were also a few Dynamic Coalitions that approached the IGF Secretariat, for them to allocate just a meeting room so they can have their annual meeting, face-to-face meeting in Riyadh, but also, of course, always having a hybrid component to the meeting. So, we also took note of that.

And that is actually it from my side. Let me know if you have questions regarding the further process of the DC session submission.

Avri, I see that you have your hand up, please.

>> AVRI DORIA: Yeah, quick question. Sorry, I had the wrong thing in my video buffer. If you applied for -- if your DC applied for a session and, therefore, has not requested the room and you don't get a session or whatever, is there still time to request a room or is that time bounded by the same deadline? Thanks.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Avri. That's a good question. No not at all. One of the rooms dedicated, we ask the host country to provide a few larger lateral meeting rooms to know for sure we can allocate the annual meetings, annual DC meetings to the various Dynamic Coalitions that are asking for it.

Normally the ballot meeting room request only starts later in the year. This year we intend to launch it sometime in September, October. And whenever you decide to have such a meeting, you can always come up to me, to us, the IGF Secretariat or my email address directly and I will make sure to add you on the list.

>> AVRI DORIA: Thank you.

>> CELINE BAL: Perfect. Wout?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes. Sorry. Thank you, Celine. I'm sorry to notice that we are about the only very active academic coalition who did not ask for a session and I think the agreement was that we would be working together on making a higher-level sort of presence at the IGF and not through individual sessions.

Now it looks like we are the only one who is not going to have one, while we have a lot of messages to share. So, I am not very happy with this outcome, to be honest. And I feel a bit misled. Because I wasn't at Riyadh and it was quite clearly we should not have a lot of proposals from Dynamic Coalitions and go through aways and now we don't have a slot and everybody else may have. So I want to be able to propose anyway that I want part of that mix, that we have -- when it merges, that we will have a spot there as well, because otherwise, it's not fair, because we adhered to rules that were, sort of, agreed upon. It makes me a little bit angry.

So, that's not personal to you. Don't get me wrong, Celine.

>> CELINE BAL: No, no, no, I know, I know.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: But we have the idea to make high-level presentations and main sessions have interventions where

possible in workshops and that sort of thing because we are in the workshop proposals. So, I am not comfortable not to ask for a session of our own. But now it looks like that we may be the one missing out. And we hope that that is amenable, if necessary.

Let me stop there. But it's -- I'm feeling a little bit uncomfortable with the outcome. Also to all the people working hard in this Dynamic Coalition. So, thank you.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you. Thank you, Wout. Yes, no, and I received also your email. That was also sent prior to the deadline. The idea was the whole time and we really encouraged through multiple meetings that we had with the Dynamic Coalitions to really work together, collaborate, because we will not be able to allocate 23 Dynamic Coalition sessions. That's a fact. The MAG members have been vocal about it. We have less sessions that we will be allocating on the programme compared to last year. Last year we had 355 sessions. This year, considering what has been agreed upon with the MAG, we will only be maximum allowed to allocate 250 sessions.

And also, in addition, this is also something that has not yet been agreed by the MAG and also be advised by the IGF Secretariat is, for example, the number of workshops they would like to have on the schedule this year. We have seen over the past years an increase or let's say a decrease of workshops on the programme compared to other session types.

We have already managed to discontinue, let's say, the session type town halls, so hopefully because, you know, a lot of people were actually, unfortunately, using or misusing the fact of having other session types, even though it should have been, for example, a workshop proposal, right? And the idea this time is really that Dynamic Coalitions come actually together and work on proposals, send them together and this is what is going to happen. From thee 23 proposals, let's say the MAG says, we only allow 10. We will be going through the various proposals and either let them know they have to work together or decide whether they would rather have -- how do you say? An annual meeting room instead of the workshop. So -- instead of the Dynamic Coalition session.

So, this is what we tried to advocate the whole time.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yeah, I am totally aware of that Celine, except that we are not a part of that 23 now because we gambled wrong, maybe. I don't know what to say. But I would like to be, when we are merging that we are part of that merger, because, otherwise, we don't get exposure at all, and the others do. And that is not really fair the way things go at this moment.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I think, Wout, I understand your

frustration, I understand your frustration. But I think as you said, I think, you know, now we have 23 proposed on the table and there will be some kind of merger, and I think you should be given the opportunity to be part of this merging process. And there are some high-level themes defined. I think that's fair enough. I mean, as you said, you gambled wrongly maybe or you -- whether you are the only one who actually tried to move that high-level way, be that as it may, it's also a new approach and it's understandable there are some teething problems whenever you try a new approach.

But let's look at the proposals on the table and let's see how the process continues and let's leave the door open to your Dynamic Coalition that you can be part of the process going forward. would that be satisfactory, summing up Celine?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes, if we could look at it from that angle more because we would be more than happy to join and, of course, participate in a very serious way, meaningful way. So, thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay. Thank you.

Is there anything else?

>> CELINE BAL: Avri has her hand up.

>> AVRI DORIA: Yes, thank you. This is Avri. I want to resist the accusations from Wout and I think it's nice he has got a resolution that makes him happy. I know that I am not a czar of the Dynamic Coalition on schools and Internet

government. It's a bottoms-up group. I certainly brought the view of here, I argued for a certain position and they said, no. We want to apply for one. We understand we might not get it. We understand that there are fewer, that it is no longer the old world where everybody gets one. But we really want to do one.

And I said, well, if you guys write it, we can do one. So, they undertook to actually, in a bottom-up way, come up with one and present it.

So, I think to accuse people of they went and did it while we couldn't because we obeyed and they didn't, is really going a little far. I do like the idea of saying, sure, if there are mergers, anybody can merge in and not having applied should not be a barrier to be considered on merging.

But this whole thing that we were good and you were bad is just a terrible element to have introduced into all of this and I really do resist it. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Judith?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Hi, yes. This is Judith

Hellerstein, DCAD for the record. Sorry I was late. A bit early for me.

I missed a whole lot of things. But also I wanted to add, as I put in the proposal, some groups have trouble being merged with others because of the way they are structured and of their requirements and needs. At least for DCAD that is why we applied because we couldn't find a group that we could merge with because of our different requirements and needs and that's why we submitted one, too.

So, I was just wondering how that is taken into account when deciding on the sessions or would that be brought up to the MAG or to others. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Anyone else? Doesn't seem to be the case.

Right now there isn't much we can do on this issue. But I take up on Avri's point, there's no point in pointing with fingers at one another. It is what it is. And let's see how we have to move forward. And merging right from the beginning of the IGF, everybody agreed that it was important to merge workshops, but nobody wanted to be merged. It's one of these things. And we have to look at also how we can coalesce around some very high-level themes.

And I think from the new Dynamic Coalition on financial inclusion made the point very eloquently that they are open to look at how to work together with others to further their own interests and there may be others who have different approach, but it may be a possibility to look at the high-level angle around which you can coalesce. But we have to wait now for the reaction of the MAG, and I think the Secretariat will also do some work analyzing the proposals and see where there are common points of entry. I don't know what is -- Judith, if you would like to come back and I would like to ask then Celine how to work the next steps. Please, Judith.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes. So, another thought is, for the people who -- I think you mentioned, Celine, for the people who couldn't get sessions, they could get a room, it wouldn't be on the schedule. Would it also be possible to have captioning and audio and have someone working on the audio? But that's another -- that wasn't really answered and that's another session. And that also could be amenable to some people.

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you, Judith. Yes, so it's a point that was raised during the last meeting. And what we did, just to inform you, is that we asked the host country whether there would be a possibility to provide, for example, some captioning services, also for sessions that are different than the ones being hosted in the main session hall or also, for example, some other sessions like yours, I would like to have some captioning services.

So, this is something that the IGF Secretariat is in touch with with the host country. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: May I also point out, there are other sources of funding. The IGF support association, for instance, is funding the captioning for the DC Coordination Group. And that could also be approached if an individual DC needs captioning for this or that reason. So, there are not just a host country, there are also other possible funding sources.

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah. But we would also need the audio, the full audio support.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yeah. Understood.

But, again, to sum up, I think we can count on a certain automaticity that if a DC that requested a slot for their meeting will not get that slot, but then you will get a room, I don't know whether you have to apply separately or not. But my suggestion to the Secretariat will be to do it as a matter of course, just give them a separate room, a bilateral room where they can meet and then look at the necessities, whether it's necessary to provide captioning or audio or whatever the technical needs are.

Would that be a fair summing up, Celine? Would that be possible?

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, definitely. But before -- so, this is still a process. We are doing this for the first time this year, right? We still do not know, again, how the MAG will be reacting, what is the number of session proposals that they want to accept coming from workshop session proposals. And so on and so on. So, it's going to be an intertwined, let's say, the whole process over the next couple of weeks.

But before we would, for example, reject DC session proposal, we would first see whether there is opportunity to merge it with one or other DC session proposals, and whether, of course, the DCs are still interested in such a merger. And only then, of course, we would then allocate a room, but just to say we are really here to find the best way on how to keep on having a Dynamic Coalitions on the IGF programme.

So, yeah. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. So the next steps will be for the Secretariat to go through all the submissions from the Dynamic Coalitions; is that correct?

>> CELINE BAL: Apologies, Markus. Sorry. What did you say?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: The Secretariat will go as a next step, go through all the submissions and look whether there are possible, some of them lend themselves to be maybe let's not use the word merger because nobody wants to be merged, but to create something new where they would create something around the theme that would suit two or three Dynamic Coalitions, so to speak. Yeah.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, this is correct, Markus.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: The question is, isn't the MAG, Avri, in the chat, the next step? I mean, the MAG is more on the number; is that correct? They will not look at the substance of the submissions? >> CELINE BAL: Markus?

>> MARKUS KUMMER: The question is, what is the role of the MAG in all this? Will the MAG actually look into the substance or just mainly at the numbers?

>> CELINE BAL: What they were telling us back then in Riyadh is that they would allocate, for example, let's say networking session. They would allocate 10 slots and then have a look, for example, at the substance, and depending on, you know, the overall availability -- this is a kind of like process that we also -- you know, it's going to be tit for tat we will be discovering, but for now, it's really going to be the space allocation rather than the substance for now.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Right. Thank you.

With that, we can move to the next agenda item?

>> CELINE BAL: The next agenda is on the intersessional event. We provided already some information to the MAG during the last virtual MAG call. So, the MAG chair informed the MAG members that DCs are interested in creating such an intersessional event again, and the draft agenda for the second open consultation MAG meeting has not yet been confirmed. But there is a 1 1/2 hour slot on the open consultations day. And today actually in an hour we are going to have the virtual -- the first virtual MAG meeting since last time. And Markus and Jutta will be taking the floor to provide a DC update and they will also take this opportunity to inform the MAG that the Dynamic Coalitions would like to have such an intersessional event.

I am not sure, Markus, if you want to add something regarding that --

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Well, that's essentially part of today's agenda. We have to discuss, again, how we would like to define that event, and so based on the discussions we had so far, it would look to be how the Dynamic Coalitions can provide input into the broader IGF ecosystem. And that is mainly the other intersessional work, but it could also be the various main sessions.

So, what are the points where we can connect with them? And I think a good starting point would be look at the various Best Practice Forums and policy networks, what can the Dynamic Coalitions contribute to that. But that's one starting point.

The other part of the intersessional work is the NRIs, but I see that more as the other way around, where the NRIs could actually approach the Dynamic Coalitions. How can you enrich our session, go maybe to Jutta, say, can you provide some input we would like to have a session on children and the Internet and your Dynamic Coalition has worked on that. Can you provide input or go to Judith and say can DCAD help us with accessibility. That would be more the other way around, the way I see it. But that's my humble take on that and I was going to ask Jutta to give her comments and I see hee has her hand up. Please, Jutta, help me out.

>> JUTTA CROLL: Thank you, Markus. I just wanted to remind participants in this meeting that we kind of are looking for a continuation. We had such a session where we presented the work of the Dynamic Coalition to the MAG, to the new MAG members, but also to those who were later serving -- or longer serving that term on the MAG, what is the work of Dynamic Coalitions, and making very clear that Dynamic Coalitions are doing intersessional work, that it's not only showing up once a year at the global Internet Governance Forum, having their session and then dropping out. But that it's intersessional work.

And what we learned from last year's session was there was great interest among MAG members, that many of them didn't really know how Dynamic Coalitions fit into the IGF ecosystem. And so it was a good exercise to have that session in the MAG meeting in June last year. And it could be again a good opportunity to show the value of Dynamic Coalition work, not presenting like in a show all the Dynamic Coalitions, but mainly focusing on our relationships to other intersessional activities like the Best Practice Forums and the NRIs and the policy networks.

So, that would be the purpose of a session that we could organize for the open consultations at the end of June.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that.

Are there other ideas? And, obviously, we would also depend on support from the Secretariat and, I don't know, Celine, how would you see best going forward?

>> CELINE BAL: Thank you. So, we will be discussing this during the MAG meeting later this afternoon. Then what we had in mind is that we would reach out again to all the Dynamic Coalitions and also to the policy networks, whether they would also like to provide some expertise, and also to the NRIS.

The Concept Note within the IGF Secretariat hasn't been finalized but it's nearly ready, so we can then show it to you in due time. And we would then create a working file where all those who are actually interested in joining this

intersessional event, exercise, let's call it that way, can provide their input, their output documents, whatever, based on the four themes of this year's IGF and then would have the time, again, 1 1/2 hours during the open consultations day to present it to the MAG and to the wider community. And similar to last year, perhaps this time just a little bit better structured, we could then have an outcome document of this intersessional event that would be disseminated amongst the MAG that would also help MAG members during the preparation of the IGF main sessions.

So, this is for now what we have in mind. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that. Are there questions, comments, other ideas?

First of all, we will have to wait for the MAG to approve such an event during consultation, correct?

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, Markus.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: And if that is the case, we have to fill it with substance.

>> CELINE BAL: This is correct. So, of course, we are going to keep you up to date regarding the decision of the MAG. And once the MAG took the decision, we are going to reach out to all the DCs with the Concept Note and next steps. Thank you.

Mark.

>> MARK CARVELL: Yes, thank you very much. I have always championed the intersessional event as the opportunity for raising the profile of the Dynamic Coalitions. Now, the numbers increased to over 30, isn't it, the total? I think that's an important message for governments, you know, that the IGF is a year-around system of activity and covering a diverse range of issues.

So, I'm not quite clear exactly what the opportunity next month at the open consultation is. I mean, I always see this, as I say, as the opportunity to say, look, this is what's happening, and this is what potentially Dynamic Coalitions will deliver at the IGF in Riyadh.

So, that sends a clear message, this is focused work, a lot of it is geared towards outcomes that can be endorsed by the IGF and disseminated by the Leadership Panel and so on.

If we don't have this window next month, the whole process of the IGF will just go into workshop focus and not on to concrete activity focused addressing issues, challenges, risks, opportunities, and expanding into new areas, as we have heard with the interplanetary Dynamic Coalition.

So, I hope the MAG will be sympathetic to the view that we need this substantive window during the open consultation programme for everybody to -- from MAG members to the Secretariat, through to the Leadership Panel, to understand what is available from the Dynamic Coalition community that will strengthen the delivery of outcomes respective to the themes of the IGF this year and subsequently the strategic development for the IGF.

So, that's my hope. And, you know, if we have lake two or three hours, I think that will be a precious opportunity for all the Dynamic Coalitions, existing and new ones, to present their messages. This is what we are going to do and this is what we will deliver in Riyadh for you, the IGF, to recognize for the Leadership Panel to pick up and advocate subsequently across the whole global community.

But I am not clear what specifically the MAG is going to consider for us later today. I'm still not clear. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Well, I think, first of all, you talked about two or three hours, and I think that's not even on the table. I think we are talking about an hour and a half, if I understand correctly. There's a possible one hour and a half slot for discussing intersessional work at the next consultation.

And also, I think what you said is perfectly rational and also very much in line with what we have been discussing last year. But this year, we also said we would like to see how Dynamic Coalitions can be better integrated in the overall work, and this is always a two-way street. You know, there is this intersessional work, but thus the various Best Practice Forums look at Dynamic Coalitions, what they could offer, frankly, I don't think so. But here, that will be more the idea that we say, look, here we can actually contribute to your work.

And that can also be part of the main sessions, you know, that if there is a main session on this or on that, there are two or three Dynamic Coalitions that have done relevant work and they have achieved that much this year, and they will have concrete outputs and that can't be part of a broader session, it will not just be in a Dynamic Coalition, but that sort of thing we said that we get a Dynamic Coalition the possibility to give them the broader platform of a main session where they can be integrated in a main session that has some relevant content.

But that is, obviously, something we have to look at, what are the various intersessional work streams working on and which Dynamic Coalition can provide some input into that. And I think inclusion is one of the themes. There are Dynamic Coalitions, decab that works on inclusion, Dynamic Coalition of Financial Inclusion.

Let's give them the platform of a main session where they can present their work. And that's as far as I understand it, the approach also that the Secretariat is advocating that we try to connect the various intersessional work streams. That has been, I think, a request that come from various levels, from various quarters that we should better integrate all the various components of the IGF.

But, yes, we all agree, but we haven't done it yet. So, that's one opportunity that we would have to try to do it at this intersessional session. But Jutta, please help me out. Have I -- would you have anything to add?

>> JUTTA CROLL: I don't think I have anything to add at that time. I think it all depends on whether we get that slot for the session and then we can eventually later in June define what we really want to do with that slot during the open consultation. Then it's up to the Dynamic Coalitions to decide.

But first of all, we need to know whether we get the I assume 90 minutes.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Correct. But I don't think there's a real dichotomy between what Mark said and what we have been suggesting. I mean, the idea is to see what's here, what's on the table, what will be -- what the various Dynamic Coalition will be able to present in Riyadh as a concrete outcome. But here it would be an opportunity to connect it to the broader IGF ecosystem.

Other comments or questions? Mark, have I kind of answered your concerns?

>> MARK CARVELL: Yes, thank you, Markus. I feel reassured. I am just -- I guess I'm hitting on the scale of what is before us. And I said ideally two or three hours. That's not going to happen. An hour and a half, I think, does provide -- if we work on a tightly constructed programme that's going to engage all of the key actors in the IGF community, then, yes, thanks, that is something that I think would work and we can contribute to that. We, meaning the DC community.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Yeah.

>> MARK CARVELL: I just fear the, sort of, pushback here, the pressures of the huge task that the MAG, and I know as a former MAG member how huge it is, of getting the programme right for Riyadh. That is a huge task.

And inevitably if we don't watch out, DCs will be pushed to the margins again. And that, I think, would be a terrible failure at this time when the WSIS+20 review coming up and the whole scrutiny of how effective the IGF is, is going to kick off. That would be a disaster if all this incredibly valuable work by over 30 Dynamic Coalitions is marginalized. That is my fear. I have said enough. I see Wout has his hand raised as well.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: That's your point, the fear of being

pushed to the margins is, I think, yes, very relevant fear. And that's precisely what we are trying to address with being given this slot. Last year was the first time that we had such a slot. And I think on the whole, it was well received also by MAG members who are not aware of the wealth of work actually being done by the DCs. And I think that is still the main objective, and also to show -- to take us also a little bit out of our own comfort zone and say, look, we are ready and willing to work with other parts, with other components of the ecosystem.

Avri has a written comment. Would you like to come in orally, Avri? I can also read it out, but --

>> AVRI DORIA: Right. I can but wout had his hand up before me so I can go after him. But I'm more than happy to read it. Or actually to say it.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: As you are on screen, come on, say it.

>> AVRI DORIA: I will say it. Apologies, Wout. What I was looking at, while we were talking about it and, of course, I am coming from the educating people and we are looking at a problem of educating people from the importance of DCs. So, one of the things, though that we really haven't got a grip on as a whole or even many of us individually, if I am judging correctly, is how do we do the outreach, how do we inform the MAG, the general IGF community, and the larger about not just that we exist and we are important, but here's the work we are doing? How do we teach that? How do we spread that?

So, having a session of some sort, where we actually look at how do we make DCs more effective in the greater world, not just how do we appeal well to the MAG so they will let us live. But how do we actually spread the message and what do each of us do and how do we have to share. That was the idea. Thanks.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. Okay. That's a valid point. And Wout, you have your hand up?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes, and Mark addressed most of the points that I wanted to make as well. I am getting a little bit the feeling that things simply don't add up if we look at the strategy point of view, the stresses on WSIS+20 and the IGF it's all about how important the IGF could be and all the work the IGF does in the Global Digital Compact, et cetera, et cetera, but there's nothing how the IGF is going to organize itself to deliver on all of these promises.

And the intersessional work is one of these promises. And what is being pushed out more or less out of the programme that is intersessional work. Perhaps the MAG will not even allow an hour slot on the open consultation. It's on the debate. And that is extremely worrying because we are as Dynamic Coalitions, with the policy networks and the Best Practice Forum, we are the body of the IGF and the output of the IGF.

And what Avri is saying is tremendously important. There should be a main session where there's no other session planned at all, where the Dynamic Coalitions and the best practice fora. et cetera, present their outcomes, because that is the IGF output together with messages from workshops. But we are working the whole year around and if workshop comes together for one hour, perhaps two-hour slot. We are working the whole year to submit an outcome. And looking at the way things work. we are -- our work is still not be recognized in any forum. We have to do all sort of caveats that, yes, we are working on the DRGF, but we are under the scrutiny, et cetera, et cetera. It does not add up with the promises that we are making to the UN at this point how important the IGF can be, how its outputs are important. We are not being accounted and taken seriously by the organization. I'm not saying the Secretariat. I am saying the MAG is not taking us seriously.

And I think that if that does not change, I am going to quote Marilyn Franklin, who never showed up again after she said this, what if we all walked away? Would anybody notice? And I think we may slowly but surely get into that point that we have to recognize that we are an appendix that has no real function. And that has to change and that's what I'm fighting for and what Markus is fighting for and what Avri is saying. How do we get our message across in a way that sticks?

And we have not been able to do so last year with our first open consultation meeting, which was also a compromise from what we envisioned. But I think it's going to be tremendously important to start fighting if we want to be relevant and have the importance that the IGF actually needs. And I think that that is the fighting spirit that I want to put into us so that we can actually make this difference together, because we are the IGF. We are the output of the IGF. And we can do so much more if we were asked to take on specific questions that fit our coalition. Because nobody ever thought of that from the MAG, what could they do for us? And if there's something important, you have to delegate these questions to the intersessional work, and that includes Dynamic Coalitions.

Let me stop there and let's fight for this because I think all 30 something of us are worth fighting for. Thank you, Markus, for giving the time to get this declaration.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for your fighting spirit and I that's precisely I think what this session is for, that we can show the relevance of Dynamic Coalitions and also show that make us collectively also more interesting to the MAG, not through just asking for more slots, but showing them that we actually have something to contribute in a substantive way.

But, again, we will do our best to convince the MAG that it's also in their interests to give us this measly 90 minutes at the next consultations. But last time it was the first and, yes, we had asked for more. But life is made out of compromise, and, you know, if you ask for the moon and then maybe you get not quite the moon, but something a little bit less. But --

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: The connecting satellite, that would be good in the interplanetary.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: There you go. Yes, something like that.

With that, I think -- yes, we have -- I think we know what we want to get out of it, of this session, is to have greater visibility and acknowledgment of the work by the broader community, and I think in that sense, last year's session, I think, worked well. And if we build on that, and let's hope we get something out of this year's session. First of all, we get a session at this year's consultation, get something out of it.

But with that, I think we have more or less -- and ask for the moon again next year, yes. Says Avri. Yes, of course.

All right. Is there anything else on this agenda item that anyone would like to contribute?

If not, then we have one more item and that's any other business. Is there -- is there anything, any other business, Secretariat, Celine, do you have anything?

>> CELINE BAL: No. Perhaps just scheduling the next meeting. We were thinking of two weeks prior to the second open consultations and MAG meeting, which would be June 10th or June 12th. We would then send out again a poll to make sure we pick the date with most of the respondents. And as we are rotating, next time we will have the meeting later in the afternoon CET time so it's also going to be later for those being based in the United States and Latin America. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you. So that will be roughly a month from now, yes?

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Can I make a comment? It's Judith Judith from DCAD. If you can do it on the 10th which is better because the 12th is a Jewish holiday and I'm not able to join.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Okay. Well, we will send out a Doodle poll anyway. We will take notes that the 10th would be easier at least for one member of the DCAD, for one that --

>> JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Ight, but I don't think it's a good practice to have meetings during certain groups' religious

holidays where you are excluding people by nature.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Well, it's -- thank you. I mean, that's a UN practice to have UN holidays to respect. There are, obviously, many more holidays apart from UN holidays. But we can take note of that and thank you for signaling that.

wout, is that a new hand or an old hand?

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Yes, new one. Very quick question, thank you, Markus. For Celine and also for you, perhaps. That if the decision is favorable or unfavorable this afternoon, can it be shared immediately with the Dynamic Coalitions and with the question what you expect from us, that we have that ready before the 10th or 12th when we meet next month so we have time

to prepare. Thanks.

>> CELINE BAL: Yes, thank you, Wout. So, the decision will probably not be taken today. Markus and Jutta will present the idea during the intersessional work update. But it will be final once we send out the draft agenda of the second open consultations and MAG meeting, which should happen anytime from now. It's just our MAG chair who needs to have a last look at it and then we send it to the MAG.

And during that meeting today, when Markus and Jutta are going to present it, if there aren't any strong voices against and then we share the MAG, for us, we take it as approved. And then, of course, we are going to send an information memo to the DCs. Thank you.

>> WOUT DE NATRIS: Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: I see Scott's comment in the chat, that now the new DC on interplanetary communication is ready to cover us if we want to move. That's good to know. So we have strong support of that.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Yes, very strong support.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you.

With that, is there any other last comment or question? We come to the end of today's call. I would like to thank you all.

>> CELINE BAL: Mark has his hand up.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Mark has his hand up. One last question.

>> MARK CARVELL: Yeah, sorry. Thanks. Just on planning for the intersessional, if that is combined with the policy network and policy networks and the BPF, we will need some process to develop the agenda and format of the Intersessional Meeting, won't we? We need to work on that, as was said, and consult with the BPF and --

>> MARKUS KUMMER: Correct.

>> MARK CARVELL: It will be a bit of work to do? Thank you.
>> MARKUS KUMMER: It will not happen automatically,

correct. But as far as I understand, the Secretariat will work on a concept paper and drive this forward. Is that correct, Celine?

>> CELINE BAL: Yes. The Concept Note has already been written. Just needs to be reviewed also internally and depending on what the MAG says today, then we are going to share it, of course, for your information and review in case you have any comments. Thank you.

>> MARKUS KUMMER: And then I suppose we will rely on the dynamic coalitions provide input and taking up the challenge, yes, but as Mark said, it will be some work. Yes, it will not happen automatically.

With that, have we reached the end? We have still five minutes left in our slot but if we can stop a few minutes early, it doesn't do any harm to anyone. Can give you back two minutes of your life. With that, can we conclude our session? And I thank you all. And once again, welcome the two new Dynamic Coalitions into our midst. Thank you, for the excellent call. And bye-bye, and see you along. Bye-bye.

>> YOSUKE KANEKO: Thank you very much, bye-bye.
>> MARKUS KUMMER: Bye-bye.
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