

Introductory Note:

The text set forth below constitutes the final version approved by consensus of the Third Session of the Meeting of the ALS of Latin America and the Caribbean held in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 4 December 2006. Negotiations on this text were conducted in Spanish.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF THE LACRALO

1. The LACRALO is composed of the ALSs of Latin America and the Caribbean accredited by the ALAC as a mechanism to promote and ensure participation by regional users in the process of developing ICANN policies.
2. The LACRALO will promote the formation of user groups and their accreditation by the ALAC. Nevertheless, mechanisms will be maintained to ensure that the regional users not integrated into ALSs can express their opinion on the development of ICANN policies.
3. The LacRALO will be multilingual from its inception. All documents will be written and all discussions will be held in English and Spanish. It is planned to add Portuguese and French in the near future and to periodically reassess the need to add other languages used in the region.
4. The governing body of the LacRALO will be a General Assembly composed of two (2) representatives of each accredited ALSs, freely appointed or removed by each ALS, which shall inform the Secretary of the appointments made.

Said individuals shall also act as official contacts of the ALS vis-à-vis the LACRALO for the duration of their appointment.

The General Assembly shall, to the extent possible, operate by consensus. If a consensus cannot be reached, each ALS accredited in the General Assembly shall be entitled to one vote and those votes shall decide by simple majority any matter put to vote. In the event of a tie vote, the person chairing the meeting shall have the casting vote.

5. The General Assembly shall be entitled to set up various *ad hoc* task forces to deal with specific topics.

6. The LACRALO shall be assisted by a Secretariat; the duties of said Secretariat may be performed by an ALS member appointed by the General Assembly.

7. The Secretariat shall have administrative and informative functions. IT will be responsible for maintenance of the communications systems and the proper flow of information on matters under discussion among all the ALSs belonging to the LacRALO, and any other responsibilities assigned to it by the General Assembly.

8. The LACRALO shall elect two (2) individual to serve as representatives before the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) on the terms specified in the ICANN By-Laws. Only those ALSs that have been accredited prior to the election shall be entitled to vote in the election. Each accredited ALS shall be entitled to one vote. The selected representatives shall be members of various ALSs, have their main places of residence in countries of the region, and their nationalities must be distinct. The representatives shall be responsible for the duties stipulated by the ICANN By-Laws.

In the case of the election, the affiliation, residency and nationality shall also be taken into account with respect to the person acting as a representative vis-à-vis the ALAC on behalf of the LAC appointed by the NONCOM.

9. The term of office of the two representatives elected by the LACRALO vis-à-vis the ALAC shall not exceed two (2) years and they may not be re-elected.

First Temporary Provision: The term of office of the initial members shall be two (2) and three (3) years respectively, and a new representative shall be elected upon expiration of their terms. In that manner, a candidate will be voted for each year. In the case of the first representative elected for two years, re-election for a single two-year term will be possible.