CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sergio, please let me know when to start. Dial out [inaudible]. So you

tell me when we should begin the call. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please Claudia, if you would be so kind so as to start with the roll call.

Please proceed.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome

to the LACRALO Monthly Call. Today on the Spanish channel, we have

Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Vanda

Scartezini, Adrian Carballo, Marcelo Telez, Antonio Medina Gomez,

Alberto Soto, and Humberto Carrasco. And Dev Anand Teelucksingh has

just joined the call.

We have apologies from Lito Ibarra, Leon Sanchez, and Maureen

Hilyard.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz, managing

the call today. Our interpreters today are, on the Spanish channel,

Veronica and David, on Portuguese, Bettina and Esperanza, and on

French, we have Isabelle and Claire.

I would like to remind you all that before taking the floor, please

mention your name for the record and for the interpreters to be able to

identify you on the other language channels. So with that, please Sergio,

you have the floor.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO Monthly Call. Now I would like to give the floor to Harold Arcos, the LACRALO Secretary for him to review the agenda and so that we can adopt the agenda for today's call. Please Harold, go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much, Sergio. First of all, I would like to inform staff that Ricardo Holmquist is trying to connect to the call but he is having some issues so we are going to take that, and with that, I would like to proceed with the agenda for today.

We have a report by Ricardo Holmquist, the ALAC member report. Then we also have the report of leaders from different working groups, such as the Communications Working Group. Lilian De Luque will be delivering that report and the Governance Working Group member, Sergio Salinas Porto, is going to provide another report as well. And finally, we have a space which is any other business that is another item on the agenda.

So in this item of the agenda, we are going to deal with the report which is points of information and this has to do with a meeting that was held this afternoon about ATLAS III. So we are going to share with you some comments and some information with other members of the region, and that would be our last item on the agenda unless there is someone else who would like to add any other topic to this "Any Other Business"

item. If that is the case, please let me know or please post your comments on the chat.

So if there are no comments, then you can add your points to that item on the agenda at the end of the call.

So with that, if there are no further comments, we will adopt the agenda for today, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Harold. I know that Ricardo Holmquist is not connected to the call. He is an ALAC member by the NomCom, so he is now connected to the call. Welcome, Ricardo, and the first item of the agenda for today is the ALAC member report. So Ricardo, if you are ready, you have the floor. If not, I will continue with the next item on the agenda and then I will give you the floor after this item of the agenda.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Hello. Can you hear me okay?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Yes, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Okay. Could you please upload my presentation on the screen, please? I have circulated by e-mail, a presentation, a PowerPoint presentation, so please let me know if you can have it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay. Claudia is uploading your presentation. Just a second, please.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Okay, great. Thank you. So basically, ALAC is working on three different items. One of these issues is the At-Large Review implementation. So we have a working group. We have, in fact, different working groups working on the different items or topics that came out from the review and that are going to be implemented. These topics have to do with our low budget and these issues had a great impact on ALAC.

So if someone from the region reads the information and if you are willing to collaborate, the only thing you have to do is to ask to be part of these working groups.

The second issue is that after Maureen started as the ALAC Chair, all the policy working groups were consolidated and nowadays, most of the policies are being dealt with in the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group. Therefore, all the comments, all the pieces of advice that are being provided, everything that is related to policies is being dealt with within that working group. So I believe it is important that LACRALO members, active members, are involved in the group as well in other working groups. But this is the most important working group for ALAC because it is the Consolidated Policy Working Group.

Then there is a third issue or point, and this is that we are still working on the EPDP issue. This week, ALAC will be submitting advice to the

Board. This is related to the first phase and the ALAC is asking the Board to reconsider some issues.

One of them, and probably the most important one, has to do with the use of [inaudible] WHOIS and there are some other, or two other, items. These are geographic [documentation] on the natural and legal person differentiation. So ALAC believes that the TDPR or the data protection regulation is something that is taking place in Europe and that it should not be considered in the same manner in all parts of the world. So that's why we are asking for geographic [documentation].

And at the same time, we are also asking for natural and legal person differentiation because the data protection regulation protects natural or physical persons but not legal persons. So this has to do with the EPDP. This was addressed during the first stage or phase of the EPDP and the result was that all persons would be addressed in a similar way.

The other topic in which ALAC is working is the ATLAS III or the third At-Large Summit. This summit will be held in Montreal during the first or second week of November between the 4th and the 7th of November. So this is a kind invitation to all of you to participate. It is very important for the region to participate because the first webinar is going to be held this first day and if you are not taking this webinar, then you will not be able to get the necessary qualifications to apply for the summit or to be one of the 60 participants for the summit. So it is very important for you to attend this webinar despite this is a holiday in Latin America – this week, there is a holiday in Latin America – because otherwise, as I said before, you are not going to be able to qualify for the application.

And then we have open policy comments and advice. As I said before, we have the EPDP issue and then there are four different policies that are now being discussed. They are being reviewed. The deadline is April the 17th, April the 29th, and May the 7th. So the proposals are quite similar. ICANN is reviewing all the different registry agreements. We have dot-org, dot-info, dot-asia, and this. These are the agreements that are being reviewed.

So these registry agreements might be quite similar, but in the case of dot-org, perhaps there are some differences. So dot-asia, for example, may have certain particular points to take into account because they are just considering a region and when it comes to dot-org, we need to take into account that we have to pay particular attention to this because this is one of the most particular ones. As you know, many of the holders of a dot-org domain name, they represent not-for-profit organizations so they have an issue with prices, and perhaps, they will [see] problems in the renewal of the agreements.

And one of the topics that is being addressed in this case is to start eliminating the price increase cap so as to address the situation in a similar way. So these other topics that have to do with a registry agreement review, these are not the only ones that are being reviewed. These are not the only gTLDs which agreements are being renewed. But they belong to the last gTLD round.

They will be reviewed one after the other, so that's why there are some topics that are not being taken into account, such as the differences existing between dot-org and other gTLDs. So these are my comments. I don't know if there are any questions that you would like to make.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Ricardo. I don't know if there is any comment or any questions. I posted some comments on the chat. I believe that it is really important to participate in the Consolidated Policy Working Group. This is something that we do need to take into account. We also need to address the issue of GDPR and WHOIS so please be aware of that, and Vanda is also adding a comment. She says that this is going to be implemented and affecting many countries in our region, so we need to see, we need to analyze the impact on our region.

There is another important item and this is ATLAS III. I mean, in this case, Arcos is going to have active participation but, of course, we do need to attend webinars. We must attend webinars. I mean, we need to take this into account as a priority if you are willing or if you want to participate in ATLAS III. We need to take these webinars. This is a must.

So I see no hands up. Now I would like to give the floor to the next speaker. We are going to deal with item number five. Lilian De Luque will give us a brief report. So Lilian, you have the floor please. Go ahead.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE:

Good afternoon to you all. I hope you can hear me fine.

Harold, can we please have a look at the last slide so we can have some guidance?

Basically, I would say that last week, we held the first meeting of the working group together with [inaudible]. I would like to thank Silvia, Harold, Sergio, Alberto. They were all there. Unfortunately, although we

tried to encourage the region to participate, we have not been very successful.

So in the context of these first meetings, we had some commitments. We have agreed on a meeting with the leader of the Capacity Development Group [inaudible] [Cavallo]. This would be held on Tuesday at 23:00 and what we want to address is a system to have some webinars for the region. Let me revise this. I need to check my notes. So it's going to be a webinar on the use of social media and how we can tap into social media for ICANN.

We are also going to deal with [inaudible] for participation, and this social media webinar was recommended by Harold as a strategy to encourage the region to deal with the importance of communication and information. We deal with important issues and we need to be able to solve them better.

So once we [inaudible], our idea is to decide on the issues that we're going to deal with on the webinar. This will be the beginning and we will inform the region on time so that everybody can participate and to engage more actively.

So we are, right now, ten people but we want to work with those who are not here right now. We would also like to appoint some kind of subgroup that will be aware of the information circulating amongst different working groups and the different events, the different ICANN events, to distribute it in our social media. This is something that I still need. I need to activate the LACRALO social media, especially Twitter, to

see also how we can start working on Facebook and also evaluating the possibility of having an Instagram account.

So I will start to collect the information. I hope that all of you participating in different groups will provide me with some information. Please share that information with us, the information that ICANN is issuing. We will start coordinating a WebEx, and on the other hand, we need to have a more direct, more personalized communication with the ALSes. We need to send information. We need to encourage them to be more proactive so that all the events they are holding in the region can be advertised. We need to make everything more global so people would know what the ALSes are doing. So it is extremely important to have this interaction with the ALSes.

I believe that the basis, the backbone, of the Communications Working Group is to work and to spread out what the ALSes are doing. We need to have more participative ALSes, more proactive ALSes, and so even if we don't know each other, we need to hear about other ALSes and to see what their participation is like.

We are also holding exploratory meetings. Alberto has made the first contact with the Social Media Working Group that is really thrilled with the working group. Harold is also working there. I was very busy and I could not attend today's call. But Harold did and so we are trying to build a bridge with John so that we can have some kind of strategy to work together to involve LACRALO within all of these communication strategies that social media has.

The idea is precisely to work together hand in hand and participating in everything that they are developing on a daily basis and we will then work together with them.

The other issue is also a calendar that was active sometime ago. Harold is trying to see if this can be reactivated. And we agreed to have the next meeting within two months, so I hope that in two months, I will have a more personalized communication with the ALSes and the ALSes can send out their events. The social media should be working by that time and we should be able to hold our first webinar. So this is basically what we are working on right now. I would like to thank all of you for all your input. Please continue sending that input based on your experience. You know how to work in the region. You know how to reach out to the region and I've only been here for about two years.

So that's all from me for now. Thank you very much for your attention. Thank you, Sergio, for giving me the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Lilian. This was a very complete report. There are some working groups that have not met yet and within the next week, they should be holding their bimonthly meeting. The IDN, WHOIS and gTLD Working Groups will meet so you could be excellent. We haven't really, I haven't really had the time to meet with Vanda but Vanda is very likely to have a call for working group. And within this month, we will have all the working groups actively working.

And now I'm going to give the floor to Harold so that he can refer to ATLAS III and then I will provide you with a report on the Governance

Working Group and where we're at. So Harold, you now have the floor. Please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS:

I hope you can hear me.

Thank you, Silvia. In other issues, we have added an update of the issues that Ricardo has referred to since ATLAS III. Some people have referred to the new [inaudible]. There are two dates for these four webinars that will start in the following week. It was originally going to be on Thursday the 18th, but this has been updated after the meeting that we held today.

And one of the proposals implied that it wouldn't really make sense to have the same seminar on the same day, that we would actually hold the four seminars on different dates and then on the different dates, we will repeat the same four seminars so people could plan those days.

The chairs of each RALO will select the people that will attend ATLAS III and there will be a selection committee that will use a waiting table that will consider each applicant and there will be some kind of consideration to consider each of the applicants for ATLAS III.

One of the important criteria is having participated in some kind of policy development process. This is an important position for them, so I would like some of the [inaudible] who attended the call could provide some more information on this criteria. Maybe Alberto who was on the meeting as well.

ALBERTO SOTO:

We discussed soft and hard criteria. Within the soft criteria, the most important one is having participated within the group or within definitions or the work on policy development within ICANN. We also referred to attendance to different events, such as webinars, activities within their own RALO as well. That is, activity within the RALO, within ALAC, within ICANN, and this system is being weighed in some kind of spreadsheet and there is a form that each of us will need to complete, will need to input there what we have done so far. We will have time even though it is long. But it's actually quite simple.

There are some other criteria, such as the webinars, that will be mandatory. If people do not participate in those mandatory webinars, the application to travel to ATLAS III will not be considered. The other important issue is there will be many meetings in ATLAS III that will be only in English. Today we've talked to Sergio. There are only two rooms with interpretation and another room without interpretation. So if we can coordinate the lack of interpretation, there will also be exercises and working groups that will be only in English. I hope I haven't forgotten anything.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Alberto. I now give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Harold. I hope you can hear me. I am using the AC room.

Thank you, Harold, for this report. I see Vanda has raised her hand so I am going to give the floor to Vanda and then we will continue with the meeting.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I would just like to add a comment on the issue of ATLAS III and this is the issue of languages. There is a program. The program has a certain content and we are trying to have some kind of separation with the different groups.

We will have case studies and we will divide the groups by language so that we can make our work easier. We will put together people who speak in French from the north of Africa. We will have another group with Chinese-speaking people and we will try to divide the group and then to try to provide a report by the end.

We believe this is the best to ensure the participation of everybody irrespective of the language. We hope that participation will be balanced and complete and we would like everybody to have the same opportunities to express themselves, to understand or to share together with the rest. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

[inaudible] for a committee. We said it was going to be Humberto and since Humberto is an ALAC member and he will be attending, we believe that that would be a good idea because, as you know, he will be there representing all of us.

Okay. Is there any other topic? Anything that you would like to mention? So if not, I'm going to speak about the Governance Working Group. As you already know, there is a debate going on regarding our interpretation of the Rules of Procedure, of our new and old rules, which are not in effect, which are the rules that we need to take into account. And this is not good because this has to do with an election framework and this goes beyond what any of us may imagine.

You know we are not setting a deadline. This is a calendar that we need to speak to and this calendar is provided by ALAC. The calendar starts in April, the 29th, so we are already close to that deadline.

We had two positions, strong positions. I mean we have two different points of view regarding our Rules of Procedure and operating principles. One point of view belongs to some of our members in the region. They believe that new operating principles that were passed in December 2018 are the operating principles that are in effect nowadays and there is another group. And I mention the word "group" because it is the way in which this situation was presented.

So this second group believes that based on the Rules of Procedure and based on the reading of the Rules of Procedures, the new operating principles would be in effect as of the approval of the Rules of Procedure. So within that discussion framework, I would say that there is a debate going on in the mailing list, in the LACRALO mailing list, and in the different meetings and in our internal mailing list as well as in the Governance Working Group.

In the second occasion, the Governance Working Group, after having a discussion, we held some bilateral meetings and in these meetings, we tried to read certain positions, written agreements just to understand the situation and we tried to see or to find a possible solution for this situation because the group did not agree on a certain point. So the idea was to reach a kind of agreement in order to solve the situation in order to avoid any damage, if you will for the region.

So based on that, we had some bilateral meetings. We also held a second meeting of the Governance Working Group. We didn't get to an agreement on that meeting and after that, there was a small working group created by two Latin American and Caribbean representatives, and I put it like this because we need to have a full understanding of the rules. We have one position, one view, which is a common [law] view from the Caribbean and we have the [Roman] view that comes from the Latin American members.

So based on that situation, we created a small working group. This small working group met this Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. or 12:00 UTC with the goal of reaching an agreement. So during that process, we had Carlton Samuels on one hand and Jacqueline Morris, and on the other hand, we had Humberto and myself.

We made some points clear so for us, this was really important because we wanted to put aside. I mean the idea was not to keep our own positions but to reach to an agreement. So I believe that that was the most important thing because we wanted to reach to the common point. We wanted to reach to an agreement. So we were discussing the

step forward in order to find solutions and that was our point of view, our idea, when creating these working groups.

So on one hand, we felt a sort of relief because we started to work on that direction and we were trying to label the field and to find a solution so we discussed the situation, the background. We analyzed the coalition of interest that we saw in the region. This was something that took place in 2006 and it continues until now so the operating principles were [warned] last year as a result of our experience, first in Los Angeles, and then in Puerto Rico.

So with that in mind, this situation created total confusion for the Caribbean members and for the Latin American members taking into account the legal framework of the law because there is a different understanding. So based on this situation and based on this background, we agreed to a conclusion. And the idea is to submit something to the region for the region to approve or not certain options that we might believe that are viable options.

Let me say that we analyze different versions and proposals, and please, let me know if I'm wrong or if I am leaving something behind. I know that Harold and Jacqueline or Carlton, I don't know if you are connected to the call but if you are on the call, please let me know if there is something that I am missing.

So we end up with three possibilities to submit to the region with two proposals. One of these, and I believe it is the most viable one, and there is another proposal that was raised from the discussions of the Governance Working Group. The idea was to submit a temporary

section reading that the Rules of Procedure, sorry, the operating principles were not going to be effective in the creation of the Rules of Procedure.

And on the other hand, we have to create a new version of the operating principles adding new positions in the regions, you know, chair-elect by secretary-elect, and chair and secretary. We think of Chair and Secretary-Elect, and there would be a commitment by the whole Governance Working Group to work on the Rules of Procedure for these rules to be ready before new leaders take over their positions.

So Rules of Procedure should be in place before these new positions. So for these to work so that we can have the possibility of having a [inaudible] process. If we do not have a Rules of Procedure, this is not going to work. But if we do have the Rules of Procedure and this is our task, we need to have Rules of Procedure ready. So if that is the case, we will have our Chair and Secretary, and our Chair and Secretary-Elect and two ALAC members ready.

So why I'm not mentioning the ALAC members in this situation? Well, this is because we need to take into account the ALAC member by the NomCom and the ALAC member elected by ALAC. And they operate with a different logic. So I see Humberto had posted something and there is another possibility, and this was to postpone the elections while we finish the Rules of Procedure.

So we have three possibilities. Any of these possibilities might be taken into account. But if you ask me which is the best option for me, I would say that these, we need to discuss the possibility that was raised and

that was dealt with in our small working group. But the region itself, we have the possibility to elect or to choose among three different situations of proposals. And, of course, we will be able to meet the deadlines.

I'm going to stop here so that the members of the region may post comments or ask questions. I know there are some comments and I believe that it would be interesting for us to speak and discuss.

So Carlos Raul, you have the floor, please.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ:

Sergio, thank you very much for your work. I would like to thank Jacqueline and Carlton and Humberto and you for this great effort. I believe this is something very necessary because you are focusing on the real, the concrete problem, and this is that we need a clear representation, a transparent representation in Latin America and in the Caribbean region.

As you said before, we do not have to act on actions that are not yet approved because we have been discussing the issue, but perhaps, there are some elements that are lost and we need to submit this to a voting process. I mean, we are discussing three things, at least. One is to have a regional representation. Second, we need to be more efficient in our policy work.

And at the end of the meeting, we also realized that this is affecting the whole group, the whole ALAC, and since we realized that, we created a working group that is addressing all policies and then there is a third

point that we need to take into account. I believe it was lost in our discussion and this is that we need to find a quick system to solve a problem.

I don't like, for example, the conflict [inaudible]. We may have any other system for solving conflict, but we definitely need to be more efficient. We need a process or a system to avoid conflicts and to work more efficiently. This is necessary because we need to move forward. We need to start working. This discussion started five years ago in London and we are now heading for Montreal and the issue is not solved. So of course, we need to keep on working.

I'm not going to express my position but I believe that there might be some legal issues with the third option tat you mentioned. But please, let's take into account this exercise. It is not just to change the election process but it is to give LACRALO the relevance it deserves and please take my comment as something positive that's focused on the procedure. And this is something that we need to account, in order to go back to our baseline discussion. This is not a personal criticism or something personal because I know that all of you have been working really hard. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Raul. Thank you for your comment. This is something that we need to reflect upon. Of course, we can find a solution and we need to be confident that we're going to find that solution in the future. So we may progress in Puerto Rico, in Los Angeles, and we have a new possibility of making process.

I see Humberto. He wants to take the floor. So Humberto, please go ahead.

Humberto?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Sergio, thank y

Sergio, thank you very much for giving me the floor. Can you hear me

okay? Sergio, can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. G

Yes. Go ahead, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, Humberto, please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Well, I don't know if you can hear me. Okay.

What I can read from here or what we are doing is to summarize the positions. Perhaps my drafting is not clear enough. What you see on the screen is just a report, a summary. But we need to take into account and to analyze the new operating principles and we need to take that into account for the Rules of Procedure as well. We need to take part of Section 12 and Section 19, and in this case, the Chair and the Chair-Elect, the Secretary-Elect in ALAC, we have to work on the Rules of Procedure, and they need to be in effect by the end of October for new positions. This is the explanation for the first proposal.

The second proposal is to have a temporary section to provide certain positions. We will have a Chair, a Secretary and an ALAC member while we keep on working on the Rules of Procedure so that when we have elections next year, we are ready with a new rule.

And the third proposal is to postpone the election process and to extent the term of the current leaders, Chair, Secretary, and ALAC member while we are working on the new Rules of Procedure. So these are the three proposals that we have to date. This is just to summarize and to shed some light on this topic. I do insist on this. I believe that we need to keep on discussing the path to follow and then we need to take a vote.

Any of the solutions might be taken by the Governance Working Group. We need to reach consensus in the region, so if we are not reaching consensus, then we will have to proceed with a vote so as to get a solution because it is LACRALO, the one making the decisions, and the ALSes based on our rules. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Humberto. I see Carlton has raised his hand. So Carlton, please go ahead. You now have the floor.

CARLTON SAMUELS:

Thank you, Sergio. I hope everyone's hearing me. Thanks, Humberto, for putting together what we discussed in the small group meeting. I just have one small correction to the first option. The first option says that we would observe the new rules operating principles, and then we

would look at amending the clauses in the old Rules of Procedure pertaining to elections only. So the clauses to be amended are the ones in the old Rules of Procedure, just to look at the election clauses and have those amended so that they align with the new operating principles. That is how that should read. I just want to make sure that that is understood.

The other discussion we had was because there were some members who believed that all we need do is to address the issue of the ALAC member because the ALAC membership, that timeline is dictated by the ALAC. And the idea was if we wanted to be in conformance with the ALAC timeline, so we may consider just dealing with the election of the ALAC member to replace the outgoing member. So that is one small addition to number two that was suggested. Thank you very much.

HAROLD ARCOS:

We have Alberto Soto on the line. Humberto, your microphone is open. Please check your microphone so that we don't get side noise and side conversations.

ALBERTO SOTO:

I think Vanda wants to speak before me.

HAROLD ARCOS:

So as we reconnect Sergio, if Sergio can hear us, we will [revert] then, give the floor to Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you very much, Alberto. I thought you were before me on the queue because you dropped your hand. But thank you for giving me the floor.

I have something very short to say, just to remind you that position number one requires to approve a temporary provision that will allow us to apply the new operating principles with the special rules for elections. So this temporary provision also needs to be approved so that we can then continue to add with this temporary provision, the new Rules of Procedure when they are fully approved. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Next in the queue is Alberto Soto.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I hope you can hear me.

ALBERTO SOTO:

The meeting of the Governance Working Group before the small group met, there were two opposing positions. One was using the new operating principles with the old Rules of Procedure with some options that were raised here as well.

Now the other option was mine in particular. I stated that we could not do this because the new operating principles in the third paragraph state that the Rules of Procedure should be issued to implement the operating principles and that position is not stated here. So I believe the four people small group should maintain all of the proposals and it is

also said that we need to wait to implement the operating principles until the Rules of Procedure are ready. Otherwise, there are no objections and I believe that with any of these positions, we are going against what we, in the region, have agreed by consensus.

Item three, in particular, implies that, well, this has happened in the past. We cannot continue without an election to [read] something in the election positions. Correct me if I'm wrong, but the other election of authorities was made to avoid having simultaneous elections with the other RALOs. And after having waited such a long time, we are going to spend everything and everything is going to be out of the law and everything we have agreed on. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Humberto. Humberto is asking both you and Carlton to send the information that you have proposed. I insist that we should make it very clear that we need to progress on unity. We cannot continue thinking with sort of a double head. We need to try and have some order so that we can lift this dichotomy of my principles and your principles, and we need to think about what's convenient for the region. We need to think of everything as a whole and not about the part. This is the process that we need to live, and for many years, we've been thinking with two different heads and we ended with the mediation.

It's 21:03 now. Is there anyone else who would like to provide their input on these issues? Usually, these meetings will last one meeting except for the webinars that will usually last one hour and a half.

So if nobody else has anything to add, we can just adjourn his meeting. Now if any of you believe that there is something interesting that we can discuss, then we can do this and we can have another half-hour for a discussion. But then in principle, these meetings that are not webinars are scheduled for one hour, so let's remember that the next meeting will be scheduled for an hour-and-a-half.

So once again, is there any pending issue? Does anybody else want to say something? All right, nothing else to say. So let's remind everybody to participate in the webinars. Remember that we have until the 31st of May to be able to complete our form to participate in ATLAS III. There will also be a call this day to be present at the working group, participate in the working group.

I was talking to Carlos Raul today and he was recalling that WHOIS and GDPR are important issues and it would be interesting to see not only Carlos Raul participating in this because he has a legitimate interest because of the implications. But many of us should also be engaged in these working groups where policies are being discussed. We do not only need to participate there, but also in core community working group, and that's why we're holding meetings bi-monthly.

So this is the input that we can provide to be able to continue building policies within the region. Seeing that there are no more issues to discuss, you will receive the information in the near future. Silvia Vivanco now has the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Sergio and everybody. I would like to thank you for this effort to try and reach a conciliation point for the benefit of the region.

So as for our next step ahead, there are three options and I understand there will be more content and there will be more detail in each option to be more precise. I understand this will be in collaboration with Carlton and Alberto. They will try to improve these three issues and with these three options that we are seeing right now in print – and this has been summarized by Alberto – a vote will be held.

Because this week is a bit short and most of the country will not work by the end of the week, we want to know when is it that we would like to launch this vote and redraft these three items. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Silvia. I believe that the drafting will be made as soon as possible and then we also need to organize the elections.

We learned as we just go ahead and these three or four options — I don't really know if there are three or four — we really need to have some order here. Harold will probably work together with Humberto and there will be communication with Carlton and Alberto. They are the ones who proposed issue amendments, and even I didn't assume more issues. So we will review all these and we will provide our input to the staff urgently so that the staff can send this to the region. And once this is ready, we will start the process. We will probably send an e-mail tomorrow or the day after tomorrow just reminding everybody what the electoral process will be like. It's the same date for every region, so we need to know virtually what the call for elections would be like.

And I'm going to answer what you said last. Alejandro, as you know, there are three policy working groups and three cross-community working groups and you can work in any of the three. There is an agenda with all of the issues that we've dealt with and I'm sure you can provide your input so that LACRALO can have a better input than within ICANN. But we await your very active participation.

So it is good that you say this because once again, there will be discussions next week because it is a very short week so there will also be a working group and it is important to see you there in action because we need you in the same way that we need each of our colleagues. But those who are more involved in outreach will help the region grow more.

So we await your very active participation in one of the policy working groups. As you know, there is an IDN group, there is a GDPR WHOIS working group, and then there is another one related to users and domains that is really associated to the GNSO. So you are invited to actively participate in each of the three.

So since we have a normal time, we say good-bye and we will meet very soon through e-mail. Thank you very much. This call is now adjourned.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]:

Thank you all for joining this call. This meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to [disconnect] your mic. Thank you.

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