DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Hello, all. And welcome to the RZERC Teleconference held on Tuesday the 21st of September 2021 at 19:00 UTC. Tim, would you like me to do the roll call?

TIM APRIL: Yes, please.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Carlos Martinez, representing the ASO. I know he's not on the call yet. Peter Koch, representing the ccNSO, might be having some technical difficulties. Kaveh Ranjbar, ICANN Board. He's not on the call yet. Kim Davies, IANA.

KIM DAVIS: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Tim April, IETF.

TIM APRIL: Present.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Howard Eland, RySG.

HOWARD ELAND: Yes, [Danielle].

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Daniel Migault, RSSAC, is still connecting. Duane Wessels, RZM.

DUANE WESSELS: Yes. Duane is here. Hello.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Geoff Huston, representing the SSAC.

GEOFF HUSTON: Good day.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: From staff, there's me, Danielle Rutherford. And Steve Sheng has sent his apologies. Tim, over to you.

TIM APRIL: Thanks, Danielle. So this may be a quicker meeting than we've had over the last couple of weeks. The agenda should be up on the screen. If we can start with the first part of the draft minutes from last week. [Hopefully no one] has any objections to those minutes.

GEOFF HUSTON: Nope.

TIM APRIL: Okay. I can take that as approved. And then the first item was that Danielle potentially had an update on the charter review.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Yes. Unfortunately, it's a very short update. ICANN Org is still working with the executive team and ICANN Legal to determine the process. I think the general idea is that the RZERC might do some initial scoping exercises. For instance, the topic survey and debating the discussions around the topic survey before we kick off the official process.

                       If anyone has any questions they want me to relay over to ICANN Org, I'm happy to report those and take those down. But other than that, that's all I have for an update this month.

TIM APRIL: Does anyone have any questions about the update process? I think the only one that I know of that I think you have already been working on is the timing and review process if we decide to change anything.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Right. Yeah, that's essentially the substance that's being discussed right now.

TIM APRIL: Okay. And then the last topic we had which … Unless we had any more responses in the last few minutes … As of a couple of minutes ago, we had four responses out of the nine members. I can't remember the number off the top of my hand.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: That's correct, nine.

TIM APRIL: So with the lower turnout and the … Actually, it's my fault for not being able to get the form together and the full list of questions together in time. Unless there are any objections, I was going to suggest that we possibly skip the review of that for this month and bring it back up next month. And hopefully everyone can get a chance to complete it.

                         Geoff.

GEOFF HUSTON: When you say "it" I'm not sure what you're referring to. I'm looking at a Google Doc spreadsheet which has 45 topics listed on it with a single clarification sentence. Or is there something else you're referring to?

TIM APRIL: I think in the same e-mail, there was a link to a Google form that Danielle just dropped into the … That's on the screen now and she dropped it into the chat. That had a list of questions of whether … Basically, there are three phases of it. The first one is, are each of those topics in scope for the current charter, to your understanding? Should

we potentially readvise the scope of the charter? The second step is, should we revise the charter to include these topics? And then the last one was, if there are other entities that would be interested in the topics, whether they're in scope or out of scope.

GEOFF HUSTON: Okay. I've got that now. I must have been locked out rather than locked down from that mail originally. Thank you very much for the reminder. I will complete that. Thanks.

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: Duane and Howard have their hands up. Duane.

DUANE WESSELS: Thank you. So I did this yesterday. I was a little bit hurried, trying to meet the deadline. And I admit that I didn't realize there was going to be basically two sets of questions—one with the current charter and one with a revised charter. So can I go back and edit my answers? Is that possible at this point?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: You should be able to, Duane. I have the timestamps, so if people submit multiple responses, the reason I included the e-mail question in there is so that I take your most recent response. So if you're not able to edit, go ahead and just submit a new response and I will be able to delete your original response.

DUANE WESSELS: Okay, thanks. And then I would just make the comment that it's pretty straightforward to answer the questions for the current charter. It's a little harder, of course, to answer them for a revised charter because we don't know exactly in which ways the charter might be revised. That's a whole world of possibilities. But I understand the goal here, so I certainly will do my best to answer those better.

TIM APRIL: Howard.

HOWARD ELAND: Yes. So I suffered from the same hurriedness that Duane did, so guilty as charged. But I did try and answer as best I could.

Two comments. One is, on the form itself—and I understand that it may be too late—but I think it would have helped me quite a bit more if the two sections were combined onto one page. In other words, I could see what my responses … You know, you can have one set of responses for actual RZM transition for in-scope, not your out-of-scope work. Current charter. And then right alongside it, maybe the same three [for next rev], whatever that might be. Because then you would get a better feel for what you are proposing might be the differences in charter.

So I thought that might be a little more beneficial because I found myself saying, "I can't remember how I answered that on the previous page." So that's just a logistical thing. I don't know if it would be too

hard to change at this point or if people would have to redo, which I wouldn't want.

The other is, just a comment. This is, I think our third iteration at playing with scope, and I'll just make the comment that I think this group has probably spent 70% of its time over my two terms of tenure working on scope. And it might even be closer to 90%. And maybe 10% on the actual thing. So I'm wondering if we're maybe doing it wrong. And I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

TIM APRIL: Is that an old hand, Geoff, or a new one?

GEOFF HUSTON: That's an extremely old and moldy hand. I will take it down.

TIM APRIL: Duane.

DUANE WESSELS: So responding to Howard. Yeah, I take your point, Howard, that we do seem to spend a lot of time on this. I do however think this is only the second time that we've gone through this exercise. We've only done it once before which was right when the committee started.

HOWARD ELAND:	I think the others were actually a bit more anecdotal than an actual process, so I'll give you that.
DUANE WESSELS:	Yeah. That's certainly fair.
TIM APRIL:	So to respond to your first comment, Howard, I had the same issue when I went through it. I ended up taking the spreadsheet that Danielle sent around with it and adding three columns to it and putting what I had for current charter, next charter, and then the entities list, and then did a whole copy and paste exercise. So I was confusing myself as I went through it.

My proposal, having heard that Howard and Duane want to go back and revise answers, was to defer discussions about the results of that until next month and ask everyone to finish filling it in and then readdress it next month. Hopefully we'll have a little bit more guidance from ICANN on the charter update process. We can review the responses and potentially look at what, if anything, we would want to modify the charter to say.

I see a thumbs up from Howard. Any other comments or questions? Okay, any other …

Duane.

DUANE WESSELS: I have maybe an AOB thing. I think there was a meeting that I missed, and one of the things that used to be on our agenda was inclusion of OCTO representatives. And I've sort of forgotten where that ended up. Did we come to an agreement on that?

DANIELLE RUTHERFORD: From my recollection, the consensus was that nothing needs to change and members from OCTO will be invited as needed.

DUANE WESSELS: Okay. Thank you.

TIM APRIL: Yeah. That was what I was remember as well. If we're having a discussion about some document or something like that, we should feel free to invite someone from OCTO if we'd like feedback from them.

DUANE WESSELS: Great.

TIM APRIL: And then a question from Geoff. "Is there a URL for the proposed revised charter?" No, because my thought was to get through the scoping exercise to figure out what topic areas we might want to revise the charter to include. If it would be helpful, I had actually been considering whether or not we should open a Google Doc with the

current charter and put it in Doc suggestion mode and be able to add comments and texts or revise text [inaudible].

GEOFF HUSTON: Okay, so I understand now that this is more a freeform "what should" as distinct from "what does the charter enable." Okay, thank you.

TIM APRIL: Yeah. My initial thought with the scoping exercise was to try and hone in on what the group thinks. Like, if we need to be more clear about whether or not something is in or out of scope, try and get sort of consensus on that before changing the text.

GEOFF HUSTON: Okay, thank you. That's clarified adequately. Thanks.

TIM APRIL: Any other business? Not hearing anything. Okay, I think that's all we have for this week. So if you haven't completed the survey, please do so. Feel free to edit. And hopefully we'll be able to discuss the results at the next call.

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