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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO governance working group call this Thursday, 23rd of May 2019 at 23:00 UTC.

In today's call, you have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Jose Arce, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Humberto Carrasco, Vanda Scartezini.

In English, we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and Claudio Ruiz. I will be managing the call.

Our interpreters today are Marina and David.

Before starting, let me remind you to please state your name when you speak for the record and for interpretation purposes. Thank you, and Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Claudia. You're all welcome to this LACRALO governance working group call. Our agenda for today is not too busy. The most important thing will be to decide what we will do with the elections. Let me give you some background.

There was a process of discussion on how the elections were going to be held. There was a process also of consultation within the region to analyze the path to follow. There was some flexibilization on the part of the users organizations from three of the four regions on one of the proposals made by one of the regions, the subregions to take the

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operating principles that had been adopted but were not current yet to have the elections with the new operating principles.

So there was some debate or there were some concerns on how to start this process with the new rules of procedure. In the framework of this debate, there were some discussions and some debate on who was eligible or not and how the various actions were going to be conducted for the election.

The fact is that we are now at a place where there has been an initial kickoff with a minor wedge or window where we could envisage some solution. I think it was an e-mail from Fatima Cambronero from the Mexican ISOC where she refers to one of the hot issues, which is what were the procedures to follow for the election of chair and secretary.

And Fatima submits [her vision] under which the chair and the secretary would have their mandates under the new operating principles. Everyone agreed that that should continue as it is. So, this is for the vice chair, vice secretary, ALAC member and NomCom representative, who within a year will assume the chair and vice chair position. The ALAC member will have two years of election, and the election of the next NomCom member with a duration of one year.

In that process, there were some members of the region that submitted different possibilities through a rotation system whereby all subregions would be rotating on equal footing and for the following years. So this is where we are now.

During this process, there were some other meetings, there was also a process. The ALAC members offered, specifically Maureen Hilyard, she

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offered or they offered to have an election, and I sent a letter to Carlton, and I think that the only one who replied was Jacqueline. Carlton and Dev did not, explaining the situation, and I was requesting to have a meeting, all of us.

So based on that, we must now make a decision. If you ask me what we should do, I think we must have our elections very quickly, and not wait until Marrakech. I think that the elections can be done with a shortlist only for this election and take all this time since tomorrow to work in this working group and move forward with the rules of procedure where we will be discussing the rotation system. So we could do two things: have a quick election which will also have an impact on ATLAS III if we don't have it, if we do not come to an agreement, have that election, and tomorrow, start working with the rules of procedure, decide on them, and move forward on all this, on making this right.

So I will ask the participants if you agree, and I would like to know what you think. So let me summarize it again very quickly. Make a short list only for this year, and start working very quickly on the rules of procedure as of tomorrow. Very quickly in a hasty manner, but in the meantime, this doesn't mean that we should not discuss everything we should discuss, because we could be running the risk of making a wrong decision and do something wrong. So we should take time to discuss. But let's start tomorrow and a solution for this election, vice chair, vice secretary and NomCom member.

I see that there are two hands raised. I don't know which is the order. Please, Claudia, let me know which is the order of the people.

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: The first person is Vanda and the second is Humberto.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you. Sergio, I understand some points. Number one, we will continue with the current bylaws. Number two, we must have first adopt a decision to any election, whatever the rules of procedure are, we must adopt. We must have the election part approved. If we're going to change them afterwards, it doesn't matter. We must adopt a temporary, provisional part of the rules of procedure.

So what I think we could do is right away work on making this proposal, this draft rules of procedure for the election, for the vote. Once approved, then we can have our elections.

The details of all the other sections, the new bylaws, the new objectives of principle, well, we can do that afterwards. But in order to have an election, we must adopt a provisional rule relative to the election. That is my understanding. Even though I'm not a lawyer, I have asked friends of mine, and that is my understanding. We should not move on, and have an election with the new bylaws, without having adopted this part of the rules. That is my first remark. Thank you very much for your attention. I will give the floor now to Humberto.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. And now Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Vanda. Thank you, Sergio. Please let me see if my audio is okay. Thank you. If I may, I will summarize what has been said to check if I understood it properly. So Sergio, what you are suggesting is to have a call for elections to solve the immediate problem that the principle of rotation will be developed by the governance group pursuant to the new rules of procedure to be adopted, which hi understand should be in operation before October the 30th. That is the second point.

I understand that you are proposing to call for elections for the positions of vice chair, vice secretary, ALAC members, and the NomCom member. That means that according to what Fatima Cambronero said, the position would be from one year to two years according to the new operating principles. So there would be no possibility for reelection in your position. That is what I understood. Regarding what Vanda said, I think she's right.

So what I propose, what I suggest is to take the current rules of procedure, the applicable portion I think is the sections 12, 19 and 20 of the current rules of procedure for election call, and specifically apply them to the positions you are suggesting.

Let me say it again. The detailed discussion of the rotation principle should be left to the working group. I don't think we can solve this problem immediately. I know that people will have a say on this, and it will take a couple of months to solve it. That is what I understand should be done. Please let me know if I'm wrong.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: No, you're right, and let me add that what Vanda has said, I think, is also correct. So yes, you are on the right track. I don't know if you want to say anything else.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I'd like to know what is the opinion from the Caribbean members on this proposal.

CARLTON SAMUELS: [inaudible].

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Carlton Samuels has the floor.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you, Sergio. I find it very strange that the members can adopt the idea of having what you call a vice chair, which we call a chair elect or the secretary elect, but you find it difficult to order an election. I find that really difficult to understand.

It is not rocket science. There are four subregions. It is a simple matter. Let me [inaudible]. I accept that the current, the incumbent wants to run again. I accept that. Don't have a problem with that. Whether under the old rules, you would not have been able to run. So you're adopting the new rules to run again. I accept that.

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So now, let's talk about the rotation principle. The rotation principle simply states that anybody who's elected, you can be elected for the position from the domicile subregion, and the next time there's an election, someone from where you are [now is ineligible] for that position. It's a simple matter.

We have four subregions. Call it whatever you want. A, B, C or D, 1, 2, 3 or 4. Sergio, you are now in Mercosur. Under the conditions of rotation, you will run now, and the next time that position becomes open, it has to move to another subregion, and the subregion could be Central America or whatever.

All we're saying is all you have to establish is the order of precedence. That is to say, if you're starting with A, the next person has to be from B, C, D or so on. Or if you start with subregion one, the next person has to be from subregion two, three, four or so on. It's an ordered list. That's all that is.

I am very sorry, people, you are making a mountain out of a molehill. This is not rocket science. Let me repeat again, I accept that current incumbent can run again. I accept that. What I cannot accept, that you cannot understand, that you put the rotation principle in place now. I also accept that you accept that you can run chair elect and secretary elect. That is in the new operating principles. You can accept that part. I will accept that part as well. It is a simple matter.

There is only one single thing, the rotation principle. All you have to do is decide what the principle says and what order it should work in. That's it. I'm sorry. This is becoming ridiculous. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Carlton, for your input. I'd like to add something to what you said. The old operating principles gave the possibility both to the secretary as well as to the chair [inaudible] to be reelected if they wanted to run indefinitely. Our new rules of procedure are now stating that everybody now has a limit of two years in each position.

If you read what Fatimata Cambronero said in the e-mail she sent to the list, she states that if the operating principles are now in effect, then our positions have now shifted to two years and not one year, [so this should not be an electoral process.] But the process should be open to the chair elect and secretary elect for the new position.

So, can you please explain to me then how Dev was secretary so many times and [inaudible] was chair, and everybody held positions for more than two years. If you can explain this to me, then maybe I can understand it. Nothing in the old rules of procedure said that they have no limit to the reelection, and it does say that in the new rules of procedure we wanted to be very precise so that what happened in our rules of procedures would not happen again.

Now, having said this, I see that there is continuously a way to raise things to block all these issues. We're trying to make some progress in what we need to do, and make progress within a logic where the region can have some stability.

I do not believe we are contributing to that. We're not even in a position to be able to understand the other, and I am very concerned about that, especially from you, Carlton, because we knew each other



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for many years, but I really cannot understand what is this position to block the issues that the Caribbean is having with all the rest of the regions. I really cannot understand it, and I am very concerned.

I would like us to focus on this. We need to focus on how we can progress, and the only way to progress is to define an election now. We cannot, at this juncture, before this election, say what the rotation process will be like from now until 2050. But what we can do is to generate some kind of rotation structure for this selection. We add two new positions. There are others that these positions have already been filled or had already been established in our daily life within ICANN. So now we need to see what we're going to do.

Somebody has raised their hand.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

We've got Vanda and then Jacqueline. Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I would like to better understand this, because when Carlton was speaking, I understood that what he wants is that all the positions, chair and vice chair, chair elect, be submitted to an election. I've read what Jacqueline said. She says she agrees with Carlton, but she also states that she agrees with voting only for vice chair and vice secretary, or chair elect and secretary elect.

So we need to find what is the real sensation of what Carlton said. So I need to know whether Carlton agrees or not.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I don't think Carlton is listening to you. Vanda was speaking in English.

CARLTON SAMUELS: I am listening.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Vanda, please speak Spanish.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I just repeated that the vice chair is actually called chair elect in English. So I only want to understand if Carlton, as Jacqueline is saying, agrees that we will only vote for the vice chair, the chair elect, actually, or the secretary elect. That's what I want to understand, because I was confused, it wasn't really clear for me.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Can I speak again?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please go ahead, Carlton.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you. Okay. Let me start again. We currently have incumbent chair and secretariat. We know that both the chair and the secretariat wish to

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run again. We accept that. So we don't have to reelect them. They're already elected. They are in place.

So the only new people on the ballot would be the chair elect and the secretariat elect. That is to be with LACRALO officers. You're going to have the election for the ALAC member. So we do not expect new nominations for chair and secretariat. They are in place – we have no problems with them staying in place. But we will have elections for the chair elect and the secretary elect. So those two people must be nominated, two new people nominated.

The [provision that we're arguing about] is that we adopt the rotation principle. So the chair elect nominee must come from a region that is next in line to where the chair is now situated.

Similarly, the secretariat elect must come from a subregion that is next in line to where the secretariat now is domiciled. That is very clear to us. I do not have a problem with that. But the only issue becomes having an agreement on the rotation principle. There can be two subjects to this. The first one is that we name the subregions and we go in the order of the naming.

So for example, if Mercosur is A, [Andes] is B, Central America is C, Caribbean is D, or let me say it another way, if Mercosur is one, Andean would be two, Central America would be three, the Caribbean would be four.

What we're saying is that the rotation principle must be ordered. It must go A, B, C, D, and not [A, B, E, F.] It must go one, two, three, four, and not one, four, three, two. That's what we [inaudible] it should be

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ordered. So we have predictability of the region from which the next nominee should come. That is why you need the order. The order gives you predictability. Okay? That's what we're saying.

So that's what you're hearing, Vanda. We are accepting that the chair is Mercosur, and the chair is going to be in again for a next term. No need to reelect the chair.

We expect that Harold is secretariat, and Harold is going to run for a next term. We don't need a new secretariat. But we will need a chair elect, and they must come from the region, the successor region to where the chair now sits and the secretariat now sits. That is very simple. That's all we're saying.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Carlton. Just to clarify this, and taking note of what you're saying, I have misunderstood this then. That's why I'm going to ask you only one question. The next election for chair and secretary, in your view, when should it happen? In which year should we have the call for the election of chair and secretary in the region. You have the floor, Carlton. Please go ahead.

CARLTON SAMUELS: The call for chair and chair elect is now Sergio, because you will be sitting for two more years in the position of chair. Harold would be sitting in the position of chair elect. You can have it now, or you can have it a year from now. it really doesn't matter. What matters is that we agree on the principle, because we have already established that the

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incumbent [slate] is going to be returned. We don't even need an election for that. We already can see that.

We're saying the rotation principle, that is what needs to be established. You can have the nominations for chair elect now, or you can have it a year from now. It really would not matter, because what you want to be sure of is that the chair elect is ready to take over in two years' time when your incumbency ends. Same thing with Harold. The secretariat elect would be ready for two years. In our view, two years is [good,] but a year would not be so bad for somebody to learn the ropes. [inaudible] That is my personal view. It really doesn't matter much to me what happens right now or a year from now, but what needs to happen now is we have a [inaudible] on the rotation principle and the order of the rotation. That is what's important.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I have another question before I close my remarks. I want to close it. So you're saying that we would be, for this election, we would be calling an election for the positions of chair elect, secretary elect, ALAC member, NomCom –

CARLTON SAMUELS: Correct.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: And also chair and secretary, those would remain as they are. I need to know in order to understand and bring some order.

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CARLTON SAMUELS: Yes, Sergio. In our view, if we agree that you're going to return, we don't need an election for that. That's our view. That's our understanding of elections.

Since you're going to be unopposed, we don't need to have an election for chair [inaudible]. You're in the job, we agree in principle you're going to stay in the job for the next two years, [you and Harold.] We don't need an election for that. That is something that we have agreed on.

Our issue is the election for the chair elect and the secretariat elect, the NomCom and the ALAC member. That's what we see as important right now.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Very well, Carlton. Thank you very much. It is clear now to me. So now, I have two hands raised. One is Jacquelin, and the other is Humberto. First Jacquelin, and then Humberto. Please, Jacquelin, you have the floor.

JACQUELINE MORRIS: Thank you. is everyone hearing me? Okay. What happens is that we've been going around and around in circles. We agree that the rotation principle is that the position moves to the next region, whatever region [inaudible] if it is in an alphabetical order, north to south order, it doesn't really matter which order, we just need to agree on that order, but we all agreed on the rotation principle, we have no problem with

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the – we all agreed that we are going to have a chair elect and a secretary elect.

So we have been back and forth for weeks now about something that we basically agree on. All we have needed to do for the longest while is just how are we going to put the order. And I really have no issue with whatever order people suggest. [inaudible] suggested alphabetical, we could [inaudible]. It doesn't really matter.

But what I think is that we need to get this ready to go. We have spent so much time talking around and around, and we could have done three new rules of procedure by now. We don't need to do a new set of rules of procedure. We need to amend [inaudible] rules of procedure. The rules of procedure deals with a lot of other things besides this, we just need to put in what happens for this particular thing, and we're done. And then we can get on with doing the work of ICANN and basically stop putting all this energy into something that is a simple bureaucratic decision.

That's what I'd say. I have no problem with, as Carlton said, I have no problem, I agree with him. Chair can stay where they are, current secretary can stay. We just need a chair elect, a secretary elect, an ALAC member now, and [inaudible] ALAC will roll over according to whatever order we agree on, whether we throw dice to put the order in, it's not an issue. Just pick one. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Jacqueline. Thank you very much. Jacqueline, are you finished?

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JACQUELINE MORRIS: Yes.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Jacqueline. I do understand your point, and I agree. I think we haven't understood each other, and I think that is what has created the problems, but it's now for us to work on that. Now I will give the floor to Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you. I want to thank Carlton and Jacqueline Morris for the way in which they have explained their position, and I want to tell them that I fully share with them what they are proposing. I personally do not care either. It doesn't matter to me the order in which the rotation starts, to the extent or provided that we agree on an order. I am ready to accept that. However, I want to warn that there are people in the region – not in the Caribbean, in Latin America – that would be keen to discuss the rotation principle with more time and probably they might not be that open to accept what Carlton and Jacqueline explained and what I myself am ready to agree on.

I think that is what we discussed in Puerto Rico. I don't think it is complicated. I don't see it complicated. I just wanted to make a note that there may be some people in our region – and we know who they are – who might not be that pleased with the fact that we have agreed on an order for the future elections.



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Now I am ready to support the decision even if that goes against those people who want to have a long-term discussion on the rotation principle. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. I think now the next person, if I'm not wrong, is Dev, or Jacqueline. Jacqueline, please, you have the floor.

JACQUELINE MORRIS: Okay. All I wanted to clarify is [Heidi] is asking about where the vice chair should come from and so on. All we need to do is just decide on an order. It depends on the order, and then we'll know where they're coming from.

But with respect to the principles, is there anyone in the region who disagrees with the principle that the positions should rotate among the regions? Because that is the rotation principle. A lot of what we've been talking about is the rotation order, and we're mixing up the two. If we agree on a rotation principle, then it's very simple. We just pick an order. So, Humberto, do you think that people are disagreeing with the principle of the rotation, or the proposed orders that have come – various orders that people have been suggesting? Thank you. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Jacqueline. I will ask you please to lower your hand so that we can find some order, and now I will give first the floor to Dev so he can say his words, and then Humberto will reply.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. I think we all are getting a little confused, because I think we're trying to say we have consensus. But from what I'm hearing, I don't think we do have consensus on a variety of things. So I would very strongly suggest that this all be written down rather than vocalized, because if I understood what you are proposing, Sergio, and what you had opened with, you are saying that you don't need to have an election for chair and secretary because you are applying the principle what Fatima is saying, that the new operating principles automatically grant you a term, which I don't think I fully agree with.

I think also what potentially will happen here is that there's going to be no rotation applied at all, because we seem to be going back and forth into circles [inaudible] the rotation order and it doesn't matter where it starts or who comes next, but to me, it does, because if we are going to start a rotation on something, to me, it should start at the beginning.

So you know my compromise proposal gives you, Sergio, and [inaudible], the opportunity to be able to run for a further two years. So to me, that compromise works. I don't understand why we are still going back and that somehow the rotation does not apply for subsequent regions or subsequent years, because it should, because you cannot start saying you want to rotate and then, well, you want to change the rotation sequence next year. That's not rotation, because that is what I'm hearing to my mind when I hear what Carlton is saying and so on. So I think I would really strongly suggest – I mean I did a table to show the principles [I thought] clearly how the rotation would apply, especially wrote a compromise proposal as stated.

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So [inaudible] I'm quite sure if you go around asking everybody in this call, everybody is going to say something different. So I don't think we have consensus or agreement here. And I think it really needs to be documented in a chart, spreadsheet to explain it so that there's no misunderstanding, rather than speaking it. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Dev, for your opinion. Now I'd like to give the floor to Humberto. Please, let us start discussing the rotation principle so that we can move forward on this. And if today, we can end this call with an agreement on the rotation principle, and then we can close the meeting with this process. So Humberto, please, you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. First of all, I'd like to state the following: I do not agree with Dev's proposal, because I think that he did not quite understand the principle. I do agree with Carlton Samuels and Jacqueline. I do understand their rotation principle, and it is a reflection of the conversations we had during the mediation process.

I am willing even against some people from Latin America to vote and approve and defend a rotation principle and a rotation order that we will agree on that may give us some certainty and security for the next few years. So I commit my word, you have my word, if we reach a commitment, if we reach an agreement, I will defend it. I really liked Carlton's proposal supported by Jacqueline. I think it is a moderate proposal, pragmatic, harmonious proposal that allows us to move

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forward. And that is the road to follow. I do not care if any Latin American individual is against it. I will support this proposal. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. Lillian now has the floor. Lillian, please go ahead.

LILLIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Even though we don't really have much time, we tried to do as best as possible so that this process can reach a good end .We tried to [reconcile positions] and reach a consensus to yield from one side and the other. I'm reading in the chat, and from what I have heard, I agree with Carlton's proposal. I also agree with what Humberto is saying.

If we're following the order of a clock, we go A, B and C. So I think Carlton's proposal is a compromise, and we need to go from there. We should not continue postponing this, but actually, to find something specific for the good of the region. We need to think of the region. That's my opinion. And I think we're going the right way. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm going to ask Lillian to put your hand down. And Dev, before giving you the floor, I would like to say something. I don't know how much time we have, Silvia or Claudia, if you can tell us, but perhaps at this time, we can have a [first paper] to call the election, and I need a fast commitment from everybody here to have a small group. I need a small group out of those of us here to work quickly on the rules of procedure, discuss as much as we need to discuss, and in October, we need to have the rotation principles included in the rules of procedure, but maybe

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now, we can put up a structure for the first election that we're going to have now, and then take time until November and give an example of maturity in the region with the issues.

I think part of our predicament is the fact that we do not understand what we are saying. [When Carlton said his] first part, I didn't understand it, and I think I am understanding it now, and I contribute with my input. I think what Both Carlton and Jacqueline are saying [is] the right path.

Dev, you now have the floor. Please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks. All I'm saying is I don't think we do agree, because the fact I'm seeing the questions here indicates we don't understand. So my [inaudible] suggestion, [inaudible] saying we have an agreement, could you actually put it in writing explicitly to say what it is? And then I think we can then say we agree on this text. Because otherwise, we're going to go – I am very positive we'll end this call thinking we have agreement, but as I [agreed here what you're saying,] Humberto, and what Sergio is saying, and what Carlton and Jacqueline are saying, to me, they are not in sync, because I can then bring up an interpretation if you go with what Sergio started off at the beginning, that there's no need for a chair secretary election, because Fatima saying the new operating principles applies immediately at the end of 2018 and gives you automatically a second year. Well then that means that the rotation would start next year, meaning that your terms would end next year.

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And if you think you don't understand that, then that's why I say we need to write this down.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Dev. I'm going to ask Carlton now. I saw he made a proposal. I think he did that in the chat room. If he can please say that again, and we'll put that to vote, and with this then we can go on to something else. I have seen general consensus in this meeting, except for what Dev is saying. So we will try to sort of stop with this and continue with other [inaudible].

CARLTON SAMUELS: This is Carlton.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Dev made a proposal which implies – and I understand this, Carlton. And if I'm mistaken, please correct me. So you're saying that we should continue with the line, and the line would be that if we now have D, then –

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Sergio, please look at Carlton's proposal. It's written on the chat room. Otherwise, [inaudible].

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: If somebody can read this to me, please.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI: Carlton says, A, the Andes, B, Central America, C, The Caribbean, and D, Mercosur. Maybe we should agree.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: A is Central America, B, the Andes, C, Central America, D, Mercosur. Then this would be, Carlton, the process, the regular process that the election should have, because D is now Mercosur, then the chair should be for A, and – I'm sorry, the chair elect should go to A, and the secretary elect should go to B; is that correct? The ALAC member would be C, NomCom would be D. Is that correct?

LILLIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: No, Sergio. Carlton is saying A is Andes, B, Central America, C is Caribbean and D is Mercosur. So if Mercosur is now holding the chairship, then it should now go to Andes, because A, Andes is secretary, it will then go to Central America. Carlton's clearly saying this in the chat room. It was not properly copied.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm going to ask Carlton – and I think he's online – please write this so that this is written on the chat room. This would be [impeccable so that there will be] no shadow of a doubt. Please state what is the rotation order that Carlton is proposing. Carlton is having a specific proposal.

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LILLIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Maybe staff can take note of what Carlton is writing so that everything could be clear.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Carlton, can you please write this on the Zoom chat box?

LILLIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: This is what Carlton wrote not long ago, [but I have chat copied.]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I want to say that the interpreters have given us ten additional minutes.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Carlton, are you there?

CARLTON SAMUELS: Yes. Okay, let me go again. This is what I proposed: the four subregions are – and I'm giving them alphabetic names – A is the Andean region, B is Central America, C is Caribbean, D is Mercosur. The rotation is in alphabetic order, so it's A, B, C, D. That's the rotation.

The chair for the new term is going to be in D, because we believe – I'm saying that the incumbent is in Argentina and he's going to be there for two years, and so he'll have that term for two years. So the chair elect, who is the person that will take over as chair at the end of two years, would be from A, which is to say the Andean region. Any country in the Andean region.



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So the chair elect selectee would be from A, Andean. That is for this election cycle. So let's deal with the secretariat now. The secretariat is in the Andean region, because Venezuela is in the Andean region; correct? So the secretariat elect comes from the next region in the rotation, which is B, Central America. So for this election cycle, the secretariat elect would be from one of the Central American countries.

The ALAC position that is up for reelection is now coming to an end for C, the Caribbean. So the next ALAC selection would come from D. I pointed out to you to make it abundantly clear that you can have two elected positions from the same country. The ALAC position would be from a country in Mercosur other than Argentina. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Carlton. What's still missing here in this discussion is NomCom. Just to have it clear. What about NomCom? In NomCom today is held by Tracy from the Caribbean. She's doing a very good job. Because Tracy is from region C, then Mercosur should be the next; is that correct?

CARLTON SAMUELS: There's one condition to NomCom. We've agreed that NomCom [inaudible]

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Or do you think [inaudible] chair position? I'm trying to find balance between what is possible and having a representation from everybody in each of the areas. Please help me. Go ahead, Carlton.

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CARLTON SAMUELS: The NomCom position, if you recall, was that we agreed that the NomCom position, unless something terrible happens, would always be sent up for a two-year period. I see no reason why that should not stay the same.

So essentially, you treat the current NomCom position just like we're treating the secretariat and the chair position, except it is one year. It's as simple as that.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Perfect. Then we agree Carlton. And this is a good solution so that all subregions can have someone in. I think this would be something accessible.

If we agree in [this] that we have just stated, let me just say something else. You have said that the ALAC member could not be from the same country as the chair; is that correct?

CARLTON SAMUELS: Correct.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, so thank you. So with this – and with the clarification provided by Carlton, I'm going to ask everybody that has the possibility to vote here, please say yes or no to what Carlton has just stated. I have just added a

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green tick [inaudible] you have the possibility to add your green tick. Harold, after the vote, I will give you the floor.

I have already Humberto Carrasco, Jacqueline Morris, Carlton Samuels, myself. Who else? Harold is about to vote. Is there anyone else who hasn't voted? Adrian Carballo. And Vanda voted as well. Lillian voted as well. I don't see the rest of the votes. Yeah, [inaudible] you need to click on the green tick or on the red cross to see if you agree or not. Otherwise, we will have a problem.

Claudia, how many people do we have? [inaudible]. Dev, please, Diego, please vote for yes or no. Someone's speaking who said that Dev is an abstention. Diego, besides your hand, you have a green tick and a red cross. You should pick one. The hand is not a vote. The hand is that you want to speak. Well, it looks as if they are going to raise their hand in order to speak. I vote for yes. Marcelo [inaudible] has also agreed on the chat. Is someone going to help me with the vote count and the positive, negative and abstentions? Marcelo Rodriguez has voted yes.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Sergio, I'm checking. I want to check once again. Those who have used the green tick, Sergio, Carlton, Harold, Humberto, Lillian, Vanda, Jacqueline, Marcelo, Jose. Have I missed anyone? Please let me know [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Are you going to vote, Jacqueline?

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JACQUELINE MORRIS: [Yeah, I voted green.]

SILVIA VIVANCO: [inaudible] green tick.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: I'm sorry but I'm only on the mobile, so I will also vote for the yes, affirmative.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you for your vote.

LILLIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE BRUGES: Diego, you have to use the green tick.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So we have 11 affirmative and one negative, right? So we have to say that the solution proposed by Carlton by acclimation is the road that we will use. And we actually have principle solutions for our future elections and we can set up a grid based on this.

Having said all this, at 20:09, and the staff told me that this call should be closed at 20:10, well, this consensus has been reached with an interesting number of votes.

What I'm going to ask the staff is please now that we have all this set up, if you agree, we have to call for elections now. Carlton, can you give

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me tomorrow [some minutes] to complete this call for election so that I will not make any mistake? Carlton or Jacqueline, anyone.

CARLTON SAMUELS: What is it you wanted from me, Sergio?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I think that the interpreters have left.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, maybe.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Carlton was speaking in the English channel. The interpreters will not leave us, don't worry. The interpreters are here. There is some noise. If you are so kind to mute.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Carlton, can you please continue?

CARLTON SAMUELS: I am saying that what I'm proposing is that the call for elections should be a call for a chair elect, secretariat elect, and ALAC member, and that's it. The chair elect nomination must come from the Andean region. That is subregion A, using the ordered rotation that we agreed to.

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The nomination and the selection for the secretariat elect must come from subregion C. And the ALAC member must come from D, but a different country from where the chair sits. Is there anything else I should say to explain what I mean?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: No. Thank you. This is okay.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I think it is different from what is in writing. So Sergio, I suggest you to establish some type of contact in writing so that there will be no differences what happened in the past.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, Vanda. Thank you. I have taken note of what Carlton has said. So I am going to proceed to a call for election for chair elect, secretary elect, ALAC member, under the logic and the order that Carlton has explained. So we'll move forward with that and we will start – so I will contact the staff to close this election process, and in very few days, you will have the call for the election. I thank you all very much for this chance to complete this discussion. I see a question of Heidi. Give me a minute.

SILVIA VIVANCO: If I may, Sergio, help here. Sergio, can you please work with me on documenting this? And this is precisely – I'd like to suggest, as you have made very detailed, very specific agreements in this call, please put them in writing with significant amount of detail and perhaps the next

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step – and please let me know, Sergio, if that is correct. Perhaps the next step is that probably tomorrow, you should forward this to the entire region so that everyone is aware of the agreement reached this evening, and after that, we will set up a call for elections that would also be a very specific and detailed call for elections with indications of subregions and rotation, everything that has been said today. So this is what I wanted to ask you, please, we need this in writing, because we have discussed a lot of things with a lot of detail here, and we do not want to lose any of those details. That will be very important for a proper gathering of nominations, okay?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Very well. I am going to work on this now, so let me thank you all for your participation. You will soon hear about this. And we have finished an episode of the LACRALO story, and now we will move on on the development of rules of procedure where we all agree. Tomorrow or at the latest on Friday, I will send an e-mail with the call for the work on the rules of procedure on this group. Please be alert, and I'd like to see your feedback on the e-mail list.

So this is all, and greetings to all. Thank you.

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