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(good morning, everyone. This is Tina your captioner for today).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Hi it is Andrea. (Hi Andrea. Happy Thursday) (yes, it would).
>> Hello.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Hello. We haven't started the meeting yet. Can I ask who you are?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Hi Gerry Ellis in Dublin.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Hey. Give us a minute here. We are just setting up all the technical
stuff. Pardon me?
>> GERRY ELLIS: (Inaudible).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Would you say that one more time?
>> GERRY ELLIS: No problem. I am hearing my voice back.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Are you getting an echo?
>> GERRY ELLIS: I am getting an echo.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Are you doing it through your computer?
>> GERRY ELLIS: No.
>> ANDREA SAKS: You are doing it -- they called you back. Okay. I will have to tell
them. Just a second Gerry. We will see if we can solve it. Marc Antoine the call back is
producing -- I will have to tell him. You may have it that. I haven't started it. Do you need
it? Because I have another -- that's fine. Because I have this.
>> Okay.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. All right. I heard that sigh Gerry.
(Laughter).
>> ANDREA SAKS: I am going to turn you off for a minute.
>> GERRY ELLIS: No problem.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Gerry it is Alexandra here. Hi. How are you?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Hi.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: We are wondering if you are using a loud speaker? That
could create some echo as well.
>> GERRY ELLIS: No, no. Just a standard telephone. Standard handset.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Is it better now?
>> GERRY ELLIS: No. Half a second after I speak I can hear every word back. Should I
hang up and ring in again?
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: No. We are checking. There are two colleagues checking
what's the matter is.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Okay.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Okay?
>> GERRY ELLIS: No problem.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Thank you.
(Beep.)
>> ANDREA SAKS: Hi. Who else just came on because we haven't quite started yet?
>> BILL PECHEY: Bill Pechey here.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Hello Bill. We will be starting in a few seconds. Thank you. Gerry
will you speak just to be sure you don't get echo?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Hi Gerry here. Yeah. It is very slight but it is far more in the
background and far less of an issue.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Fine. Can you manage with that?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Yep. No problem.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. What I am going to do then is I am going to start the meeting
in just one second. Okay. We are going to start. This is Andrea Saks the Convenor for the
joint coordination activity on accessibility. Welcome to the meeting. This is our eighth
meeting. It is the first of this year. We are meeting in conjunction with Floris and I who is the
Rapporteur of question 4 and before we go any further, I would like everyone on the phone to
officially identify themselves for the captioner. So I know there are two. I will let Gerry start
and then Bill. So go ahead. Please give me your full name and details.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Thi this is Gerry Ellis here in Dublin. That's Gerry Ellis.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Can you tell us your organisation please?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Okay. I am independent consultant under the name Feel The Benefit
and I have also been a software engineer for a little over 30 years.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Gerry. Next person on the line please.
>> BILL PECHEY: Hi it is Bill Pechey. I am Rapporteur for question 26 of 16 on
accessibility.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Bill. I am going to announce that we have Beat Kleeb
from Switzerland. Beat, if you would like to type in the chat box what you would like me to
say as identifying who you are, I will be happy to read it. I am not sure if that's working but
we can come back to that. Beat Kleeb is the representative from the Swiss federation for the
deaf and also for the -- he said it. Hello. This is beat I am representing the World Federation
of the Deaf out of my home now. Okay. That's great. Thank you beat. The next person I
would like to invite who is on the line is Christopher Jones who is one of the co-Rapporteurs
for the JCA and Christopher would you like to say anything please? And I can read out for you
from the chat box.
>> CHRISTOPHER JONES: Co-convener of the JC and UK Delegate to Study Group 16
question 26. Floris you can identify yourself.
>> FLORIS VAN NES: . Floris Van Nes. I am the Rapporteur of study 4 which is the
human sex question of Study Group 2 and in fact, of all of ITU. Including ITU-R and ITU-D.
They have no really to your (inaudible) devoted questions.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Also I am going to start now. Thank you. With the room. Starting
at the back I would like people to identify who they are -- also this is important for people who
are following captioning so they can see who is attending this meeting. Thank you.
>> Thank you. My name is John Lee and I am here representing Research in Motion.
>> Hi my name is Erin awed from ITU-D Study Group.
>> Hi my name is Naguchi from radiocommunication bureau ITU.
>> Leo Lehman from Study Group 13.
>> My name is Tret Majong from the Hungary.
>> ANDREA SAKS: DCAD is the Dynamic Coalition on accessibility and disability and Leo
Lehman is with OFCOM of Switzerland.
>> My name is Denella and I work for (inaudible) telecom communication.
>> My name is Gopai from DLC.
>> Hi I am Susan Schorr and iP the head of the special initiatives divisions in the ITU
development bureau.
>> Hi Mike Pluke. I am the advice Chairman of ETSI and isle leading a team developing
the European standard for accessibility and public procurement.
>> ANDREA SAKS: I see we have got Kate Grant on the line. Kate are you able to hear
me? Kate, are you just going to be on the chat box? Because if you want to just -- do chat
you can. I think -- Kate is from nine tiles and if can describe who Kate is. Kate is responsible
for being the liaison to not only the Focus Group on audiovisual accessibility from ISO as well
and is working on guidelines, the updating of guideline 71 which we will come to later.
I also would like to introduce a new member to the accessibility team at the ITU. And that
is Joshua. Joshua would you like to say who you are and what you are doing? We have an
intern now. Go ahead.
>> Hello my name is Joshua phlegming and I am from London and I am the accessibility
intern here at ITU and my boss is Alexandra Gaspari.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Of course, the famous Alexandra Gaspari will speak for herself. Go
ahead.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Thank you Andrea. Everyone welcome. I am Secretariat for
the JCA and welcome everyone in the room and remotely.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you for coming but this is the usual hard core. I am happy to
see everyone. We are going it start now with the approval of the agenda. Does anyone wish
to add anything to the agenda? Well, I do. I wish to add the fact that we have a -- we have
gentleman here from
(Beep.)
>> ANDREA SAKS: Oops. Somebody else came on. One moment. I will introduce.
From Guinea and the Republic of Congo. Mr. --
>> Minga.
>> ANDREA SAKS: (Speaking in French).
>> Minga.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Mr. Minga who presented a paper to Study Group -- Study Group 2
question 4 regarding the situation about tell le communications within his country and I would
like to add that to any other business because I would like to mention what we would like to
do with that document. Thank you.
So who just entered the line?
>> That was me Andrea. Kate Grant. I couldn't get in with audio on my laptop.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Kate. Can you introduce yourself please?
>> KATE GRANT: All right. I am Kate Grant from the UK. I am a member of the JCC 1
SWTA and I recently appended the J tag on revision of guide 71.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Kate. Okay I think we can begin. I might make one
small alteration and because we have Susan Schorr here at a limited -- sorry, Peter --
>> Andrea, I am proposing to give some information later on in any other business
concerning the (inaudible) from the IGF, approval. IGF, in particular recommendations related
to people with disabilities.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Peter. That's noted on the agenda. I am going to make
more -- one more change and that is to jump the order of the agenda because we have Susan
Schorr from the D sector and the BDT whose time is rather limited and I promised when she
came in I would jump her in. I will do that in just a second. She will move from -- we will
find out one second where you are and I am going to move her just after -- just after No. 3.
6.3. Will that work for you? Okay. That's great. So that will change. So with those changes
do I have approval for the agenda? Yes, as Floris just said yep. Okay.
Now the approval of the JCA-AHF meeting report which was presented to Study Group
plenary yesterday, do I have approval for that? I don't intend to present it because it takes
too long. Has everyone looked at it? Do I have approval? Great. Thank you. Well, at this
point I would like to reintroduce Susan Schorr from the BDT who is in the ITU-D sector who
will be giving us a report which is in document, where did we find it -- 180 on the activities
pertaining to the ITU-D. Susan I turn the mic over to you.
>> SUSAN SCHORR: Okay. Thank you very much. And, of course, I appreciate very
much being jumped in the queue. So I hope it is not seen as being impolite and I am happy
to be here today and share with you some of the activities in the development sector of ITU
which is known by its French acronym BDT. So I am going to introduce some of the meetings,
reports, toolkits, guidelines that we developed as our -- are developing that may be of interest
to you. If we go to the next slide I can perhaps bro introduce in the BDT. I work in the
special initiatives division and our mandate is to promote the inclusion of people with special
needs and they have been defined by the ITU membership in the last telecommunication
development conference, Indigenous Peoples and Persons with Disabilities and women and
girls and youth and children. It shows an overview of some of the -- some of our activities,
some our products and services and I will go through all of these in different slides. One of
our activities is Study Group question 21 in the D sector and that's a question that is devoted
to Persons with Disabilities. We also have developed an e-accessibility toolkit. I will be
showing a screen shot of that in a second. We have developed a number of projects to create
multi-purpose telecenters that are equipped with assistive technologies in Armenia, Burkina
Faso and Ethiopia and Mali and skrir land ka. And developed a text to speech engine in
MNomgoialan language. It is often that adult users of our multi-purpose community
telecenters often have had no education and are ill literate and have no job skills and this
arises from a belief in some countries that children with disabilities cannot be educated or
adults with disabilities cannot be trained with job skills and this leads to a vicious cycle of
uneducated adults with disabilities who are unable to be financially independent. So this gave
rise to us to do some more research in this and we is online toolkit called connect a school a
connect a community. So if we go to the next slide, it is just a screen shot of this online
toolkit. You can just go to connect a school.org. That's all one word. All of the modules are
translated in to all the six official languages. Including the French for our colleagues from
Congo and Guinea and on the next slide you will see a list of the five modules we have and if
you are looking in to module four, what you will find there is a -- I think a pretty good
description of various assistive technologies that are being used in the education system as
well as accessible ICTs. It highlights the need for teacher training to use these technologies
and includes several case studies of countries who are using accessible ICTs and assistive
technology for education and job training. So I would like for you to have a look at those. On
my next slide just to highlight some of the meetings that we have developed, these are just a
couple of them and the ones really the -- the ones that for the last year. BDT has organised
numerous workshops on accessibility, in Africa, Arab states and Asia Pacific and the -- and
just to highlight that the event in the Dominican Republic last year was devoted to connect a
school connect a community. So did have a special training session in the Americas about
module 4 which was very well appreciated and, of course, most recently and I think this is
already on your agenda the M-Enabling Summit that was held in Washington in December
where Alexandra and I both participated, Andrea was there and our Secretary-General was
there as well. So now if I go to the next slide, I believe most of your members are aware of
our e-accessibility toolkit and probably some of you have already worked on it and developed
it. The idea of this online toolkit is to help ITU members to understand the requirements of
the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities as a way to accessible ICTs. And
we hope that this toolkit will also serve as a global repository, policies, good practices and
other measures our members can take especially with developing country context. If you
want to have a look at the toolkit, the next slide very quickly just gives you the URL for that.
And the next slide is just a screen shot of the home page. I think, you know, for me one of
the most useful sections of the toolkit is over on the lower left, the toolkit content technology
areas it really gives an idea of how you can promote accessible ICTs looking at Web sites,
looking at all sorts of different technology. So again I invite you to take a look at that. If we
go to the next slide, just to note that the whole toolkit itself I think is hundreds of pages long
and then the D sector and the T sector collaborated to develop abridged version of this, print
on our Web site and also available accessible PDF Braille and daisy format. And the next slide
is our report television accessible. Anyone wants a (background noise). They have distributed
in the past. It was prepared by Peter Looms who is the Chairman of the ITU-T. Looking in a
very practical way about how TV accessible and we believe this time will give transition from
analog to digital television. And coming soon we are working on a report called making
mobile phones and services accessible. We wanted to -- we are doing it together with ITU-T
and we wanted to make sure that we included a great developments we all learned about in
the M-Enabling Summit. So a little time to finalize and edit that but that is coming soon
before the end of the year. So my last slide give you my details -- e-mail address and again
use the Web site for special initiatives. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Susan thank you very, very much. Would anyone like to ask Susan
a question while we have her here? Joshua, could you hand me that piece of paper on top of
my -- because I know Susan is not going to be able to stay with us. Thank you. I just want
to -- right. I just want to meet behind you because I promised I would identify you to them
as a e manual Minga Bropay and Jake Lala. Thank you for the correction. For the what is
your -- your title changed at one point.
>> (Off microphone).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Right the chief of the special initiatives in English. So I wanted to
have you introduced because -- I will put this point in here now because contribution 125 to
Study Group 2 which was about the telecommunications perspective on the Republic of Congo
was presented to Study Group 2, question 4 earlier this morning. And we felt that it needed
to be sent to ITU-D and to ITU-R because of certain aspects. So a liaison will be going from
the JCA here today to the people in question. And someone -- okay. Christopher has a
question for you and I will come to that in just a second. Thank you Christopher I will
remember to give you that. So that report will go to those two sections to be distributed later
on. Do we have that document listed for -- we didn't put that up. So we will take care of
that.
So I just wanted to get that done. Now Christopher Jones has a question for you. Can you
read it there? It says would the mobile phone report include any relay services on the move?
>> SUSAN SCHORR: To be perfectly honest with you I can't recall if we had any perfect
content on that issue and I can check and get back to you on that.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Bill Pechey is on the line and will be doing a meeting
tomorrow regarding relay services. Bill is there anything on mobile services for relay services
on the move that you are aware of?
>> BILL PECHEY: Nothing specifically in the documentation for tomorrow's meeting
about mobile services but it is, of course, covered in general activities.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Perhaps we ought to take note that this does exist and maybe
do some communication with Susan about mobile relay services at some point and if we can
take information for that perhaps during your meeting and you can forward that to the JCA or
directly to Susan Schorr, then we can make sure that that is included in the report that they
are producing. Would that be agreeable to everybody here if we did that? Is that agreeable
to you Bill?
>> BILL PECHEY: Yes. We can collaborate with Susan on whatever way she wishes.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Fine. We will see if we can organise that with G3ict and
Susan's people. Thank you. We will make a note of that in the meeting report as well. Thank
you very much Susan. Is there any other questions before Susan -- ahh. Right. The copies
of the -- yes. You can leave them here and I will make sure -- we have copies of the
accessibility -- what's the actual official title again?
>> SUSAN SCHORR: Making television accessible.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Making television accessible. We have hard copy documents. It is
on online. If anyone wants to take a copy we will be very happy to provide that. Thank you
very much for bringing that. Did you want to say anything? Thank you Susan. Okay. Great.
I am just going to move to the next section. Okay. We are going to review the liaison
statements. So we are going to No. 4. And the first one are outgoing liaisons. Now these
were sent by the Convenor which is me, and they are retrospectively okayed. And I am going
to update you a little bit on what's happened since then. At the last -- well, actually this is not
approve the. The wording wasn't quite finished. So that's why you you will have to
retrospectively approve it. Can we go to the wording please? Okay. We received -- I got it.
We received a liaison statement from the Focus Group on audiovisual accessibility talking
about the problem of wireless hearing aid compatibility which deals with a situation that not
only is there still interference but as we change over to digital hearing aids the possibilities of
allowing or being able to get a frequency that would enable persons with hearing aids to be
able to listen to public address announcements, be able to hear emergency announcements,
things like that and have an interference free international bandwidth. Now there was a lot of
difficulty in trying to find a way to communicate to the radio sections and we did decide to just
send it anyway because we couldn't really enter the world radio -- pardon me? Assembly
because of the fact that this is done months and months and years in advance of the agenda
and there is no way we could get on the agenda. The only way to get the information across
was to hope to start it as a work project and we have our representative here from the R
sector. I am going to say your name wrong. Norigoshi, Mr., who advised us on which groups
to send it to which was the Working Group 5A and Study Group 6. So that -- and it is Mr. -- it
is Dr. Jose Costa Chairman of the ITU-R working party group 5 A. During the WRC that was
held in just in the building adjacent to the ITU I was able to communicate with a woman
named Joan Wilson who advises NASA who is a radio person from way, way back to
communicate with a Gallaudet university specialist Dr. Christian Vogler who has on his staff
people who are specialists in the hearing aid area to work with Joan to see some way to bring
this particular awareness of this problem to the forefront. I was able to sync these two people
up and also Peter Major was there and I informed him of that as well. But because he is a
member of the radio sector and Peter, were you able to get in touch with Joan during that
period of time?
>> PETER MAJOR: Thank you Andrea. Unfortunately I wasn't -- I was very much
involved in other areas of drafting resolutions and discussing (can't hear him, sorry).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Well, you do so much anyway. We are going to forgive you on that
one. Because you are there we might want to use you for infiltration in the future because it
is very difficult. Mr. Norigoshi would you like to say anything about this particular liaison?
>> Thank you Andrea. Just we have received this resolution -- in document to working
party 5 A and Study Group 6 and (Off microphone) meeting would be in May 21st to 31st of
May. So they are going to discuss this -- I understand you have two inputs from the
(inaudible) which is (can't hear him, sorry).
>> ANDREA SAKS: May I ask you to keep track of this please, to report back to us any
information that you might have?
>> Sure. I can report back the outcome of the five day meeting.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. We all had your explanation about why we couldn't do
what we want to do because the setup is very different. And that it is really done at a very
high level, almost a treaty level regarding radiofrequencies. Is that correct?
>> Yes, it is correct. In regard to the WRC as a previous meeting I explained that we
need -- from member states, only administration can contribute to the meeting. Although we
have received -- received input for requesting some (inaudible) for the hearing aid system.
But this Study Groups can produce a recommendation for use but never produced input to the
WRC. So as I -- area is better way to have -- ITU our recommendation to specify some
spectrum for getting aid to system. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Actually thank you. We have a question from Christopher Jones who
is our co-convener. I understand -- this is Chris -- I am speaking as if I am Christopher. I
understood that there might be a temporary frequency to be used during the interim period.
Is this so? Or have I got it wrong? Christopher, may I ask for clarification on your question
please?
You are actually saying that you have had information regarding the fact that there as a
temporary frequency being assigned and by whom did you get this information? Because we
have not heard that. Have you heard that Mr. Norigushi? No, he has not heard that either.
Can we have a little clarification please on where you got that information? We are waiting for
a reply from Christopher.
>> (Off microphone).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. I understood from the last meet in Geneva was being
discussed. May Bill highlight this?
>> BILL PECHEY: I am not entirely sure what Christopher means. All I can think of
(phone ringing) --
>> ANDREA SAKS: I am sorry.
>> BILL PECHEY: Yes, I was starting to say all I can think of was that it might have
been useful to use the 8-11 band the one that are four gigahertz, license exempt as we call
them over here. Exemption.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Did you say H211 band? Bill? Could you repeat the band again
please?
>> BILL PECHEY: There are several bands Andrea. Licensing exempt purposes that are
allocated worldwide in some regard. Typically the ones that are used for (inaudible). So 2.4
gig go Hertz and 5.8 region. There are quite a few others. I don't know which ones are fit for
this purpose. I am not an expert in that area.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Christopher has made a comment. As I believe that deaf people
cannot wait for years for this to be resolved. I personally do not know how to react to that
because we will do our best to try and get something done. On my conversation with Joan
Wilson she said that an exclusive new radiofrequency could not be really used but that it
might be possible to have part of a frequency used. But it is just early days. The connection
between people who are involved in member states and Joan Wilson is part of United States of
America's member state delegation. So I am not -- this is not my area of expertise.
Mr. Norigushi would you like to make a comment, please?
>> Thank you. Yes. 2.4 gigahertz and 5.8 gigahertz is so-called ISAM. But we cannot
as a protection from services. That's why I -- why deaf people are unclear about no apparent
band. (Hard to hear him) I have read some documents in the draft SC standards, CR 102791
the other day and it is suggesting some bands, like 156 and 169, 216 megahertz in USA and
also 960 (background noise) for hearing aid services.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Could you just direct your face towards the microphone because we
are having trouble hearing you. Could you repeat some of that?
>> Yes. So-called ISM band. I am wondering someone has contributed some input
about draft standards on hearing impaired systems which specified a spectrum around BHA
band, 156 worldwide and 216 megahertz in United States. And 169 in Europe and Japan.
And also this report existing 962 to 1164 megahertz. I am wondering also some contributor of
this draft series, is the standards could explain some progress of this issue. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Mr. Norigushi. We do have a ETSI person here which is
Mike Pluke. Would you be able to trace where that came from?
>> Mike: I will need more details what I am supposed to be tracing there. I wasn't
entirely following that. What am I suppose -- what would I be tracing?
>> ANDREA SAKS: Go ahead Mr. Norigushi.
>> ETSI DR 102791 version 1.2. 2011. Thank you.
>> Mike: Yes.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Christopher we have a lead. We will see what we can find out. We
will have some help in looking at this and perhaps we could have a copy of this contribution,
not that I am going to be able to understand it. I have a question or statement from Dr. Leo
Lehman.
>> Leo: I have seen the report and I guess it is proposal of some sort. It is not on
standard which ETSI is producing here. But anyway, just wondering if considering and talking
about frequencies and frequencies allocated to special issues wouldn't it be an issue which
would be handled by ITU-R? I guess if it is not -- I have read it. The (inaudible) lie ason but
wouldn't it be useful to form these to ITU-R in order -- because they have the radio experts.
This have a much better feeling than we do on which frequencies are suitable and which are
not and where (inaudible) in allocating frequencies to such useful things.
>> ANDREA SAKS: I think we are in full agreement with you Dr. Lehman and that's why
Mr. Norgushi because he is our lie ason to ITU-R and will keep us informed. One of of things
having the document which is possible to have the document is that we get to post them on
the JCA-AHF Web site if it is agreeable to the parties to allow us to do that. So that other
people who are working on this problem or helping us with this problem can have access to it.
We have to ask permission obviously to have a copy of that document. I wouldn't understand
it, you are perfectly correct but I don't know if that's a possibility or that perhaps we just
decide to investigate and find out what we can. May I turn it over to you please?
>> Yes, this is a what I received from -- recent statement from JCA-AHF 2 working party
5 A. So produced in this group I think. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: In other words, the working party will reply us to, is that correct?
Ahh. Yes. Okay. I now understand. My trusted Secretariat has said hopefully that Dr. Jose
Costa who we directed the liaison that we wrote to Christopher will reply to us regarding that.
So we have to wait and see -- and they are meeting in May as he -- as I have been told, May
21st through the 31st of May is that correct. So we will get more information. Now
Christopher, is there anything else you would like to type to me? No. Okay. That's fine.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Andrea?
>> ANDREA SAKS: Yes.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Gerry in Dublin. Just a quick question from yourself. Did you say the
person was Jan Holm?
>> ANDREA SAKS: I am sorry I don't think I said anybody's name.
>> GERRY ELLIS: You mentioned a lady --
>> ANDREA SAKS: Joan Wilson from the United States who was the assistant to the
ambassador during the WRC -- the world radio conference. And she agreed to work with
Gallaudet University to further see if anything else could be done on a higher level. I do have
a response from Christopher. Christopher says no, meaning he doesn't have another
comment but he does. I was merely highlighting the urgent need for deaf people with new
digital aids. That's all. Thank you Christopher. It is dually noted that your comment and we
will make sure that this is put in the meeting report that this is emphasized. Mike you had
your hand up. Would you like to speak in.
>> Mike: Yeah, just to clarify. It looked from the transcript I would get ahold of this
document. It firstly I need to identify what it is. It is a draft. So I can't make it available. I
would have to ask somebody and at the moment I am not able to trace it. 102791 it is. I am
not even sure -- I might need a little bit more detail because I haven't been able to
immediately trace it. So don't be too optimistic on that but I will see what I can find out.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you and maybe I be put Mr. Norigushi together with Mike
Pluke and maybe between the two of you we can see what we can find out. I constantly learn
about things. So I like to see them even if I don't understand them. Sometimes I learn
something. I think we will leave this one now because we don't have any resolution from it.
That's the only outgoing liaison that we have and theoretically what we need to do is
retrospectively do you agree the fact that we sent this liaison and the wording which is kind of
silly and that's the way it is and I will presume it is all all right with all of you. Okay. Now we
have some incoming liaisons which document -- the first one is document 164 which is a reply
liaison from the Focus Group on distractions of the needs of disabled drivers. Okay. Does
everyone -- okay. Should we put it up? And the contact was Bill Pechey. And it is from
question 26. Can we look at the text please? Question 26 wrote this liaison and it came in
there. We are simply reporting on this liaison for your information. It deals mainly with the
reply that they had to their liaison and it welcomed the fact that the Focus Group was taking
in to consideration the needs of disabled drivers. So I will allow you -- I mean we don't need
to really further discuss this. This will be discussed again probably in the question 26 meeting
which is going to be held during Study Group 16. Bill do you have the dates in your head
about when the meetings are of question 26? I think they are around the 8th. Are they not?
>> BILL PECHEY: Apart from the meeting tomorrow the next meeting of question 26 is
in the second week of group 16 meeting starting afternoon and Wednesday morning. I forget
the dates. I would have to look them up.
>> ANDREA SAKS: I think that's the 8th through the 10th. But as you say it is in the
second week which is the second week of May. So we will be reporting on any more
information regarding that. The second incoming liaison which is document 165, and we need
the text please. This is again from Study Group 16. Can we go to the text please? Again Bill
Pechey the Rapporteur for question 26 and it deals with accessibility matters and the recently
received information from the ITU-T on audio accessible -- Christopher just told me we have
our meeting Bill from the 7th through the 9th.
Can we see the rest of the text? Because unfortunately I can't see what -- with the go to
meeting. Sorry. Regarding the new generation of hearing aids using a radio connection. So
this again also was in response to the need for hearing aids and radio spectrum. This is from
Study Group 16. Are there any questions about this particular liaison?
And I believe you have got that one, too. Haven't you? Okay. Next document is the lie
ason incoming one is the Smart Grid on accessibility user interfaces. 166. And again that's
from Bill Pechey from Study Group 16 who is kindly informing the JCA that this -- that the --
this particular -- can you move up to the text please? Thank you. This has to deal with Smart
Grid and that question 26 has reviewed the draft deliverable and it noted it contained
references to user interfaces and basically they wanted that group to know that these users
may be persons with various types of disabilities and they would like the text amended to
reflect that. And that the accessibility checklist was in fact, sent to them which is -- it is a
checklist for standard makers to think about and use when they make deliverables or
standards or recommendations for general use that they include persons with disabilities.
Does anyone have any questions on that one?
Okay. We will proceed to the next one which is 167 and that one again is from Question
26/16 Bill Pechey dealing with drivers with disabilities. Boy Bill -- oh, no it is John Lee. John
you get to talk about this one. Go.
>> John Lee: This actually is the response to the question 26 liaison statement and in it
the Focus Group on driver distraction agrees that the changes make sense and we are
recommending back to its parent Study Group that they should be replaced for the new terms
of references for this Focus Group and that is what the two locations were I believe it was
recommended that they be changed. And we are in agreement with this recommendation and
pass this forward to parent Study Group for changes to our terms of references.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you John. So that means Bill you got your response a bit
early, didn't you? You don't have to wait for study group 16 meeting. You have got it. Okay.
Great. Any questions on that? Are you pleased Bill? Would you like to make a comment
about this?
>> BILL PECHEY: There is nothing much to say. Thank you. It was what we hoped for
and that's great. And we will be probably making further comments later on. Although I
believe the group has finished their work now.
>> John: Bill the Focus Group hasn't finished yet. I believe we have two or three
meetings left before it runs out. One change I forgot to mention the recommended change
was for the terms of references to call for users with disabilities. The Focus Group thought
that that was too broad and said to change the terminology to drivers with disabilities. That's
the primary focus of this Focus Group. Going from users to drivesor because that's strictly the
mandate of the Focus Group and there is another meeting in two weeks in Troy where the
Focus Group is moving ahead with more drafting with regards to its deliverable.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. Bill do you want to add anything to that or ask the --
you will be meeting after that point. We are meeting now. Is there anything you could add?
>> BILL PECHEY: Well, I don't think so. That seems a fairly good change. Personally
would be quite happy with that question 26 hasn't discussed it yet.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Right. Okay. Well, thank you. I think we can move on. We have
one more liaison which is No. 5 which is document 174. Okay. This is a liaison to ETSI ERM
radio microphone cordless audio and audio links. And the technical characteristic of wireless
aids for hearing impaired people operating on VHS and UHF frequency range. Ahh this is
interesting. This ties -- can we go up to -- this is again the I ITU-R sector. No, it is not. It is
going to -- I know it is from -- it is going to that group but it does deal with the same problem
is what I meant. Alexandra is making sure I don't make mistakes. This is from the Focus
Group of the audiovisual accessibility group. And they have asked the same question pretty
much of the radio sector to be able to deal with -- you are going to get it from all sides, aren't
you Mr. Norigushi. So there we are. It basically deals with hearing aids and radiofrequencies.
Can we bring up the text so people can see that? Christopher if you take note we are doing
stuff. It is getting there. So the European hearing instrument manufacturer's a-Association
made a contribution to the last Focus Group meeting on the topic of technical character stshgs
of wireless hearing aids for hearing impaired people operating in the VHF and UHF frequency
range. There is attachment there and that perhaps you could -- you got it. The radio sector
has it. So are there any questions or comments from the floor or from the phone? Or from
the Web site? It doesn't suspect to be. So I think basically Christopher we -- there is activity
going in that direction. Are there any -- I think that's the last liaison that we have. Okay.

>> KATE GRANT: It is Kate Grant.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Yes, please go ahead.
>> KATE GRANT: I was just noticing that the TR or the draft TR you have been asking
Mike Pluke about is indeed attached to this liaison.
>> ANDREA SAKS: You are kidding? Okay. So that is the attachment.
>> (Off microphone).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Kate, thank you Kate. You are as sharp as a tack.
>> KATE GRANT: Just means that Mike is off the hook.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. So we have got it. That's great. Okay. That's really good.
That's very important. As I say it is wonderful because all you people take care of this poor
dyslexic that can't read half of the things that come akrogs her desk. Shall we look at that
annex just briefly? Can we do that? Let's see if we have got it. Wow. There it is. That's it.
I have got a smile from the back of the room from the from Mr. Norigushi. Electromagnetic
compatibility and radio spectrum matter, ERM, system reference document, short range
devices, SRD, technical characteristics of the wireless aids for hearing impaired people
operating in the VHF and UHF frequency range. What I will do from the JCA is to make sure
that Gallaudet University and Joan Wilson have a copy of this particular liaison and but I have
to ask ETSI if they would allow me to send this or is this in the public domain? I am not
familiar with ETSI. It is a draft.
>> Mike: It is a draft. Public make it available somehow.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Go ahead Alexandra you have an explanation.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Thank you it was made available for the internal use only for
the (inaudible) experts. It is Mr. Marso from the European Association that said this is going
on but it is a draft. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Alexandra since you are the Secretariat of the both the JCA and the
Focus Group is there any way to get this to Gallaudet and to the deaf community so that they
can have a look at this? Can we make a note to send a liaison to the Focus Group regarding
this that we would like to be able to send this to Gallaudet University please? Would that be
all right? Would the group agree to allowing or to agreeing to a liaison which asks the Focus
Group to allow us to be able to send that? Because I think coming from the Focus Group to
Mr. -- what was his name? Martsel fleming he would probably agree that if if came from there
that the JCA is requesting that. If it is possible we can send it. That's a yes, from Alexandra.
Rest of the group? We can ask if that's what the liaison will say. We will ask. You are quite
right. Any comment or is that okay with everyone? John yes, go ahead.
>> John Lee: Thank you. Isn't Gallaudet -- doesn't Gallaudet have access to JCA
documents? This is JCA-AHF document and she should be able to access it without us
forwarding it.
>> ANDREA SAKS: That's a good point but I don't want to get in trouble. I suppose. I
suppose it is okay. Should we double check on that then? We don't have to do that. I think
we have to double check. Yes, they do have access to that. But this is ITU you are invited to
the JCA meeting. Yes, it is open. But I think it is polite to ask.
>> John: And might I recommend that if we are going to ask that we ask the source
that it is ERM 17?
>> ANDREA SAKS: We will do it that way. I think you are absolutely correct.
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Thank you. We got this draft through Mr. Marcel phlegming.
He is the contact point. So we do the proper procedure if everyone agrees.
>> I agree with John. (Off microphone).
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Correct. Yeah. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: However you are right. It is a document thafr they could actually
look at. But for them to actually reference and use it and study it I think it is polite. Though
yis fer -- those Christian Vogeler has probably looked at it. I think we probably pulled a fast
one. Thank you very much for that suggestion. That's the way we will do it. So we are
Kosher. All right. Any questions or any more -- anything from the chat box? No. Okay. All
right. I think we are going to move on to No. 5, review of the JCA activities since the last
JCA-AHF meeting on the 24th of November. Let's see, we don't have actually anything other
than my head. I think we are going to cover everything in the rest of the agenda. So I don't
really have to go in to that in great detail. M-Enabling is in here, too isn't it? Because we
went to -- which was mentioned by Susan Schorr earlier to Washington D.C. and that -- do we
have that on the agenda? We have that -- M enable. The M enable, no, we haven't talked
about M enable. Yes, that's what I want to see later. Make sure is it down there? Cynthia --
and we have those documents. Everything is further down. So we won't hold any time on
that one. We will hit them individually. Okay. We are going to 6 accessibility activities within
the ITU and Peter Ransome is not here. So we are going to actually wait which was the
progress report on what's going on with making the building of the ITU accessible. So we will
pass on that for now and come back to it. And 6.2 is ITU-T, and that carries on down to
question 26 relay service. Now I got Bill on the line and Bill is doing a meeting tomorrow. Bill
would you like to just -- that's document -- what is it? 177 and document 178. So Bill you
may go ahead and -- one is the Canada one. 178 is the announcement. Bill you want to go
ahead and make the announcement verbal?
>> BILL PECHEY: Yes, if you wish. Yes, we have a meeting tomorrow to discuss
specifically the world com relay services. There is quite a few documents now and we should
have about 15 people there tomorrow. And almost as many more on the phone. So we will
have to wait and see how that goes. There is quite a lot of new material. So I think we will
make good progress tomorrow. Thank you madam Chairman.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Bill. What I would like to have you do tomorrow if you
could make sure that everyone introduces themselves. I know you know how to do this. But
it would be -- because I won't probably have a great deal of help in following what's going on.
I will -- people have been invited. We will be able to follow it from this room here tomorrow.
And just to read the for people who don't have the written materials, can you go up to the top,
because this is -- Gerry you are still on the line? There is a link on how to participate
remotely. Is there not somewhere Bill? It is in the -- what is that document 1 -- what is that
number? That's 178 or 177?
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: (Off microphone).
>> ANDREA SAKS: 177. So if you -- those are where the documents are and is there a
link to participate remotely Bill? Do we have that? Is there a special -- we are just checking
to see if there is a link. Those are all the documents lists that we have. What we can see on
the Web page Gerry is all the list of documents which is -- which comes from the link that is in
177 to show you what is available and they are all linked up. Bill, you -- what are you having
for remote participation? Can you describe that for us please?
>> BILL PECHEY: It is identical to what you have today. It is go to meeting and the
audio line captioning.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. And -- ahh. We have an annexA -- what document is that?
We went in to Study Group 16 and it is document number what? It is a Rapporteur's
document. I am trying to get the information for Gerry so he could participate -- we may
have to do that individually. But the thing is Gerry there is a way that you can join the
meeting and there will be captioning and we could -- would you like, shall I get that
information to you?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Andrea Gerry here. Just to say that I won't be able to join in
tomorrow because I have an urgent issue that I have to take care in my work.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Kate would be interested in participating?
>> KATE GRANT: I'm afraid I am also fairly busy tomorrow. I would definitely look at
the documents.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Well, that's in our document 177. I would like to ask beat,
would you be able to do that? Do you need the information to be able to participate remotely?
Christopher I know will be there. Is beat still on the line? If you wish that let me know and
we will send you the information directly.
>> BILL PECHEY: Beat should already have it if he is on the circulation.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you very much. We want to make sure that people who want
to attend can aten. Thank you Bill. The only other document there is the -- we put the
Canadian document on relay services on because it was extremely thorough and interesting. I
have also forwarded it to the new contacts in Italy who are a part of the European union of the
deaf. And they are looking at that as well because it was -- what was it 500 pages which you
won't have time to go through as you indicated. But that we felt that was an important
document. So we popped it on there for people to have a look at just because we felt that it
was -- somebody went to all that trouble we ought to take note of it. So that's 178, correct?
That's 177. The other one was 178. I hope I haven't confused you all. Probably have. The
announcement is 178 and the Canadian document is 177. Okay. So are there any questions
regarding the relay service meeting tomorrow? Beat Kleeb still online but lost contact to
captioning now back. Okay. Beat, do you have the details to join the meeting tomorrow for
the relay service Rapporteur's meeting? That was my question to you. He will come back to
me eventually. I am going to move on to the next one which is and this I am turning over to
my co-Rapporteur which is ITU-T question 4 and the question 4 wording for the changes for
WTSA during the new study period and also to discuss metacoordination and meeting dates
between Rapporteurs and I assume at this point you are going to discuss contribution 169.
Beat came back yes, I will be online as far as possible. That's great. You are going to aten
the Rapporteur's meeting. Fantastic. I am going to turn this meeting over to Floris my
co-convener and off you go.
>> FLORIS VAN NES: Well, thank you. The wording on the agenda to a certain extent is
misleading it is not the text of the new study -- of the question for the new study period but a
number of important factors that have to do with it and in fact, it would be useful I think, if it
would be possible for Alexandra to put on screen this document, the attachment to your
document 184 which is -- oh, it is there. Okay. Okay. Let me just then say a few things
about that. You see that it is a document that was already written by me in June from a
chearment Chairman of working party 2 and which question 4 falls and I thought it was
premature to try to make the new question text because there were a number of uncertainties
that have been with us already for a long time.
So therefore this document starts by saying that the following factors were -- are
important, that at the moment question 4/2 is the only question in ITU where human factors
regarding ITU's business find a home and we have been discussing this morning, this
formulation, or rather the term human factors may be putting people on the wrong lag maybe
if you can say that in English as you can say in Dutch, so it is meant here as a synonym for
ergonomics, the word human factors, that is a typical term of the telecommunication people.
Actually human factors in telecommunication was one of the very first areas where it really
was fully developed there. For instance, a conference called HFT, human factors in
telecommunication which was the first conference series devotesed entirely to human factors
and human factors or ergonomics as in certain circles I heard again this morning still brings
Association with physical ergonomic as it can be called. Working posture. That can be very
important. Also for people in accessibility but it is not what is really -- what always has been
the gist of the work in Q4/2. So the second point is that -- well, Q4/2 I just read it again.
Recently quite important being relative to one of the two questions to which JCA-AHF is
affiliated. So the meetings like this one, the eighth one I understand up to now the meetings
of JCA-AHF have always been joint meetings with 4/2 which were held in Study Group 4 or the
Q26/16 which means they were held the whole time of the Study Group 16. So they could be
guided as the natural HF partner and natural A partner. In there is a proposal at this moment
that came to this meeting as contribution 139. It is proposal from British telecom and France
telecom and we learned that it is going to be revised and it will -- the revised version will have
the support of United Kingdom. I have not heard if it has the support of France as country. It
is to merge in the next Study Group period Q4/2 and 26/16 and that same proposal has been
on table about four years ago. The reason being that the groups involved, the many number
of people involved in Q4/2 and Q26/16 are rather small and you can say as the contribution
139 says that you get synergy when you merge them. On the other hand, of course, you have
the danger that both subjects actually are diluted and that neither accessibility nor human
factors get to the attention in those merge meetings so to speak that they really deserve. So
what is the reasoning of this third bullet point. It is according to my opinion the argument
that this -- that this not sensible to put those more or less related questions in only one Study
Group which was said four years ago still holds. I am still behind that argument. Since it will
reduce the visibility to the ITU world and maybe accessibility and human factors issues. So
then as the next bullet point it cannot be denied that the number of regular participants to the
Q4/2 meetings, I don't talk about the regular participants to the Q26/16 meetings, of course,
but the number of regular participants and what I mean is that the people you see more than
once, so I always a number of passers by and very much welcome at the Q4/2 meetings and
they usually enlarge our view of the world quite a bit and they are passers bys and there is
very small hard core of people that participate but that's so small that you can indeed from on
the right to give such a question a life so to speak. What has been added to that this morning
we had a discussion actually of the -- one of the writers of this contribution 139 and he said
that what is determining whether a question is going to have the right to continue so to speak
is the number of contributions. And the number of contributions typically in Q4/2 is very
limited.
However you can also say that are and we discussed that at length, you can also say that
that may be something that is more or less temporarily so. And therefore you should not
take that number of contributions as the real yardstick. If you could if do it over quite a bit of
years but not four and we have been starting, for instance, to talk about recommendation on
the quality of experience which you can say to a certain extent is the successor of the quality
of service idea. And and --
>> ANDREA SAKS: You have 139 right there.
>> FLORIS VAN NES: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. So I am talking actually at the moment
when I quote 139 I mean item 1 from the discussion. So you see that it says the purpose of
the proposal is to leverage synergies between the work of the human factors and the
accessibility experts. Now that happens to be blue and everyone's attention is put to it. I will
continue with this line. It says it will allow the focus of the JCA-AHF, I have difficulty with the
blue. Thank you. On to be external to the ITU-T and have one focal point for the activity
within the ITU-T. That's very interesting. You can say that that's a great advantage to have
one focal point but at the moment my return remark was at the moment you can as well say
we have two focal points. It is true. Like a e lips you have two focal points and a e lips and
the advance focal point in SG2 and and one focal point in SG16. It allow the focus to be
external to the ITU-T what was meant by that. And as far as I understand now it was an
analogy to a -- JCA which is on climate change and the fact that the JCA on climate change
may have one focus point I am not sure of that. Has given it quite a bit of attention outside
the ITU-T. Or the ITU. I think actually that this this not really comparable. You are trying to
compare apples and oranges if you say that. Climate change is a very, very hot issue. Both
human factors and accessibility deserve a lot of attention. They are very very hot issues. So I
don't think that you can compare it to this and also this -- the fact that the there is one focal
point or two focal points by itself according to my opinion is not determining if something is
going to fly outside of ITU. That all the factors involved in that. So I don't think that
reasoning is very strong. If I can continue with what I was to say, I was at the last bullet
point. Yeah. That's Q4/2. There you are. So it is last one. I don't think it is very useful to
make it blue. So keep it as it is at the moment. So the thing is that it says there that since
human factors or ergonomic has lost outside ITU something that I say, in its capacity to
attract active participants as well not only within the i ITU it would be considered to find the
scope of these disciplines and that's something that we have been discussing this morning in
the Q4/2 meeting where it was said that you don't -- you have also to take in to account the
opinion that people have perception that exists outside of the expert world of human factors
and ergonomics involved and if that perception is these are old fashioned things from the past
that -- I know, for instance, somebody from my country that says that is -- that arm and leg
ergonomics and that is meant rather negatively. So there is one thing that we could define it
to make it more attractive and I think that's another thing that we should explain that to the
outside world. And therefore I added as the second sentence last bullet point paragraph those
risk to try and define the scope of these disciplines before. The reason tartup in 4/2 creation
of ITU recommendation with the descriptions of user experience, that's an old document and
we have new ones and encouraging reactions to Study Group 12 and that's the Study Group
that devotes itself to quality of experience measurements, could be one of the starting points
for such a new look at the disciplines dealing with strengthses and weeknesses of users of
modern multimedia technology. That is what counts. You can say old definitions, new
definition, perceptions but we shouldn't forget, of course, but when we come up with our new
technology that also holds for quality of experience. I know that from my colleagues at
University of Technology and what counts really is the strength and weaknesses. That's what
I wanted to say and sorry it took awhile but this is the only document that I am going to really
talk about.
>> ANDREA SAKS: I know. Thank you Floris very, very much and I appreciate you
going through that document. I am going to add three things to that and then open the floor
and then we are going to have to decide to take a break or keep moving because there a lot to
cover. It has been decided with the contributors of C 139 that it cannot be decided at this
meeting and it will be reflected in the meeting report of Study Group 2. It will be decided at
WTSA. The comment can we go back to the document of 139 to show that thing. Can I have
that section please? In actual fact what it says will allow the focus of JCA on accessibility to
be external to the ITU and have one focal point, I don't need that. I can do that now. I am
the JCA. I already have a mandate from PP 10 resolution 175 to be able to go all over the ITU
if I wish to take the JCA. Everyone contributes to that. That would not even make any
difference. So there is no reason to use that to move it and also there is some -- now this is
public and now we only found this out at lunchtime, I don't have the details but it will be
brought up in TSAG that there is a group of people from Korea who have decided to bring in
work in to Study Group 2 which is redesigning the keypad on mobile phones that is definitely
question 4 work and that will be a big work. Although question 4 hasn't had any contributions
this year neither has question 26. This there is no reason to merge that and the other reason
to put on that and very strong on that we are not going to get any more time in question 26.
We are not going to get any extra meetings. So the amount of time we have to actually do
something would be reduced. So consequently if there is new big work coming in which is
question 4 work which is ergonomics it is vitally important that Christian has the ability to deal
with that. So this will all be decided at WTSA if anybody has any comments either from the
phone or from the floor please feel free to let me know and you can make them know. I take
that as a no. Does anybody have any time difficulties at this moment? Does anybody need a
break? Leo, would you like to say something please?
>> Leo: . I would like to prefer to continue because I have to leave a quarter to 5.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. A motion has been made from the floor that we just continue
and not take a break. Is that okay with members on the phone? And members in the room?
And members on the podium? Fine everyone is happy. Okay. We are going to continue and
thank you again Floris for explaining your document on why we shouldn't move question 4.
Okay. We are now doing the Focus Group on audiovisual accessibility. And it is being done by
John Lee I believe on the last two meetings of January 19th in Barcelona, Spain and the 13th
of March in New Delhi, India. John I am turning it over to you.
>> John: So I am giving just an update on behalf of Peter Looms our Chairman of
FGAVA. We don't have a written report of the two meetings that occurred but the documents
I believe are liaison statements that come out of FGAVA. Oral report of the work that's been
progressing, we have been discussing -- we have I believe up to K, we have several Working
Groups that are working concurrently and the progress within the work has moved ahead.
The main area where a lot of work has been submitted and a lot of contributions have come in
related to automatic sign language and automated translations that occur on devices and
remote servers. So the working group listed a (inaudible) and the line as well as on the
screen right now. And we are moving ahead full steam with this current work. We have just
had a meeting last week in India related to this. We had a very successful meeting in sharing
the information that we have had. The level of participation has been within this Working
Group and moving forward we are hoping that more people can participate to help us with this
work. The information is currently online. So one of the areas that we have discussed was
also within the mobile areas related to making use of mobile devices as an adjunct to existing
broadcast media that exists. So an example of that would be using a television audio stream
and then having IP relay in the back that displays captioning on a mobile device while the
programming occurs on the television. Those type of systems are currently in discussion and
we are hoping to flush it out to be able to include it within our report when it comes back. So
it is moving ahead as I said and I believe that's all I have so far for this report.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. Sorry. John thank you very, very much. I also
attended the Barcelona meeting and found it really inspiring and we had new captioning and it
was audio captioning instead of stenograhpy captioning which is what we have today. I still
think that Cindy and Tina and all the ladies who help are still very good and is the best. It is
interesting to see a different technique. It was really important to be there. I learned a great
deal about Avatars of signing. John would you like to continue giving us reports on the Focus
Group in the next JCA meeting because that will be in stud I go group 16.
>> John. . I will definitely continue to give reports.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Wonderful. Any questions about AVA? Yeah.
>> BILL PECHEY: Yeah, just a comment for John. I got the idea that you are having
talking about a separate device for displaying television captions. There has been some talk
about that around here. And people are saying that there could be some serious human
factors aspects of that that it is quite hard to keep looking at the screen and then back to the
hand-held device. It could provide to be useful but need to be considered. But maybe that is
something for question 4 to do.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Go ahead.
>> John: We agree these are definitely some areas of concern. One thing that the
mobile does allow is the ability to Act as a customization tool for the media stream that comes
in. So more than just displaying the closed captioning that would be displayed, there was also
talked about using the mobile as the source of the audio description that or video description
that's called in the U.S. for the screen so that you don't get mixed signals or sin dedicated
signals for all users using a common source of media and what the main reason for exploring
this is not to hinder usingors making use of this or hinder usability of this but what happens
when you have a single stream of media coming in but you need to customize the interaction
of the person because of various disabilities or various needs of every user. So it is just an
exploratory thing so far looking at well, what is the optimum use of the device and how can it
be used to enhance the experience rather than to hinder it. (Single).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Bill? Any comments?
>> BILL PECHEY: That's fine. Work gets done. Don't forget about the needs of human
factor needs. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. One of the things that since there isn't a report and I
presume there will be a report forthcoming we do have the captioning record. I don't know if
we have the captioning records from Barcelona. We do. Alexandra nodded yes. We do have
the captioning records so the reports can be taken from that. Will we be receiving reports?
Has Mr. Peter Looms decided how he is going to proceed with that?
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Thank you. The Barcelona report is already done end of
January. The Delhi no because we just came back. It will be available.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Ahh. It is not available yet? The report for Barcelona?
>> ALEXANDRA GASPARI: Barcelona, yes, was ready but from the New Delhi.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Could we send a liaison please from the JCA for the next meeting of
the JCA that we actually have the reports on a regular basis from the Focus Group so that
people can look at them and see the progress and that way people like Bill and others who are
not able to attend the Focus Group can see what's going on. That would be great and we will
come back to the next meeting of the Focus Group but I think that would be really useful.
Thank you. Okay.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Andrea? Gerry. May I make a comment in.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Of course, you can. Go ahead.
>> GERRY ELLIS: Thank you. Gerry Ellis here in Dublin and if I may make a comment
about remote participation, I tried to attend the Barcelona meeting remotely and it similarly
didn't happen. I tried to do the same for the New Delhi one and there was no conference code
received but I could get was access to the captions but there is very, very awkward. Very
difficult. And I can kind of follow what was happening but with great difficulty. People within
SDR are looking at making meetings and conferences and so on accessible and are looking
particularly at an accessible tool from an organisation called stereo tech SECOTSH and I would
like to ask the meeting Chair to expedite the work there and maybe get some tests done or
whatever to try and move along and improve the remote access. Just asking for comments on
that.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. I think that's great. I am going to let John and then I
have a comment. Go ahead.
>> John: Just to address some of the issues that we ran in to Barcelona and New Delhi.
We ran in to power problems that did allow us to continue -- continual usage of the tools and
these are issues that are being addressed and we are hoping in future meetings the issues
that we ran in to will not be hindering remote participation.
>> ANDREA SAKS: John, Gerry uses a screen reader and he cannot use the remote
control even if we had the power. And one of the issues that we have got is that how does
Gerry raise his hand if he cannot navigate the remote tool. There was a suggestion that I
made an e-mail which I will make verbally here now what I do today taking great pain to
make sure that everyone was introduced and I know the players and I know who needs to be
recognized, I I am watching the screen and seeing and so is Alexandra so that our paePtants
who have profound hearing loss have a moment to speak. If Gerry was in that situation and
he was on and e didn't have a tool and the Chairman could say in general Gerry can you make
a comment, within the captioning he is online with the phone, he can then say something. Or
he just interrupts. We are not sure how to deal with that but part of it is knowing who is on
line and making special arrangements for those when the tools don't accommodate like ade
beb connect has a flash issue. And webinar is much more difficult. I think we have greater
success with go to meeting and captioning and a phone line, the way we are doing it now.
Because Gerry can say I want to say something and there he is. He could not do that in India.
So it is the little more complicated than just the power. So I was going to say that anyway.
You gave me the intro and it is very difficult in developing countries sometimes with the
Internet, too. You are perfectly correct on that. Do I have any other comments regarding the
Focus Groups or questions? Okay. We are going to move on. Okay. I am going to -- since I
am going to just be brief on the TSAG A 7 revision. A 7 controls how focus groups are run.
There needs to be a revision of A 7 because the ITU-T cannot fund any part of the focus group
and at the moment even though resolution PP 10 175 indicates that it must include persons
with disabilities and fund their access it contraveins A 7. It should supercede but because wes
have had objections from member states who do not wish A 7 to be changed or that the ITU-T
or the TSB to fund Focus Groups A 7 is going to have to be changed. There was in document
-- can we go up? Just -- I won't go through everything. We did change the wording in the
places about the finance that we wanted to have funding for that. Gerry, I could just quickly
read out the bit about -- that general financing of Focus Groups and what we put is that the
exception should be for persons with disabilities for -- we have specific wording and because
we are running out of time I am not going to go in detail but if you what want to look at that it
says what we would like to do. It means we would like higher instruments to apply. It is not
going to be decided at TSAG. Will be probably rebrought up but probably decided at WTSA.
The people that made this possible was Cynthia Waddell -- I never can get her letters right.
The of ICDRI which is the independent Committee on disability resources and also G3ict.
Thank you international center for disability resources on the Internet and G3ict. They are the
two non-profit organizations that have been allowed to join the ICT, join the ITU to be allowed
to get contributions on behalf of the persons with disabilities. And I would like to congratulate
them for being allowed to join and also to say that if people who need to make a contribution
who are not members would like to contact either group they can in fact, assist you in making
a contribution quite legally. So I am going -- if people would like to be involved in the
revamping of A 7 be happy to contact this Convenor and would be happy to have your input
and A 1 which deals with meetings in general and we need to include some accessibility
language to include persons with disabilities. This will come up again at TSAG which is
meeting in July. And also at WTSA. Are there any questions on that? Moving swiftly along,
now Kate where are you? You are about to go on my girl. And this is about the other ITU-R
organisation and groups. ISO and revisions of guideline 71. Please go ahead.
>> KATE GRANT: Okay. I attended the meeting in Dublin last week. There were
representatives from many countries. I have got some notes to send on. The first meeting
have made a number of decisions which were reviewed, I think the important thing is that it
was a general agreement to provide general information, not significant technical detail for
standards developers. And the text should be applicable to all areas. So if you have a
principle it needs to be something that is relevant not just to ICT but to buildings or anything
else. We discussed that the model of a guide just in paper format would no longer be
sufficient. A web-based tool would be more appropriate. Or web resources. I think this is
still under discussion. A group was established to try and put the different sections together
but actually we were doing so much work on the sections in Dublin we never got to
consolidate. And the new schedule allows for two further meetings. If I turn to what will be in
the actual guidelines, we discussed principles 12 principles originally identified during the
meeting we aimed for consistent approach defining and renaming them in groups such as user
focus principles, interaction focus principles, task focused principles and solution focused
principles. Now here solution is a task word. Nobody wants to use systems because it is very
ICT oriented rather than building. And at the moment another word has to be found. But
solution is your catch all. We looked at notes for the principles, explaining why the principle
was there, the explanation and the second of why it is important for users. We looked at as I
said user oriented task oriented, environment oriented and addressing the needs of standards
developers across all fields. Testing that the principles were generic. We looked at concepts
and models very briefly. There will be a desire to look at how the UN Convention relates to
the revised guide and how the ICS model is included.
Then the task force have looked in great detail at revising clauses 8 and 9 of the current
document, have reached various consensus on aspects such as and also from Ireland about
mapping ICS to the guide so improve the coverage of human ability. They have looked at
design guidelines in five areas of accessibility. Product factors, system factors, service factors,
environment factors, and facility factors. And then looking at how these design factors relate
to human abilities and the consequences of impairment with aspects such as seeing functions,
hearing functions, all the ones you would expect. And a few new words for me proprio
krePttive functions it is having a sense of the relative position of neighboring parts of the body
and the strength effort involved in the task. Cepttive. Also they are considering adding a
section on human anthropometry because everyone says this is a standard person. And the
shape of a standard person varies grammatically according to where you are using it. And
therefore they want to reflect things that cover the widest range of physical stature, et cetera.
In promotion they sent out a questionnaire to -- well, to all ISO members and 41 responded.
Which showed was clearly a well awareness of the guide. The status was really only
informative. And people were not developing standards using the existing guide. It was
agreed there would a specific clause or section of the terms and definitions to help understand
the concept of accessibility and has applied to their work. I am sure you all know that it is
very difficult to get an agreed definition of accessibility. So this will be a chance to discuss in
its wider context. The important schedule is at the next meeting is October 23 to 25 in
Ireland. And a fourth meeting in January and then there would be a two month pilot on the
text within the Committee followed by a four month technical inquiry ballot. And I think
considerable work was done. We needed a face to face meeting. But there was still a lot of
work to be done. That's it.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Thank you. While you have been speaking an idea occurred
to me what you said was really interesting and the fact that you said it worded we have
captured on captioning it occurred to me because I was going to ask you to something for the
next JCA meeting which is during Study Group 16 in one of the days with question 26, 7
through 9th May can we take what you just said take it down and give it to you and you can
add something to it.
>> KATE GRANT: Actually I got it. The reason you haven't this is I am expecting two
grandchildren and yes, it was rather distracting.
(Laughter).
>> ANDREA SAKS: I understand. I have got little ones myself that hang out.
>> KATE GRANT: This is one in process of being born today.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Wow. Congratulations grandma. That's terrific.
>> KATE GRANT: You can understand I haven't actually concentrated on work.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Well, that's understandable. If you can have that -- I mean you
have got until the next Study Group meeting of 16 --
>> KATE GRANT: I was actually reading it to you Andrea but I will send it to Alexandra.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you very much. Gerry you have any comments since you
attended a day and a half. Is there anything you would like to add?
>> GERRY ELLIS: No. Just to say that Kate was the official rep from the group here. I
could only attend two half days. Because of other commitments I had to go to for a different
conference. And the next meeting will take place here in Dublin. The group who have offered
to do the work around the ICS incorporating that language is center for excellence in universal
design. But the people there are the same people who developed the guidelines for policy for
G3ict. So they are very clued in to the United Nations CRPD and very happy to think that this
guide will come closer to the UN CRPD and ICF language as a result of this meeting and I am
particularly pleased about that.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. You did have something to say.
(Laughter).
>> ANDREA SAKS: That's great. Okay. Does anybody have a question for Kate or
Gerry regarding -- okay. Great. Thank you. Kate, great job. And Gerry thank you for being
there. And great job as well. That's fabulous. I guess Kate is there anything you would like
to add? I heard you sort of say something.
>> KATE GRANT: No, I think that is all I can say. Obviously when further information
comes out and is being publicized I think it is really important that people look at the text and
see whether they feel it suits the wider promotion of the need for standards developers to
consider accessibility or human factors and whether sufficient information is provided in the
guidelines. At the moment the idea is that the guidelines will be fairly general, high level,
technical detail will be in the technical report produced by ISO TC 159 the ergonomics group.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Thank you and we are going to rely on you to make sure we
know when to look.
>> KATE GRANT: Okay.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you very, very much. If there are no other comments from
the floor or on the phone I am moving on to the next thing which Gerry you were there. So I
am going to call on you again. I attended Susan Schorr mentioned she attend and Alexandra
attend and Gerry Ellis attended the M-Enabling Summit which was a joint effort by G3ict the
Federal Communications Commissions and the ITU to promote and have a general discourse
on accessibility for mobiles and other areas of accessibility and included a relay services and
some of the techniques involved. We do have some reports that are and there is one -- this
one -- right. Report Gerry Ellis of feel the benefit. Gerry we have your report up that you
wrote for us. And I am just wondering if you would like to verbally say anything about that?
>> GERRY ELLIS: Yes. Gerry Ellis again here. Just a few words because the report that
I made is five pages long and it is quite comprehensive. Maybe I give a kwik overview. This
was a meeting looking at mobile devices and that is very, very important in the development
area particularly because a lot of the developing words skipped right passed the PC and gone
straight to mobile devices and penetration of mobile devices is much wider than yesterday's
solutions. But it was a three day meeting. It started with a meeting in the FCC, Federal
Communications Commission. And it was around the 21st century, video accessibility. We
went back to the Gaylord Convention center and we had over a couple of days were input from
people with disabilities organizations of people with disabilities, from industry and from
academia and the strength of the two days were all those various groups were there. So we
weren't talking down the telephone line or across (inaudible) we were all talking with each
other on prominent issues and it was very, very powerful. I won't say any more except to say
that the following date was a further meeting in the FCC with a smaller group of people which
was looking at the penetration of broadband worldwide. And there was going to be year's
review on this item to try to determine what is the current position, what is the current
penetration of broadband worldwide and then after that review has been completed to look at
ways of of improving that and to ensure that the needs of people with disabilities are included
in that area.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you. Your report is really very comprehensive and I think it is
fabulous. And I hope people take time to take a read of it. We have one other report. Would
you put that up please just so that we can see that. Okay. This is Cynthia's report. Cynthia
also was there. And Cynthia cannot be on the phone today. And she did also -- can we move
it up a little bit. She was in another group and she actually tells more of a story about what
happened. She includes the fact that Dr. Hamadoun Toure came in and made a speech and
they had different panels that actually discussed other aspects and included things that over
accessibility which that included W3C and it was a really powerful powerful series of meetings.
I do also have a report which I don't know where it is. But never mind. It doesn't matter.
But I want to point out that if you go to the G3ict Web site they will be posting comments and
all the Rapporteur's reports on there. So that people can read more of what happened. And I
gave a report which I will post it later. I don't know why it is not there. I probably forgot to
give it to Alexandra. I basically handled the group that dealt with deafness as I guess most
people would suspect that I would and about the different technologies that were coming forth
including Avatars for people for signing and text to sign and all sorts of wonderful innovations
that Apple and many of the other companies are trying to implement.
And there is a list here that Gerry has got -- Cynthia has done which includes designing
accessible mobile Web sites and accessible mobile apps, innovators sessions, services for
lefrning and cognitive disabilities, innovator session and solutions for I have slal impaired,
cloud based, the list is fantastic that she has done a very comprehensive report on what was
there. Have a moment or go through the G3ict Web site. When we do the updated report of
this meeting we will put that Web site in there.
So if there -- I am going to move on. And I I am actually going to put at this point because
we are talking about accessibility and we are talking about especially the fact that mobile is
really the way that the developing world has gone. I am going to have Peter Major talk about
IGF and maybe a little bit about what happened at the IGF meeting in Nairobi. This is Peter
Major who is the vice coordinate for.
>> PETER MAJOR: Thank you. In fact, originally I wanted to talk about something else.
But you mentioned we had the IGF and this is probably the Internet governance Forum in
Nairobi which was quite an experience. With ambiguous feelings we had physical problems for
people with disabilities. Actually the building wasn't really designed to be accessible for
people with disabilities. On the other hand, we had workshops which were very well attended
and were quite interesting. And the result of this were fed of in to the main sessions of the
IGF and I believe the main purpose of the Dynamic Coalition on accessibility to my mind is to
raise awareness and I think we managed that very well.
Now let me come to the second topic I wanted to speak about. This is the -- there is a
Working Group on the improvements to the Internet governance Forum which has been
created on and resolution of the United Nations and I had the privilege to Chair the meetings
of this Working Group and we have come up with series of recommendations, there were
about 39 recommendations of which we had four recommendations on disabilities.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Somebody is typing and has their mic on and it is on the phone. So
if you could mute your mic, I believe you have to push star 1 and then your mic gets turned
off on your PC. Go ahead Peter.
>> PETER MAJOR: Just to give you an idea of the Internet governance Forum for those
of you who didn't have the chance to participate, this is a multistakeholder event where you
have Government representatives private business people, civil societies, technical people,
and international organizations from all over the world and they participate on equal footing.
This is kind of UN organised meeting. And the working group that I have been Chairing is also
under the auspices for the commission of science and technology and this is also unique in the
UN system. This was also multistakeholder group with all the advantages and disadvantages
of this type of groups. But in the end as I told you we had four recommendations which is
kind of recognitions of all activities that have been going on in this field, especially the general
recommendation is to open up the even more, the possibilities of attending this participating
in this meetings with people with disabilities. That was No. 1. No. 2 is about the physical
accessibility of the size. To ensure the accessibility of IGF sites for persons with disabilities.
The third one is the accessibility of the IGF Web site which is itself is accessible. However still
improvements to be done. And finally the transcripts which have been highly advertised by --
I think it was an initiative of the Dynamic Coalition itself to have all the meetings -- to have
live transcripts which proved to be also very advantageous for people who are non-English
speakers some it is not explicitly for people with disabilities. And I really very glad that so
many recommendations we have out of the 39 and I am really happy to tell you that there
was absolute consensus on these. So there were hardly any debate, nothing -- well, if we had
any it was about the wording and which is a natural thing but I am really glad to report to you
that probably slowly, you know, we are making progress in this area. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Peter, Xiaoya Yang is listening and she charge of accessibility. I
would like to make your comments available to the DCAD mems that you have made. We
have kauP tred in the captioning. If we take that out and send it to you, can we do that with
you?
>> PETER MAJOR: Sure. As I told you we have just finished our work. You are the first
one I am reporting.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Yay. I mean would you like to write this down? Because we are
going to have a DCAD meeting fairly soon. We would like what you have said in writing
because I think what -- in other words, the Dynamic Coalition on accessibility and disability
has done a good job and thanks to you for going there and being a part of it. I thank you
very much for going and keeping the flag going. Thank you. Leo is about to disappear on us.
Before he does I want to say something about Leo. Leo is a special guy. Very early on when I
was at the ITU and I wasn't allowed to say much which, of course, now they don't that to me
any more. I had to go to Leo to do presentations for me in different meetings because I
wasn't a member of this, that and the other and Leo did presentations for me and was
absolutely excellent and is the representative to the JCA from Study Group 13. He recently
went and gave a paper and a presentation on that paper at Kaliedoscope. There was a
contest for best presentation and best paper and Leo tied third and the next thing he did was
donate the money which enabled Alexandra because we can't pay for Focus Groups to go to
Barcelona and thank you so much for that. Would you like to just tell a little bit about your
paper so that people can hear what you did and what it was about please?
>> Leo: Thank you. Okay. Like you already mentioned I am working in the area since
years now. So I wasn't so visible in the political area although I was really dealing together
with good old friend of my Gunnar Hellstrom on the technical implementation of the protocols
especially for total conversation service. And one issue I am really focusing as total
conversation, the scenario of fixed mobile convergence like NGM what you are confronted with
situations that you cannot rely on the capabilities of an access point like today with recent
circuit which connection you can move from one access point to another and the capabilities
significantly differs. Which means especially for multimedia services like total conversation
which combines media streams with like voice text or video, you can't guarantee if you
currently running in video stream for sign language combined with text for further
explanation. That you have this capabilities or in the next nexis. Possibly due to load
situation or due to access technology. Just -- certainly just only use text and though the
question is currently we are in a situation that in cases happens. The whole service just
breaks. And you have to restart everything and what is quite uncomfortable and not really
enjoying service. So the idea about how to -- that can be handled by protocols that
breakdowns will be overcome and possiblily depending from the user profile where users
handicap persons specify what he wants. If she, he don't like a service with just based on text
indeed, then the service is broken but in case of she/he says yeah, let's continue with text and
I am totally deaf and hard-of-hearing, I am still voice can be some additional help, I would
like to continue with voice if possible. And for that purpose I developed some framework of
protocols which are currently -- they are still in the test phase and we started now to get it
standardized. And I am always confronted with Association that's not the big mainstream line
of the industry. And so it is very difficult just by -- to get the appropriate resources. To get
this protoll kols just from a presentation to really working system and here I got the idea why
not using such -- we are very, very high profiled scientific conferences to publish because I
thought in case I have to publish there that may attract one or another universities to join a
group, I am running on Internet which has together with other experts to get things done and
yeah. So I was lucky my paper was accepted to get published and furthermore, I was really
surprised I won the third prize of the best paper award and I didn't expect that. Definitely
not. But indeed it was very nice and it brought a lot of focus on-that issue and I am quite
confident that we can make in the future quite good progress now in getting things from let's
say a -- it is not an idea. It is more from a crisis and to also really running stable applications.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Leo and also you are aware of the invitation to the
conference for REACH112, the project final conference of the 21st century communications
equality, the next generation of 112 accessibility in Santago Spain and 28/29 June. It is in
the agenda. This is Gunnar Hellstrom. This is about total conversation. It is in the agenda
and we also when we comment on what you have said in the meeting report will put a link to
your paper which is in the Kaledoscope Web page so that people can look at that. Thank you
so much for explaining that. And thank you for giving us the money.
(Applause.)
>> ANDREA SAKS:
>> Leo: You are welcome.
>> ANDREA SAKS: That was fabulous. Thank you for always coming to the meetings
and contributing. You are great. We are getting almost to the end. I haven't asked Tina. If
she is okay. Does she need to have a quick break or any reason? . Are you all right? (Yes, I
am fine. ) We are just going to continue. Well, thank you we are not too far from the end. So
I think what we will do is carry on just a bit longer. We have in the next one 6.3 we have
heard already from Susan Schorr of the BDT and the next thing is to emphasize question 20
and question 22 of cyber security for persons with disabilities in the forthcoming meeting in
April, in this next coming month. There are documents being prepared regarding the fact that
persons with disabilities are more susceptible to being taken advantage of with cybercrime
than people who are not disabled but it doesn't, you know -- it does also include women,
children and older people also who are hit because of the lack of education and also -- they
don't have web savvy or that the actual Web page is not accessible. They can go over a
hyperlink which is not accessible by a screen reader. I have contributed a little bit to a paper
but the -- there were papers contributed by the Republic of Congo, Mali, Senegal in the last
meeting of Study Group 2 which was question 22. So there are some -- and France also gave
one. Those contributions from that last meeting are there on that and I won't stop to do that.
It will be for your own interest. We have already discussed ITU-R, WRC and the new contact
to help with further study. Now coordination and collaboration outside of the ITU, future
events, Alexandra because -- I am calling it Fava. I need to say Focus Group on AVA. You
want John Lee to do that. John we are waking you up.
>> John: I'm wake.
>> ANDREA SAKS: I am teasing you. Can you please emphasize No. 8 for me please.
>> John: Of course, moving ahead with the FGAVA the next meeting will occur in Tokyo,
Japan January 29 with a workshop on January 28. The workshop is meant to bring together
various people involved with media accessibility and within that region and (inaudible) is
hosting which have a lot of contacts in the region with regards to media outlet. So we are
hoping that meeting is a success and if anybody would like to attend the meeting is on the ITU
Web site. The meeting after that will be our final meeting to -- and we are hosting that one in
Toronto in Canada in the September time frame. Three day meeting to go over the final
deliverables as well as any other outstanding issues to close out the Focus Group. (RIM).
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you very much John. And I think this is going to be exciting
to see what kind of deliverables. I want to point out though if we want to make those
deliverables accessible, if there are any graphs, charts or drawings that the persons that are
making those in order that they be published in pdf which is accessible they must describe
them in words. This is something that I hope to bring up because I will be sending Peter
Looms, Susan Schorr and Alexandra the captioning from the publishing end of the ITU
because one of the things is though you see that those wonderful documents there on
accessible TV it is published on the Web but the graphs are not accessible and we tested it out
with Gerry Ellis. So I am going to put that in your head and put it in to Alexandra's head right
now because I just ran in to Simone who is the head of the publishing department and I am
going to make that captioning because we had a conversation call with Cynthia Waddell in
talking about how to make things more accessible when you do deliverables and even tally we
hope impact all standards bodies that when they produce a document or a recommendation if
there are graphs that they are printed words that can be accessed by a screen reader. Gerry
are you hearing me? Are you there Gerry? Oh, dear he is gone and this was all for him
because he helped me.
>> GERRY ELLIS: I surely am. I am happy to be the guinea pig.
>> ANDREA SAKS: You are your best tester. If you want to know if it accessible give it
to Gerry. There was a captioning conversation. Will be a part of the next JCA report which we
will do in May. Thank you for that John. I am also going to give a quick plug to this is on
document 168 the conference of G3ict and OCAD, the university of inclusive design research
center and inclusive design institute designing enabling economies and policies which is going
to be held on the 23 through the 25th of May at the OCAD university in Toronto, Canada. So
there are the details on that. John you might be interested in that if you are available for that
because if you -- actually you could be the JCA representative to that meeting. Would you be
interested in doing that? Do you have the time?
>> John: Sure I live actually less than an hour away.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Fabulous. John I will -- we will sort that out. Okay. Does anybody
object to making John our representative to that particular meeting?
>> No.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Okay. Now we need to find somebody to go to REACH112. I should
have asked Leo when he was here. That's in the 28th June but we have another meeting in
May. Which we will discuss in just a second. So we will be able to cover that one there. I
think we are almost at the end. Oh, one more thing. One of the things that we have done
and Tina take note we took the best practices for ITU for remote services with Caption First
that was written by Pat and all of you to suggest how we should go guidelines for hosts of
accessible meetings and suggestions for guidelines. And that document is published. So if
you let Pat know that we actually put that in our meeting report and also in the agenda. And
the ITU-T SB has looked at that and we are going to be producing at some point how we tell
hosts of meetings how to become more accessible and how to deal with that along with the
work with IGF. We will probably combine all of this stuff. We aren't organised to do it yet but
we know we have to do it and Alexandra will be deeply involved in that since she does most
have the organisation for all of our events and does is a very good job and we have discussed
this we need to instruct hosts and if they can't meet those requirements they can't be hosts.
John you have to have captioning but you know all of that. So that's with that end and thank
you to Pat and Roy and everyone at Caption First that contributed to that document.
We have heard Gerry's already -- we have heard the Focus Group AVA. I can guess I can
start saying Focus Group AVA for Gerry for what happened when he was trying to remotely
participate. Is there any other business that I have not covered? Ahh yes. Peter Ransome
obviously has something pressing and he didn't make it. The document on the updating of the
building which was originally produced in French and it is translated in English. I am not
going to spend time on it this time. It is document 175. We will probably resubmit this
document for the next focus -- for the next JCA meeting. And hope that Marc M -- Alan Metra
has can give it himself. He has had a new baby daughter and is on paternity leave. We will
put in the meeting notes congratulations. The next meeting for the Focus Group -- for us is in
-- and I forgot which day it is. It is the 9th of May. Thank you. It is proposed for the of 9th
of May in conjunction with question 26. So we will carry on and there will be more things that
we can talk about then and some of the stuff that we haven't been able to talk about now and
we will have Kate's written report.
Would anyone like to say anything else that we have not covered? Floris is shaking his
head.
>> FLORIS VAN NES: Sorry I promise not to talk any more after my thing. No, I have
nothing to say really. Thank you.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Floris if we don't have the questions I want to say you are one of the
fun Rapporteurs because we have giggles and I want to thank you everyone for coming and I
want to thank you Alexandra Gaspari Marcs Antoine everyone who takes care of our technical
stuff. Tina our captioner bless her heart she is waun of the most amazing captioners on in the
world and everyone on the phone, Kate and beat and Christopher and Bill and Gerry and
thank you for joining us on the phone. Does anyone on the phone want to say anything?
>> KATE GRANT: May I?
>> ANDREA SAKS: Go for it.
>> KATE GRANT: I wanted to remind people that there is a meeting of the special
Working Group on accessibility, the JTC 1 special Working Group in Lexington in April. All
their documents public a-available at www.jtc 1 access.org. And you may find some
documents of interest there like the proposed revisions to the user needs summary.
>> ANDREA SAKS: Kate. Thank you we will put that in the meeting report. We can pick
that up from the captioning and Alexandra will put that in there so everyone can see that.
Beat Kleeb has come up with a comment. Beat has said thanks to all for meeting organisation
and stream text and go to meetings and PCs were good tools to follow. Best regards to all.
Thank you so much for being on line and thank you for your comments and it helps us to know
that this particular method that we are using is working best even though we still need to get
better tools and figure out a better way to do things but if it worked for you we appreciate you
telling us. Thank you. Any other comments before I close the meeting? Thank you all and
again thank you to Alexandra because she does all the donkey work.
(Laughter)
(Applause.)
>> ANDREA SAKS: Thank you Alexandra and thank you Tina and thank you Joshua.
Okay. I close the meeting. (Thank you everyone have a nice rest of your day)
(Meeting concluded at 11 a.m. CST)
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