
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO Governance Working Group Call on Thursday, October the 3rd, 2019, at 21:00 UTC. On the call today we have, on the Spanish channel Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Jose Arce, Lilian Ivette De Luque, and Humberto Carrasco. On the English channel, we have Jacqueline Morris. And our interpreters today are Veronica and David. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz, managing the call today.

Before starting, I would like to remind you all to please state your name when taking the floor, not only for the transcription, but for interpretation purposes. With that, Sergio, you have the floor. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Claudia. Let's start with our call. Today, and as it was in the previous case, I'm going to give the floor to our friend, David. David will lead this call. He's helping us to develop our rules of procedures. I would like to welcome you all to this call. David, please. You have the floor. Go ahead.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Sergio. Welcome, everyone, to this call. The objective of this call, as Sergio said before, is to recap and see the progress made on our last call—how the working groups are working, the gaps that we need to bridge, and the content that is already achieved, and to move

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forward in the next coming weeks. If we have enough time, we might be addressing some content—the content that has been developed up until today. However, I would like to wait up until the end of the call, because I would like to make the most of this call to have a work plan for us, okay?

Many of you might be participating—perhaps all of you are participating—in these working groups, groups one, two, and three. We are connected via WhatsApp. We have had some conversations. I had expected something more contained, if you will, in terms of the groups. However, let's review what we have done so far, and then we will check and see the gaps that we need to fill in, and the work plan ahead, in order to complete the gaps.

If you are in front of a computer, I would suggest that you open the Google Doc document. This is the document [within] consolidation of the questions we are answering. I see Claudia's uploading that information on the screen. So far, with this spreadsheet on Google, we have the questions that we need to answer in order to be able to reach to our rules of procedure. There is a column for language proposals, and if you scroll the right, you will see additional columns for comments.

If you are not working in group one ... If you're working in group one, you can add comments over there. What I have done so far is taken what we have up until today at noon, and make a copy and paste on this document. So, Claudia, if you scroll down to the left, you will see the question and the proposal, or the questions to be proposed.

Group number one made good progress. They have written down [quite of] words, and they have some answers already available. Since I have posted that content in the worksheet, Sergio Salinas moved forward, in order to improve the proposal, and to articulate this proposal, and I would say that he gave more context to the proposal.

So, this is not translated into this consolidated document. However, what we can see here is that there are some answers with which we can work. We are now working on the Spanish version. And Jaqueline, I know that you are listening to the English version. What we need to do is to add this content we have to ... You have to do a brief Google translation of the document, and to copy and paste that translation into this document, okay?

If we move forward ... Claudia, please. If you scroll down a little bit, you will see group number one and group number three. You will see that questions have no answer. So, the cells are empty. This is because, I understand, that they have not talked among each other, or there is no notes available. Perhaps someone—some of the members of those groups—might explain about this. But when I see what we have so far, I see that we have a good starting point for group number one and the questions that they need to answer.

When it comes to group number two and number three, we need to start writing down concrete ideas in writing. I'm going to stop here, just to see if someone from group number two or number three may give us an update regarding this coordination process, and in terms of their discussion. So, if there is someone who would like to take the floor, please let me know.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I have my hand up.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you. Please go ahead. First Vanda, and then Sergio.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I had some answers to those questions, but in the English tab, because I was working in English. So, two weeks ago, I would say ... When we started talking, I posted some points or items in English. So, perhaps not now but later, we could just translate those items into Spanish and paste that content on the tab. I had to undergo surgery, so I was not able to work. But this is just because I wrote some reactions and comments to group number two. Sergio, now you have the floor. Please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Vanda. Just a brief comment ... I would like to say that I am quite concerned, because we are not able to meet in group number one, number two, and number three. I know Vanda has been insisting on our gathering together, but I am quite concerned about this, because we are not able to meet. We have some items and points to analyze, and we need to think about our willingness to reach to the rules of procedure. So, the thing that we need to do is to reflect on that. We need to commit ourselves to working.

I don't know if the result is good or bad. I don't know if the activity or the expected result is good or bad. In group number one, we were able to write the answers and to translate the answers into English. Then, we can start discussing those responses, if they are okay or not. But we need to start thinking if we are working in the right direction. We could do that in the two-hour time. Let's say that, perhaps, if we devote two hours per day, in two days, we will be able to fill in that information. So, I believe that we need to make up our minds, and to start working at once.

So, I would appreciate your thinking about these. Group number two needs to devote time. I'm going to translate that information, but we need to keep on working. We need to translate into English what group number one has done. This is for our colleagues in the Caribbean Region, so we need to translate that. That's my comment. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB:

Thank you. Humberto, you have the floor, please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Thank you very much, David. Thank you for giving me the floor. To be honest, I was not able to participate in group number one. I had some work incompatibilities. I was not able to participate. And I also had some health issues, so it was very difficult for me to make my contributions to the document.

But, as I said before, and as I posted on the chat, tomorrow I'm going to start working in order to be updated. This issue of rules or procedure is

something pending, and I fully understand the importance of working along the lines of the rules of procedure. And of course, I will commit myself to providing the necessary contributions and input for this working group.

DAVID PLUMB:

Thank you, Humberto. Vanda, is that an old hand or a new hand? Okay, that's an old hand. Thank you. This is not for you to feel bad about this. This is just our reality. This is a voluntary effort. This is your own work in LACRALO, and this is the time that you have to devote to these, and this is volunteer time. Volunteer time is difficult to coordinate. This is the reality, this is the case, and this will be the case in the future.

However, we have a challenge ahead, and this is that in October we need to finish with this, and we need to meet that objective. So, this is the great challenge for this month, if we will be able to provide content with a certain logic, and in line with the rules of procedure. That will be good for us.

In addition to this, and in addition to saying that we have to have the meetings, we need to guarantee or ensure that we are working in the right direction. This means that the working groups meet, that they gather for some period of time, and that they are drafting a document. This is when it comes to logistics.

There is another way of doing this. Vanda, and Sergio, and perhaps myself, we might devote a couple of hours, and we can provide our feedback—our ideas. Then, you read that, and you work on those ideas being provided. That would be plan B, but I would like to see working

groups working on these, and I would like to see the draft issued by these working groups, by using the current rules of procedure—so, the effective rules of procedure—as a starting point, to avoid making up anything.

Now, I'm going to give you the floor. Are we okay with this strategy? This means that the working group needs to provide their input. Or would you like Vanda, Sergio, and I to provide our ideas, so that we can lead this process? Humberto first, and Vanda after Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I believe that, taking into account the date, it would be better that we push on this, because if we are going to wait for the working group meeting, that might take some time.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay. So, perhaps we can work simultaneously, so once the group is coordinated, there might be something written so that they can react and make modifications to that document.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I agree. I believe that we need to push the work faster, because we're all involved, and we're all involved in many other things apart from this particular work. But I agree. We need to start working, and if we end up gathering together, that's okay, but otherwise, we will have something ready for the General Meeting like the one that we're going to have. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Silvia, would you like to make a comment?

SILVIA VIVANCO: If I may, being aware of the times, we have only three weeks before you're leaving to Montreal. Based on that, and being aware of that, I would suggest, if you agree, to have a call on Thursday, on the 10th, on the 24th. The 25th would be the last day where interpretation services will be delivered, so you have three additional calls to have the reports ready.

- Number two, I would like suggest that, taking into account the short time that we have, you need to give priority to topics that are important. These are important topics. [For example], we have two leaders. These are the Secretary Elect and Chair Elect. They need to have their roles well-defined, because they are going to take position shortly, after Montreal. Therefore, I would suggest that you need to address that topic. Perhaps you can give priority to the sections that are critical sections.

We also need to take into account and consider individual members. These are not being considered observers, but perhaps you need to discuss their rights and liabilities, if they will have the right to vote. These are very important topics for us, and from my point of view, if I may, they should be prioritized. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Silvia. Sergio, would you like to comment on something?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. There are a few of these things that Silvia mentioned that are in progress. They have been dealt with in group number one. This is individual users. What I suggest is to prepare a common document, where we will include all the articles, and then try to agree on the logic for these [puzzles].

In group one, there is a part of dialog between the different components. The result of that discussion was the minute that you included here, where there is a summary of what we considered that would be important to add to the rules of procedure. Then, this has to be included in the rules themselves—in articles. So, at least in our experience, there is a dialog process, and then an additional process where this dialog materializes into specific articles.

My suggestion is we consider the ideas, but we could also see the full forest. We should see the whole package of how these rules are developed, because this may help us follow a line of thought and have a logic of the rules as a whole, and not as things in insolation.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Sergio. I feel that when you say that, it is as if it were necessary to have the document that will actually be the final document for the rules of procedure, and have a look at the draft—the different sections—and see how we can insert things there, and use the operating principles document as the basis, and add the articles for the rules of procedure. If you believe there is a need to write articles, and to show it as it will be in the end, we should do this right now.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: That's okay. I agree. We can do it now.

DAVID PLUMB: I would like to pause now, and ask if Jaqueline, in the English line ...
Jaqueline, would you like to comment on the process itself, and perhaps on how you would like to participate and contribute? You have the floor now. Please go ahead.

JACQUELINE MORRIS: Hi. I have not been participating in any WhatsApp group or anything, so I'm kind of lost as to how things have been working. I know we have to finish, but I really can't say, because I'm not up-to-date, or I'm not clear on the environment and what we've been doing. So, can't [readily] say. Sorry.

DAVID PLUMB: Yes. In effect, we need to update you Jacqueline, and see how can you best want to be inserted into this work. I propose that you and I have an offline discussion, to see how we can use your time more efficiently. Alright. I have a question now.

JACQUELINE MORRIS: Can I just say I'm actually even [inaudible] the document, because the Spanish document has all sorts of stuff, and the English document doesn't have anything in it. So, I'm kind of lost on that as well.

DAVID PLUMB: Yes. The document in English has no proposals in the proposals column because there's only the content of group one, which is in Spanish, and it's not in English yet. But what it does have—what you can find in document—is the questions that we need to answer to reach the rules of procedure.

JACQUELINE MORRIS: The thing is, I have been checking the document, and I [didn't] see anything, so I kind of thought that nothing much as going on. Even though I wasn't attending the meetings, I was trying to follow by seeing what was in the document. Then, I realized the English side wasn't updated at all, and the Spanish side had been, so I missed the things that were going on, because I would have commented. It's been difficult for me to come to the meetings. And as I said, I wasn't on any WhatsApp group, so I don't know what was going on in that group, in that situation, as well. That's all.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Jacqueline. We have some 25 minutes in this call, and if we want, it is possible to deal with certain issues that actually require work from us, and to say something about the conversations that will be required. I propose that either Sergio or Vanda ... If you want to share, what are the areas where you think we should have a conversation as a group? Maybe we can bring something forward in this call. Sergio or Vanda?

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I would like to take the floor one second. What I am having a look at now is what's written English to group two, which is shared only with group two. But there are also some notes, and I did answer—or I commented—several articles in group two. Nobody has answered this. How would you like to work on this?

Group two has a document, and it is on WhatsApp. So, I'm not really sure how we can work—maybe not now. I have asked questions to you directly. I have asked David some questions directly. And I read what was written in English, but since there was no answer ... I think they couldn't read it, but it is there with all the items that I answered.

So, I'm not sure what you want. Should I send this by email to everybody? I'm not sure what's best. I wouldn't like to be writing on a document that doesn't belong to the group, or that is the suggestions group. The suggestions that I have made to group two are there in English. This is just to inform the group that these documents are there. They can be read and understood. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB:

Thank you, Vanda. It is confusing to see where certain things are. I would like to see this more consolidated. I would like to see a consolidation of the document, because I'm not really sure which version or which document you are referring to, Vanda. I think it is important that you send it, Vanda, so that we can make sure that we at least are consolidating everything we have.

Vanda and Sergio, if you know that there is a certain issue that requires that we have a discussion among us, if you want to have that discussion now, we have a few minutes to do this. That's why I'm opening the possibility. That doesn't mean that we need to work all together, or that we have to engage in more specific work, but maybe Vanda, or Sergio, or someone else present in this call ... If there's an issue that you think is important, and that we should discuss, maybe we can make the most of our time right now.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I'm raising my hand, David. Thank you, David. I am identifying a few issues that we will probably have to discuss. This at least my idea—my impression. One of them is metrics, and how ALSs can be active or inactive. This is not ruled. I looked at the rules of procedure today, and I couldn't really find it, so I'm going ask Silvia, and Claudia, and the staff if they can provide them to us so we can fit them.

I think the metrics issue will be a heated issue because of the status of the ALSs, and what is it, that they will lose the possibility to vote or participate in traveling polices? I'm not really sure whether metrics will have an impact on traveling policies, actually. I really don't know. When we were discussing the metrics topic, this was mentioned as well. We don't really have rules for the metrics. I know Harold is actually concerned about obtaining the metrics for this year, and we haven't really been able to provide a report so far. So, we need to provide the report, based on the document, but we don't really know how that we're going to control that—to check that.

Now, for group two, there's another issue that can have some ramifications, and that is the individual users. Some ALSs have made the decision, and probably other ALSs have another point of view. Group two, I think ... The metrics are also associated to when an ALS is active or is inactive. So, this actually is being mentioned in group one and group two. Group two will probably need to work based on that logic as well.

I have never really been able to understand, and maybe Jose Arce here or Humberto, the lawyers ... Maybe we can reach an agreement. Or maybe we can put the idea of quorum together, so that RALO can work when we have more people. If there are many ALSs and they don't participate, then quorums are difficult. So, we will need to find the solution, so that LACRALO can still work, because we are growing, and there are more and more organizations each time, but they don't really participate.

Then, as for group three, I think we see a repetition of whether you are an active or inactive member. I think the way it [boiled] is okay, but there were some proposals for the way [they vote]. This is an issue to be discussed here, whether we're going to consider region or country, or probably add a sub-region. Once we have entities, and once we have candidates, this will change the scenario.

What I'm saying now is probably going to be discussed, and it's going to be the perspective that we each are going to provide. It can have an idea. There may be an ideological point of view, but what we will have is the views of power in each organization. I think there are things that will

probably be discussed here, and we will need to find the solution. That's all. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Sergio. Vanda, would you like to make a comment? Is that a new hand?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I'm here. I am talking in the chat with Silvia. I also talked to Sergio regarding this issue of weighing, but this is a relevant issue. As Sergio said before, we need to assess the region and see, or place the region at an important level. We also need to see and discuss if we're going to with countries, because if we are going to have elections per region, I believe that it would be timely now to decide, everything taken into account, the region, and not on a country basis, because I believe that that is going to create complexity. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you. So, regarding how we are going to use our available time right now, we know that metrics is going to be a topic, so I would like to make sure that we all have the metrics document that was approved by LACRALO. That would be the starting point for our conversation. Sergio, if I am not mistaken, you said that it was difficult for you to find that document. Silvia or someone from staff, perhaps you could circulate that document through email so that we can have the document available, and the document would be the starting point.

I also heard some other situations—for example, Jacqueline’s comment regarding metrics. The idea is to make sure that we will not have undesired consequences, and to disincentivize participation, if that is very difficult to adhere. Silvia, could you please circulate that document after this call? It would be good have that document handy, and as a basis, so as to start thinking about the implications of implementation. Thank you, Silvia.

Then, we have some other topics—for example, individual users. I believe that there is a proposal in the document. My question is this. Sergio or Jacqueline, this is a discussion that’s off-topic. My question is, what is the point that is more difficult for you to address. I know there is a proposal that they have their own organization—that they might elect their own leaders. So, where is the difficulty? Perhaps the fact of being candidate for a position?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I believe that the discussion goes around the fact that an individual member may be able to become LACRALO’s Chair or Secretary, ALAC member. I’m not going to speak my mind, but this is the discussion that we have today. I have received input from many organizations. They say everything is okay, but please let’s not consider leadership positions. They can vote. They can be leaders of a working group. They can express themselves. They can do everything. But representation has to be taken into account.

These people cannot ... If they cannot access in the form of an organization, they shouldn’t be calling for representing an organization,

such as the case of LACRALO, because LACRALO is an organization. This is a huge discussion, because there are some who are in favor of that, and some who are against. Regardless of what I might think, and regardless of what LACRALO members may think, I believe that this is the discussion that we are now having.

DAVID PLUMB: Yes. This opens, again, the conversation that we held in Puerto Rico. Humberto and then Vanda. You have the floor, please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: These not participating in this working group, I believe that they can be elected to be ALAC members, but not to leadership positions. They cannot be elected to become Chair of ALAC, LACRALO Chair, Secretary, or Chair Elect. That would be a neutral solution, I believe. I say this because NomCom can select or elect an actual person, so there would be no issue in appointing individual members.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay, so that is a conversation that we need to take. Vanda, would you like to add something else?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I believe that this is a very important discussion. I agree with the principles stated by Humberto because in ICANN, even for the Board positions, individual members are elected. So, we need to take into account that other RALOs have their own solutions. They have very

interesting solutions, and I believe that we need to analyze those solutions that would be quite relevant for us, in order to understand how they are working with these solutions, and how these solutions are being implemented. We need to see the problems and the difficulties they face and the advantages that they have, based on the solution they have adopted.

I know this is a very relevant discussion. We need to start by, for example, discussing these, and this should be one of our priorities. So, we need to choose and to determine our priorities to focus our discussion. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB:

Now I'm going to give the floor to Jacqueline. Jacqueline, please go ahead.

JACQUELINE MORRIS:

Hello. Okay, there are a couple of things. One is that the rights of the minority are never guaranteed by the vote of the majority. So, I would not think that the point of most people don't want individual members to run is a valid point for the rights of those individual members.

Two, I do not see that—and I don't think it's fair or just that—someone who might live in a place where there is no group that is interested in being in the ALS, but has an interest in participating, should be left out of that and treated as a second-class citizen because of that accident of where they're living or whatever—that there's no organization. You can see that from ... For example, [ISOC] allows individual members in

places where there are not enough people to create a chapter. As an individual, you can still participate.

Third, if we use the concept of a virtual ALS to have individual members participate ... If we have a virtual ALS, then surely the members of that virtual ALS should have all of the rights of members of regular, physical ALSs, which means that they should be able to run for all positions, because otherwise, it would just not be fair or right. That's my point. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: David, I have my hand up.

DAVID PLUMB: Sergio, go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Two or three brief comments ... I didn't give my opinion before. I'm going to give my opinion now. Humberto, I am very fond of you, but we cannot go and work without taking a strong position on issues that are really important. We need to make a decision on one side or on the other. You have one position, and you support the idea of having a regional representative not responding to anyone. I prefer that representative responding or reporting to one country or to a group of people. We have seen some members—even ALAC Chairs—that we a disaster because they didn't know how to work in groups. So, I believe it would be good to have clear on our minds that.

Secondly, when talking about that virtual ALS, where this ALS is going to stay, or who is it going to represent? We have many issues to address. I would like to back on my point. I fully understand what Jacqueline says, because if there is someone who is isolated because that person lives in the middle of the Sahara Desert, or is located kilometers away, perhaps that person might not have other individuals to deal with or to work with. But they need to be part of a group, and they need to represent the interests ... We cannot have individuals discussing issues or things that are related to end users. This cannot be a person isolated in the world, and not representing anyone.

Third, let's not create antecedents on this, because I know that there are some organizations that are working, but most of them are chapters. There might be one or two organizations having one or two members. But we are—because otherwise we will end up being all individual users. In the case of Argentina and the organization I represent, we are a group of people. We are not the same as an individual user. We represent a group of end users. So, this is a difference I want to make. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB:

We're not going to solve this today. What I would say is we very clearly see that there is work to do. [The exercise] is okay, but there is work to do. So, I am going to focus my time on fine-tuning this kind of resolution with those issues. We are reaching the top of the hour and the end of our call. So, I think that the key here is to be able to progress. Progressing means that we will put things on paper. We will write them down. It also means that we will have discussions in the group. I can

also provide my support in certain issues that probably require—I don't know I'd say mediation, but maybe to provide convergence and creative solutions. This is where I'm going to give my time.

Here's what I propose. I think the groups, with WhatsApp, on the chat, could push very strongly to find ways to have discussions in the next few days. In the meantime, Vanda and Sergio, maybe with some of my time, we should put things in writing. In the meantime, we will also use the Google Sheets as the consolidated document. We can take what Vanda has stated, and we can add these to the spreadsheet. That could be in English or in Spanish, but we need to check where content is written. One week from now, or two weeks from now, we are going to start using a document that is the draft document. The spreadsheet will have completed its function of providing us with some order.

I would like to ask all of you to give the largest effort that you can, considering your private life and your personal life, so that in the next few weeks, we can have a draft. It is okay if there are some controversial issues, such as the one about the individual users. But that's the way forward. So, groups, please coordinate on WhatsApp and find the right time to have a discussion.

Vanda, Sergio, and I are going to try and consolidate all of this in the Google Sheet document that we are having to look at right now. We're also going to take what has been written and add more comment to be able to provide comments and reactions. Then, we are going to start with the actual document for the rules. Then, we are going to have meetings each Thursday to check the pulse of how we are doing, and

then we will try and see if we can have a discussion of the most difficult issues.

What else? What am I missing here? Anything else you'd like to add for the future? Okay. So, please start having a discussion on WhatsApp. Can someone please add Jacqueline in group one? I think she wants to be in group one. I don't really know which group she wants to be in. And then, it seems this time is working for us to have our calls. Is there anything else you'd like to add before we wrap up?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I don't want to add anything else, but then, on the chat group, we can agree on the day and time to meet, so that we can progress. And I'm at your disposal. We can even do this on Saturday if you want.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay, that's perfect. Very well. So, thank you very much. I know all this is very complex, but we will progress. We will progress even more. Fingers crossed, we will probably have some product this month to start having better consultations in LACRALO. Anything else, Sergio, before wrapping up?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: No, that's all. I think this was a very good meeting. And next week, we will probably have to ... We need to get ready for next week. But please, let's review all of this, and let's finish with this.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. I hope you have a good week.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, everyone, very much. This call is now adjourned.

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