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**SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:** This is Sylvia Herlein Leite; we start this call, seven minutes has passed. So welcome you all, good afternoon, good evening. And please, Gisella, could you please carry on the roll call? Thank you very much.

**GISELLA GRUBER:** Yes, this is Gisella speaking, with pleasure. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly meeting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. On today's call on the Spanish channel, we have Jose Arcé, Sergio Salinas Porto, Aida Noblia, Gilberto Lara, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Adrian Carballo, Alberto Soto, Alfredo Lopez Hernandez, Fatima Cambroner, Juan Manuel Rojas, Juan Ignacio Aime, Humberto Carrasco.

On the English channel we have Dev Anand Telucksigh, Roosevelt King, Niram Beharry, Olivier Crepin-Leblond. Apologies noted from Javier Jose Pallero and MARcélo Telez. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco and myself Gisella Gruber. Our interpreters this evening are Veronica and David, welcome. If I could also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes, but also to allow the interpreters to identify the speaker on the other channel, and if you could all speak at a reasonable pace to allow our interpreters to provide an accurate interpretation. Thank you, over to you Sylvia and Jose.

**JOSE ARCÉ:** This is Jose Arcé speaking. Can you hear me? I had a problem with my audio.

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INTERPRETER: Yes Jose, we hear you.

JOSE ARCÉ: So, thank you very much. The point I'm up to on the agenda, Sylvia, could you please mention the action items?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia Herlein Leite Sylvia Herlein Leite; thank you Jose. We have no specific action item from the previous call, so you can go on with the agenda.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you very much Sylvia. So point number three of the agenda has to do with the training cycle. We have started with these proposals some months ago; this was Fatima's and Natalia's proposal. So today, we had a suspension somehow and when we tried to find another speaker, well we ended up by deciding that this 30 minutes could be devoted to the discussion of relevant topics for the region. So this would be internal training.

And one of these important topics was the participation of the At-Large community in the IGF some weeks ago. The first meeting of At-Large in the IGF was with the CEO of ICANN, Fadi, and he had the opportunity of receiving my email with a summary of the event in this meeting, together with the new ICANN CEO. We had different workshops organized by the At-Large community, so I would like to share with you

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some of those issues, because most of the people who are participating today in this call had participated there.

So I would like Dev to hold the floor and tell us his experience in the IGF and in the sessions that he participated in and then I will do the same. Alejandro and Fatima will also share their experiences with us. Dev, you have the floor please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking, and thank you Jose. This was my first IGF conference, and I must say apart from some logistical issues regarding the conference, one of the most severe logistical issues being there was very poor internet connectivity at the Internet Governance Forum; meaning that it was very difficult to even get any sort of internet connection during the entire conference.

That being said, it was a very interesting conference with many of the feeder sessions being very informative, all dealing with various aspects of internet governance. I was invited to be a panelist on one of the panels that was organized by AFRALO, and that was workshop number 61, which talked about the new gTLD program, An Opportunity for Development or Means for More Digital Divide. And it was again, I think, a very informative panel.

My comments were related to the opportunities for the Caribbean for new gTLDs and I gave a presentation for this; talked about that in the Caribbean there were no applications in this new gTLD application round. Even though there are 24 applications from Latin America, but

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yet there were zero from the Caribbean. And my discussion talked about some ideas as to why this was the case.

There were other workshops that were also organized by ICANN At-Large. The next one was from APRALO, which was about the new gTLDs, Implications of Potential for Community Engagement, Advocacy and Development; again, also a very informative panel. I don't know if I have time to really go into a detailed summary of it, but it featured, and in fact I have posted a link to that workshop here. But all in all I have to say the IGF was very informative. There were lots of sessions dealing with how to engage with users and the difficulties and the challenges that are encountered in trying to discuss internet governance issues.

And these are similar challenges that we face in At-Large to engage with our At-Large structures to talk about ICANN policy issues. There were a lot of ICANN persons present at the IGF, and perhaps I will just – I'm trying to find that link – I'm sure ICANN staff – I found it. As you can see there were many persons from all the regions and including ICANN persons themselves including Fadi Chehade. And it was very good to see how ICANN was engaging with the IGF community. ICANN staff also had a booth there, which was also, I think, well attended. I even helped man the ICANN booth to talk to persons about ICANN and so forth.

So, perhaps I will just stop and give an opportunity for other speakers to talk. That's it.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you very much Dev. My idea today is to share with the region our experiences, the experiences of those who

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were able to participate in the IGF, and in a way to provide a message regarding the importance of the participation of the ICANN in this IGF. Of course we have people who are connected and who have great experience in these issues. For example, Alejandro Pisanty, Fatima Cambroner, they have participated in at least two IGFs. So Alejandro, would you like to make any comment for the community; Fatima?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima Cambroner speaking. I participated in the IGF meeting, and we published the report, and I will share the report with the LACRALO members. That's all.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Okay, thank you Fatima. So as to finish with this item on the agenda, in terms of participation, I would like to emphasize as I mentioned, the new ICANN CEO had a conversation with ICANN and the members of the region and he emphasized the fact that participation was really important. And as I mentioned in the email that I sent you, the idea is that the people participation on the IGF would be kinds of ICANN representatives, ambassadors. So we would need to take all the activities of the ICANN community to these IGFs so that they can learn about the activities of ICANN; that's the idea.

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I think this is something very important, so we need to perform outreach in this regard. Because this is a forum related to internet governance. Now let's go to the following item on the agenda that is point number four, follow up of the General Assembly. In the previous call, we had discussed the issue, we created a Wiki page with some documents and we have given a term or a period of time up to this call. And I proposed that this call would be the last possibility or the last case for discussion the items of the GA.

So we placed on the Wiki a general idea of how we would go on and which is the path to follow, so that we can discuss taking into account the three proposals. So the idea is to discuss with you in the region about those different paths to follow. I saw in the Wiki that there were no comments lately, but I know that there are some ideas going around. So is there anyone who would like to hold the floor and speak about this idea? Or is there anything that you would like to say about the GA?

I see no hands raised, well actually there's Alberto Soto who has raised his hand in the AC room. Alberto, would you like to talk?

ALBERTO SOTO:

Yes, this is Alberto Soto for the record. Jose I had no time to go into the Wiki. I am just resuming my activities right now. And out of the three proposals I believe the mixed proposal is the one that's the best to progress, and it's the one that would allow us sufficient time to solve any issues if there are some kinds of disagreements or some conflicts. And it would give us enough freedom to continue. I think that one's the best. That's all.

JOSE ARCÉ: Alejandro actually has raised his hand without really knowing and now he has put it down. This is Jose speaking, Alejandro please go ahead.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: This is Alejandro speaking. Jose, which is the substantive proposal? I think that deciding the methods, whether they be synchronous or asynchronous or mixed, in a way depends on what are the agreements that we're going to reach. If we don't really have a draft of those agreements it's going to be very difficult to make decisions. And I would just choose what Alberto chose because I think the mixed one is the one that allows more flexibility with the problems we're already having, and probably there will be agreement on the voting.

So if we don't really have a solution we are expecting that you can send it and in the meantime we can suspend activities expecting for the rest.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you very much Alejandro. Actually the proposals for agreement, I think, this is not the first time that you've asked on a LACRALO monthly call about the agreement proposal and if we have reached an agreement proposal. And again, we have actually tried, not only on my behalf, but also on ICANNS behalf through different means, through the Ombudsmen and through the session that we had in Costa Rica, etc. We have tried to do this but we have never reached an agreement.

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And the GA actually gives the opportunity, through voting, to define the items on the agenda that will be set. The idea of finishing the GA is to take those items and to submit them to vote, to put them to vote just following our rules and just to reach an agreement.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

This is Alejandro speaking. It's not the first time I asked for this and I can see it's not going to be the last one. I propose that there be a negotiation between the parties that are in different agreement, as I have done for a long time now. It's going to be a year now and I think you should negotiate some terms for the agreement, and that you send the draft with a consensus for certain people who know that they commit a certain number of votes, and in the meantime it's a total loss of time.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. Thank you Alejandro for your input. And in the meantime, some have asked that the assembly be ended and that we just vote. I see that you have requested different, but we will consider it. There is Natalia who's raised her hand, Sergio also, and somebody else. Sergio, would you like to take the floor please?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Hello, this is Sergio speaking. Do you hear me?

JOSE ARCÉ:

We here you Sergio.



SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good morning to you all. This is Sergio Salinas Porto for the record. I think I agree with what Alberto has expressed in the sense that we should have a mixed issue. I just wanted to add that to support Alberto's proposal. And I understand the opinion by Alejandro; I don't think this is wrong. Perhaps this could be a way to solve some kind of confrontation, or perhaps not a confrontation but a different point of view as a last effort by this region to try to reach an agreement.

But if the Chair and the Secretariat believe that this is not viable, or that the time for this process has ended, I think it's okay if we just continue with the vote. Thank you.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose speaking. Natalia Enciso has raised her hand, so Natalia, you can now take the floor.

NATALIA ENCISO: Hello, this is Natalia speaking. Do you hear me? This is Natalia Enciso for the record. I have a question. The mixed meeting, are we going to discuss the issues on the call and then we're going to vote by email, or how it is going to work because I don't really understand that. And I just want to know if you are considering what our rules of procedures has taken about the quorum and how this will be taken into account.

My opinion is that we have to synchronize it one time and not to extend it a very long time. We need to touch on just a few issues, the most controversial ones are the ones that have to do with modifying the

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Bylaws, but I think we all reached an agreement in that sense. And there is nothing else, no other controversial issue to discuss. That's all. Thank you.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. Fatima, you have raised your hand.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima Cambronero speaking for the record. I have the same doubt that Natalia expressed, I share that doubt. And if we are going to divide asynchronous ones, I don't think this is convenient. I think we need to finish this GA once and forever. And I also believe it is an obligation of each of us to review the transcriptions of the GA and to review the definite issues that are still pending and that need to be solved.

And now I have a request for the rapporteur of the General Assembly, there are some controversial issues on the report that you sent. There are some issues that haven't been solved, as the report says. And I agree with what Natalia says, there are some substantial issues, those are three issues referring to the modification of the Bylaws and the different proposals. One is by Dev, the other one is by Cintra and the other one is by Sylvia.

Of those three proposals, which are the substantial ones, the one that goes away from our proposal is the one that Sylvia proposed, and I think this is the one that could give rise to a certain kind of controversy. And then in some other informal conversations with LACRALO members, we considered withdrawing those issues so that we can analyze them under

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the new rules of procedure by ALAC, which are going to govern us in LACRALO.

I think the remaining issues are not so serious that they could be solved in only one single call. That's my opinion and that's my suggestion. Thank you.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. Thank you Fatima. Now Humberto has raised his hand; Humberto now you have the floor. Go ahead, Humberto

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

This is Humberto Carrasco for the record. I have spent many hours going around the issues of the audio and the transcriptions to be able to finish the report. And what I expressed is exactly what's in the audio recordings and on the transcriptions. Therefore we may see some contradicting issues but this is what happened at the assembly and this is just stating for the record that this happened at the assembly. Unfortunately, from the report I sent, I just said very orderly what were the issues from one to 19 with the amendments approved, but I have the feeling that because of performance problems this wasn't really posted on the webpage.

I have no problem to resend the document with the purpose of just clarifying any possible doubt. That's what I have to say regarding this issue of the agenda and what Fatima has just said.

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JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you Humberto. Now Sergio you have raised your hand, so now you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio Salinas Porto for the record. I didn't really want to raise my hand. I apologize.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose speaking now. Is there anybody on the English channel that would like to say anything? I can't really see anything on the Adobe. Is there anyone on the English channel who would like to take the floor?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev, I do want to make a comment.

JOSE ARCÉ: Go ahead Dev, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Just to say that obviously before any decisions to the strategy, I think it's important that the persons that were assigned as officers of the GA to ensure that we have the final agenda that was approved by the assembly posted. And again, yes it would require some effort, but you have to go through both the transcripts and the audio because sometimes the transcript didn't quite capture accurately the words that were stated.

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There were a lot of motions and countermotions and so forth to get to the final agenda on this, so I would urge that this be completely made clear as to what's the final agenda that we are looking at. Secondly, I'm seeing this discussion with synchronous and asynchronous, obviously I would say we do need to have some of the virtual Gas where we have the AC room, we do a Doodle to ensure as much persons are aware of and can attend the call.

And perhaps it doesn't have to be one big long session, you can of course structure it – have one hour and one hour and several synchronous sessions. And then if there is quorum for this, and by quorum I mean that there are more than 20 plus ALSes in the room, then it could start. And then if there's enough – I think as Fatima pointed out, that most of the proposals are moot in the sense that because of the RALO rules of procedure are going to be starting very soon, the motions that have been put forward by Sylvia and by Cintra don't need to really take place.

They don't need to take place; we need to focus our efforts on the RALO Harmonization Working Group that is going to be starting very soon. Speaking as a person regarding the harmonization of the English and Spanish versions of the rules of procedure, which what were my specific motions, I would say I would like to, I would hope there is a consensus enough from everyone that these could be approved. But I am not actually, if we could end the GA as soon as possible so we can focus on the policy work that's needed by all of us in LACRALO that would be fine.

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So I do really think that we need to ensure that there's probably a certain number of calls, the synchronous calls. And then at the end of the synchronous calls, after three calls maybe, or two calls, then we can see where we are, what we've reached, and we have understood what we have to do with the GA. And if so, then we could end it quickly and if need be, do it asynchronously by a vote. Thank you.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose speaking. Thank you Dev. I can't really have access to the Adobe Connect; Sylvia can you please help me?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: If there's anybody else who would like to take the floor – this is Sylvia speaking – you can go ahead. There is nobody else that would like to take the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima now speaking, can I please answer something to Dev?

JOSE ARCÉ: Yes Fatima, please go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Regarding what Dev said, the report sent by Humberto includes the definite agenda that we put up after Costa Rica. It's just that in the Wiki you don't really see the table with the different issues. If you download the Word file on that webpage you can't see what are the items that were definite on that agenda. And regarding the

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contradictions that I was mentioning earlier that I told Humberto about them, I can show you one of them.

And even though he was the rapporteur of that meeting, of that assembly I think it is our duty to review the transcriptions and the audio files to see if this is what happened or not. And I also believe there were contradictions on the assembly and the contradictions may have just come up from it. I'm not saying Humberto is responsible for it. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Sylvia speaking now. Jose there is nobody else with hands up.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose speaking now, thank you Fatima. I understand from what Humberto said that even though there were contradictions on the assembly itself, and I know he listened to the audio files, there were some problems with the table that he uploaded and we are going to check it. However, the next thing we'll do is checking the final agenda. Humberto, if you can send that table that we didn't really receive properly, can you please send it again so that we can all have access to it and we can upload it and so that everybody else can have control over that table. Now Humberto has the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto speaking, I will send it to your email. I didn't have time to say what Fatima said about consistency. If possible I don't really want to abuse the time of the conference now, but if she can send me

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an email so we can clarify those details or any doubts that she might have, please go ahead.

INTERPRETER: There are some overlapping of voices. Natalia has the floor now.

NATALIA ENCISO: This is Natalia speaking. Humberto did you finish with your speech? This is Natalia speaking, I will continue, this is Natalia Enciso for the record. I still have my doubts regarding Article 199, Section 19 because there are certain rules that will not be applied and those rules talk about the quorum. It also states that the voting will be done electronically and I understand this will be done via email. So will this be done with a call or are we going to have an email sent and then we will vote? It will be done by email, so we will include all the areas that were included in Costa Rica. We're going to vote by email. Is this my correct interpretation or am I wrong?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking. Juan Manuel has his hand up.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Now this is Juan Manuel speaking. I just wanted to add a suggestion. I wanted to say if we can post the agenda that was approved on the GA, if we can post it on the Wiki. And I have the same doubt that Natalia has actually; I have the same question.



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SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking. Okay Juan, Sergio, now you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio Salinas Porto for the record. This is just something that I was thinking as I want to say it in a loud voice. Every time we talk about the rules of procedures of our region, we find that there are some people in our region who are the ones who virtually have a macro vision of this issue. One of them is Natalia and the other one is Carlton. It's a pity that Carlton is not here right now, but unfortunately we have a different view on this issue. And I just wanted to make a suggestion.

The suggestion is if we can put together Carlton and Natalia, if we can have them meet and see if we can reach an agreement on how to work on these circumstances. It is very, very stressing that every time we need to debate the issues where we need to vote or if we're going to have an assembly it's very stressing to have the problems of how we're going to interpret those. So I ask our two colleagues, unfortunately he's not here to ask this of him, but perhaps we can send him an email and the Chair and the secretary can help us on this.

Because I actually trust Carlton and Natalia to reach a strategy and I also trust the Chair and secretary, so this is my proposal to continue with the assembly and to reach an end on it. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia Herlein Leite, thank you very much Sergio. Alberto, is there any comment?

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ALBERTO SOTO: Yes Sylvia. This is Alberto Soto. Just a minute technical detail. Electronically, Natalia, in order to be able to vote by email it is the same, there is no problem in that. That's all.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you Humberto, Fatima you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. I think we are losing sight of the main issues and we are mixing formal ways and the discussion points of the agenda. As Sergio said, the responsibility of knowing the rules is a responsibility that belongs to all of us.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio Salinas Porto. I am talking about in the interpretation of the rules, not the responsibilities.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Well the rules are very clear in terms of virtual meetings. So we intended to avoid the fact that three people modify or amend the rules, that's why the quorum and majorities were settled in the rules. That's clear. So this has to be into account. The rest of the topics were already resolved, but just the election of the Chair and the secretary and the rest of the topics are exactly the same – they have to do with amendment proposals by Cintra, Sylvia.

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We are losing sight of the main issues and we are not solving the problem. So I do believe that we need to put an end to this GA, to decide when we are going to finish with the GA and that's it.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Sylvia, is there anyone who has their hand up?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: No Jose, go ahead please.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. I have heard your interventions and I wish we had all this debate some weeks ago when the proposals were published; the proposals regarding the GA and the way in which we should move forward with the GA. It seems that every speaker who speaks is right, but in fact, what we need is to have one or at least as Dev said several concurring meetings. And the problem with this modality is that on that day all the ALSes that had participated at that time have to be able to connect to the meetings.

So in that way we might be able to have an asynchronous meeting. So the ALSes that were present at that time should be connected for quorum; that is a problem. That's why we had to develop the proposal, the synchronous and asynchronous proposals. But I somehow agree with Fatima because I believe we need to finish with this issue and we need to come to an agreement on the way to do it.

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Alejandro's proposal, and he mentioned that proposal several calls ago, if we come to an agreement of course we would be able to finish with this issue. So Alejandro, is there any comment?

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose; that is not exactly what I am saying. What I'm saying is that...

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: I see that I don't see any possibility of moving forward if you don't lead those conversations. You need to know the issues where we cannot reach consensus. And we need to come to the GA with all the topics settled; otherwise we keep on going around the same issues. So there is a deficit of leadership that needs to be addressed.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you very much for clarifying your position. What you said, I tried to do that but I was not successful so I decided to move forward with the GA, and many people agreed on that. And the only way of putting an end to it is coming to an agreement in terms of different issues.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia Herlein Leite speaking. Alejandro is there any comment that you would like to add; I see your hand up.

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ALEJANDRO PISANTY:

This is Alejandro Pisanty speaking. Thank you. Jose, let me see if I understand correctly. The alternative that we have is to gather together again with the people that were present at the GA and just carry out the vote. There was one reason why this was not carried out at that time, and it is important that you lead the effort to come to an agreement in order to avoid consequences. But otherwise we'll be just moving in exactly the same direction, the lack of agreement that we have, and we will be just opening the divide or not reaching a solution.

JOSE ARCÉ:

Thank you very much Alejandro. This is Jose Arcé speaking. I would like to answer Alejandro. Alejandro, thank you very much for your comments. In this issue I am always trying to gather or to get pieces of advice and of course I asked you and I pay attention to all your comments. Many people say that the GA was not successful and of course I take the responsibility for this, but I made my best to carry out with this or to move forward with this GA and to reach the agreement.

What makes me make my decisions is that consensus can be reached after we finish the GA. Because there are many people who would like to put an end to the GA, and I am one of them. And the agreements that need to be fixed or settled may go beyond this GA and they can be solved once we finish with these excessive formal tests in the rules of LACRALO. So I think we can work on this issue separately, move forward with the issue of the GA and put an end to it.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

This is Sylvia Herlein Leite. Thank you Jose, Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. I was listening or hearing that you mentioned having the same ALSes that were present in Costa Rica. If that is the condition, I think we might not be able to finish the GA never. Because when a GA is interrupted in any part of the world the requirement is the quorum but not the presence of the same members or bodies that were present at that time.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you very much Alberto. This is Sylvia Herlein Leite speaking. I think we have heard all the speakers and we have taken a lot of time in this issue. This will be the last opportunity that we have to evaluate the system that will be used. As secretary I commit myself to evaluate all the decisions in this meeting. And in March, as Alejandro said, there will be one year since the beginning of the GA, so it would be good that you post your comments on the Wiki page that is now opened. And if you have further comments in relation to this issue, please post your comments on the Wiki page.

I think that Jose and I will have to make a decision in order to move forward with the GA. Fatima, is there any comment that you would like to make? This will be the last intervention regarding this issue because we need to go on with other items on the agenda. Fatima, go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima, thank you Sylvia. I somehow disagree with Alejandro. I think that in the region nowadays we're closer than before, than in Costa Rica. And I think it is more plausible to come to an agreement

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than when we were in Costa Rica. And I think as Alberto said, it is difficult that all ALSes might come together once again, but we need to solve this. And I apologize if my words were not correct, but I feel that we are very tired of talking about the same issues and we need to come to an agreement and put an end to this.

But we need to come to an agreement in terms of details, but we are closer now than we were in Costa Rica. That's all. Thank you very much.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you Fatima. This is Sylvia speaking. Jose, is there any other comment? Otherwise I suggest moving to the other item on the agenda.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. Yes, just one more comment, a brief comment. I sent an email with some invitations because many people from the region asked the present Chair and the secretary that before moving forward with the GA it was requested to ask the opinion of the other stakeholders. And with Sylvia, we sent some questions related to formalities, for example the quorum issue. We sent those questions to the ICANN staff and the answer is the one posted in the Wiki.

So LACRALO is the only responsible of interpreting its own rules, therefore ICANN cannot provide advice to LACRALO regarding what to do or what not to do. This is what I wanted to mention for the record.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

This is Sylvia Herlein Leite, thank you Jose. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand. Are you hearing me?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Yes Dev, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. Again, just to emphasize one thing. I see Humberto has gone ahead and emailed staff and we'll be able to see the report that he had done as the rapporteur. Again, I just think we need to get all this information up front so that we are all clear as to what the final agenda was. And again, ensure that everybody understands what the final agenda is, and then again, have perhaps one conference call to just look at the items objectively. And again, the simplest thing would be to, in my opinion, to collectively agree that all of these motions do not need to be enacted upon because the RALO Harmonization would begin very shortly.

So all of these changes would not be needed, or should be. And especially given that there was a lot of contention regarding these motions to change various aspects of the Bylaws. So I also just want to ask one more thing also in terms of timing. This is already November 19<sup>th</sup>, do you want to try to do something in December or do you want to have something in January? And I think if you're going to decide if we're going to have a call then if you're going to try to do it in December then at least that sets some deadlines for ensuring all the documentation is proper before that call. That's all.



SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you very much Dev. This is Sylvia Herlein Leite. As I said before, we will analyze together, with Jose, all the comments posted, and we will send an email with the definite agenda and the steps to follow. The staff, could you please tell me how much time is still available for this call? Silvia Vivanco, can you hear me. Do we have an hour more or am I wrong?

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. Yes, you have half an hour.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you very much Silvia. Jose, I would like to go on with point number five, the strategic regional plan. Jose, you have the floor.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Thank you very much Sylvia. Item number five on the agenda is something very important, the regional strategic plan. This was an initiative by Rodrigo de la Para. In the last two or three meetings this started informal meetings and then this was formalized, and Rodrigo asked our region to elect a representative so as to be part of this strategic planning committee. And you are able to see them on the list. Are you to be part of these important discussions.

According to Rodrigo's request there was one member from the Caribbean region and one from the Latin American region. From the Caribbean region we have Dev and there was no other appointment to be part of the strategic planning committee. And in order to strike a

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balance, not only in the region but also in the committee in general terms, I proposed in the list to have a woman as a candidate, taken into account the other representatives, I think it is important and necessary to have a woman in the strategic planning committee. And we have Natalia, Fatima and Vanda that were expressing their wish to collaborate. So I told them that it would be good to have one of them as the Latin American representative in the regional strategic plan.

And most of you agreed that Fatima should be part of that plan. Fatima, Dev, did you have any meeting with Rodrigo? I saw that today Fatima sent an email to the list asking for details about the transcripts and audio files. Fatima, is there any comment? Dev?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima speaking. We only had one informal communication with Rodrigo to share the draft of the regional strategy, and that was the information I sent in today's email. You have the English and the Spanish versions and there is a Wiki page that was created to post all the comments related. This Wiki is not still working but we are just a step ahead asking you new ideas once you can analyze this draft document. We will be reporting constantly about the news that we have, but up till now this is all the information that we have.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you Fatima, this is Sylvia Herlein speaking. Is there anybody who would like to ask any question regarding this item number five in the agenda? Okay, so we will now go to item number six, which is the LACRALO declaration on the strategic proposal of ICANN meetings

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where Fatima and Natalia have created a declaration and I would like to give the floor to some of them so that they can explain what they have published in our Wiki.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking again, thank you Sylvia. I have just posted on the AC room, I have posted the public link to this issue. The statement that we did on behalf of LACRALO has included the opinions of everybody who has issued an opinion on this; regards Vanda, Alejandro, Dev, Carlton, Natalia and Juan Manuel. And when we tried to balance this declaration we posted it as a public comment and in different areas we have received a good encouragement to continue doing this because they are good for our region to be present within the public comments. So we hope we will have more statements of this kind if the future. That's all, thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking, thank you Fatima. Is there anybody else who would like to take the floor on the declaration or something that has not been said?

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. I can't really see the AC room. Is there anybody else?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Go ahead Jose.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. First I would like to congratulate this initiative. Much before Fatima and Natalia sent this document, we had discussed some of these issues on the list and then this ended up on the creation of this document. Now as a result of the document created by them I had some conversations with some LACNIC people, especially with Andres who when our region posted this document for public comment, LACNIC also released a similar document on the same direction.

When I talked to Andres Piazza we had decided after talking and having some chats that from now on we would like to have some kind of collaboration and cooperation with LACNIC on issues that are of common interest and try to obtain a sort of agenda of certain issues and the region should have some of these issues that are on the general that are not always discussed, excluding of course this issue on which the comment was made.

I think it's important that we incorporate the people of LACRALO to some of the issues that are discussed in that part of ICANN, and I think we should also have some kind of common agenda with LACNIC. That's all I wanted to say. We are discussing this issue and as soon as we can have a formal document we will inform this to the list.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

This is Sylvia speaking, thank you Jose. Is there anybody else who would like to make a comment in this regard, in this issue? Okay, so now we can go to item five, which is the LACRALO working group. As I can see here we have the coordinators present on this call. So I can just say that

they are working a lot, that there is a lot of communication between the coordinators and through the group. We don't really have an important participation on the group, but the people who are there are working a lot.

I suggest that you get more involved, even if you are not part of the group, that you access the Wiki and that you make comments that can help those who are participating in the group. Maybe the coordinators would like to make a comment so that this is stated for the record. In that case you have the floor.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:

This is Juan Manuel speaking and asking for the floor. Thank you Sylvia, thank you all; this is Juan Manuel speaking. I just wanted to say that the communications group that I am leading at the time has reviewed a document called the Netiquette document. As from today, we would like to post it so that comments can be made. This document is posted on the Wiki; it's in English and in Spanish so that we can receive your comments in this regard. And this is part of the work we have done at the group.

We would like also to create a Style Manual that will soon be sent to you so that you can comment on it, and to provide us your feedback on any additional issues that we can include on the document so that we can then send it to the main table of LACRALO and to have it as a main document for the region. I have no access to the Adobe right now, so somebody can help me and put up the link right there on the chat room. So that's the contribution that I want from you, thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking, thank you Juan. Is there any other coordinator who would like to take the floor? Humberto now has the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco for the record. I just wanted to sum up and say that we are preparing a document. I need to get in contact with Dev Anand so that we can go ahead in the draft that we started to prepare. We also would like to receive comments within the group, and any member of the LACRALO group, you're welcome to provide your proposal. That is all, thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking, thank you Humberto. Alejandro Pisanty now has the floor. We are listening to you Alejandro, now you have the floor.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: I just had to unmute my voice. The strategic planning group, this is Alejandro speaking, is progressing. We have chronicled the content of the analysis SWOT tables. We are expecting Dev's comment. We will have a teleconference meeting tomorrow. And if there are members of this working group, I invite you and I encourage you to participate in the document we are building in the meeting we will be holding tomorrow. Thank you.

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SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking, thank you Alejandro. Is there anybody who would like to make a comment? Fatima, please go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. I don't know if Antonio is on the call or not – Antonio are you here? At least he is listed here. Hello Antonio, can you hear us?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Antonio is the coordinator of the governance group – this is Sylvia speaking again. I only hear some noise; I'm not sure Antonio is on the line or not.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Okay Sylvia, then I suppose we will talk to Antonio so that he can inform about the news and the next meeting. He was the one that was coordinating the group and I personally have no news about it.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking. That's correct, he had some problems and in this week we were coordinating a new date for this groups meeting and we will inform you by email. So with this item number seven, we will finish. Is there any other issue that you'd like to talk about? And those of you who have raised your hand in the Adobe, please put it down. Jose we are on item eight, which is other issues. Would you like to say something else?

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JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose speaking. I apologize that I am not in the AC room. I have nothing else to add. I just wanted to say that we will soon be sending issues regarding the AC room; LACRALO is the one who will decide how to proceed and on my behalf this is the end of the call so that we can advance on the substantive issues of the AC, the GA.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

This is Sylvia speaking. Thank you, Jose. If nobody else has any other issues to comment on, I will thank you all, Veronica and David and the people of the staff and this call is adjourned. This call on the November month, this is finishing 15 minutes before the hour. This is really a record.

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