JULIA CHARVOLEN:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO Governance Working Group call on Thursday, 21 February at 21:00 UTC. On the English channel we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Dev Anand Teelucksingh. On the Spanish channel we have Natalia Enciso, Antonio Medina Gomez, Aida Noblia, Sergio Salinas Porto, and Jose Sergio.
	We have apologies from Juan Manuel Rojas, Fatima Cambronero and Jose Arcé, and from staff we have Heidi Ullrich's apologies. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Julia Charvolen, and our interpreters are Sabrina and Veronica. May I remind all participants to please state your names before speaking for transcription purposes? Thank you very much and over to you.
ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ:	Antonio Medina speaking. Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us today. Since I haven't been able to access the AC room I would like to check whether the connection is working alright.
SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:	Sylvia speaking. Yes, the connection is working alright. I have seen you trying several times. But I don't see you in the AC room, Antonio. Okay… Oh, there you go, there you are.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Sergio Salinas Porto speaking. Sorry, I was offline – have we started with the call yet?
SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:	Sylvia speaking. Yes, yes, the call has started already.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Sergio speaking. Thank you, Sylvia.
ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ:	Antonio Medina speaking for the record. I would like to quickly read today's agenda, proposed agenda. Please bear with me for one minute… Antonio Medina speaking. Before we read out the agenda I would like to ask Sylvia Herlein for her help. I would like to designate her as our note taker for this meeting. It is my understanding that ICANN staff is a little bit limited today so I will ask Sylvia for that favor.
	Antonio speaking, hello Sylvia? Are you there?
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Silvia Vivanco speaking. I think Sylvia Herlein is not on the call. I'm not hearing her right now, not for the time being. From now on this is the way we are going to work. The staff is taking down action items, that is actions that have to be implemented after the call and I will gladly be the note taker for today if you do not have any other person available – this is Silvia Vivanco speaking.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio Medina speaking. Yes, staff has asked me about this, has requested this so thank you. So I would like to check who is on the call because I was not able to hear that before, so I would like to check attendance, to verify which participants are on the call. Hello? Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco speaking. I am asking Julia to proceed with the roll call once again. She has already done so for the records. In the interest of time I have posted the participants list and you can see the participants there, so maybe we can proceed with the meeting.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Antonio, my hand is up. I have a motion of order so that we can start with this meeting.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking now. There's very few of us on the call – Dev, Aida Noblia, Natalia, and you and myself. And we have apologies from Humberto who is not able to join us, and we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond that has joined us as well. So since we have a brief agenda please let us go straight to the point and let us focus on the document that you shared, that you circulated – the document with the SWOT analysis plus Alberto Soto's contributions. So we can quickly deal with that document and then agree on a drafting team so that we can

expediently send a document to LACRALO. And for the records, this was Sergio Salinas Porto speaking, thank you.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking now, okay Sergio. Well, we have the roll call on the agenda; that was already done. Then we have to focus on the progress achieved by the LACRALO Governance Group and I will be very brief on that. During this week we circulated some communications regarding points or Items #3 and #4. We will have Dev Anand Teelucksingh and Alberto Soto speaking, each of them for ten minutes. Sergio said that Alberto sent his apologies although he had confirmed his participation this morning, so anyway we should move on quickly. Then we have Item #5 which is any other business.

So having said that let us focus on Item #2, that is Progress of the LACRALO Governance Working Group. First of all, our work done so far was mainly based upon the corporate governance perspective and trying to have the same approach as an organization such as LACRALO that is made up of ALSes from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. In our prior meeting we focused on the significance of having one of ICANN's objectives, that is one world, one internet; and also their mission, that is to guarantee the stable and secure functioning of the internet's unique identifiers – well, we focused on the significance of those items.

And in our analysis we focused on ICANN's model – we wanted to highlight ICANN's model; that is, a multi-stakeholder model which is an example to the world given the participation of multiple stakeholders. This defines a security and stability framework – it guarantees the

participation of all interested stakeholders and it makes ICANN an international organization. We have clearly defined policies and treaties, and also ICANN enables access to a stable DNS.

LACRALO is mainly made up of ALSes, that is companies, individuals and organizations representing users in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean and contrary to what ICANN is, as I mentioned in our prior meeting, we do not have governments participating. We do not have telecom companies, we do not have registrars or registries participating. So this means that our future work has a specific approach and specific characteristics in terms of defining the LACRALO governance process in the future.

LACRALO is made up of ALSes from Latin America and the Caribbean and this ensures the participation of users in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean based on a process that in itself is based upon ICANN's policy development processes. It's interesting to see the way in which we were able to identify these organizations. That enables us as ALSes to relate to an organization, to an international organization. We have been able to identify users; we have been able to accredit them by means of the different accreditation processes.

It's also important to note that they all have the possibility to participate and all accredited members have voting rights and also have a voice. We have different ALS representatives, we have a General Assembly – that is the most important structure within our organization. We have operating principles, we have bylaws and we have a Chair and a Secretariat that are chosen for a specific term and the vote is public.

One of our recommendations along this process was to make the most of the work done by Dev Anand Teelucksingh and Alejandro Pisanty on the strengths, weaknesses – that is the SWOT analysis, opportunities and threats as well. That was one of the most important inputs to be taken into consideration. So during this week we asked group members to do the following, but before going on let me tell you that I received an email from Fatima Cambronero. I apologized to Fatima because of course she's a member of this LACRALO Governance Working Group and inadvertently I did not cc her in that email. I have offered my apologies to Fatima and I acknowledged my mistake.

Anyway, I would like to know if we can move on to Item #3 on our agenda so that I can give the floor to Dev Anand Teelucksingh. I think he has very interesting contributions in terms of the characteristics that organizations working on governance should have. So if Dev is here and if he's ready then I will give him the floor. Dev, you have the floor for ten minutes now. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. Thank you, Antonio. Well, I have to confess I was surprised to be put on the agenda as such to speak. My points were in the previous call, the previous governance calls, and again I'll put the link in the chat – this group is supposed to be looking at the issues related to governance, and that sometimes I think is a term that's misunderstood. This was one article I found on the web that goes into what is governance? To define what governance is, it's the process of decision making and the process by which decisions are implemented or not implemented.

So my suggestion was that we as a group look at some of the characteristics of what we consider to be good governance, and according to this article good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory, consensus-oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive, and follows the rule of law. And the intent here is to ensure that, well it's speaking more about governance in terms of politics and so forth but that it assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the vulnerable of society are heard in decision making.

So those eight major characteristics – participation, rule of law, transparency, responsiveness, consensus-oriented, equity and inclusiveness, effectiveness and efficiency, and accountability – my suggestion was to ask you really if you think that okay, is LACRALO achieving these eight characteristics? And if we're not achieving it what is the issue or problem that's causing this to happen, and then try to figure out a solution.

What was put on the agenda on the last Governance call was to look at the modification of the Memorandum of Understanding, and the Memorandum of Understanding with ICANN and LACRALO establishes a set of responsibilities for LACRALO and for ICANN to coordinate our activities together. And well, my concern and I stated it on the last call as well, and I'll state it again here, is I'm thinking that making such actions without really understanding why we want to make these changes is not a good way to proceed.

We really should be defining what exactly are the issues that need resolving. And if, and I use the word "if," and if – going back to my suggested solution – if a change in MOU is needed then we can look at that as one of the solutions. But you have to define the problems first and then look at the solutions and make sure we understand that, and then implement a solution – not try to implement solutions where they may not solve the problem that we really want to solve, and which in fact may even create more problems.

So I mean we have the LACRALO SWOT table already. I don't think I need to repeat what was in the SWOT tables already. I could find the link and put it back into the chat because I'm not seeing it on the agenda… Let me see, LACRALO SWOT, here it is. Here it is. And I mean are there additions that we want to recommend in terms of the governance, in terms of either strengths or weaknesses or opportunities or threats? I think Alberto may have had some more contributions.

I haven't had a chance to study his documents fully but again, and just one final observation and this is more of like an observation from being involved in LACRALO for some time now: I think one of our key issues or problems is that… I think we have difficulty understanding the core reasons or the core principles of why we are in ICANN At-Large. There also seems to be difficulty in understanding what are democratic and representative principles and I know many of us in LACRALO are in the legal field and we propose laws, well, we need more laws to solve the thing; and again, this is also like jumping towards a solution and not understanding what our problems are.

And I mean if we don't understand, if we – LACRALO, Latin American and Caribbean At-Large Structures do not have like a mutual understanding of the democratic and representative principles we can draft hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of laws and rules and so forth and they will not help us. So I think when we look at ideas, keep in mind what we are here for in ICANN At-Large to do – provide policy input on behalf of the interests of the end users in Latin American and the Caribbean into the ICANN policy process. And we do that from the At-Large Structures ourselves to LACRALO, to the ALAC and from the ALAC giving policy advice on ICANN-related policy issues.

I think I will stop there right now and if anybody has any comments or questions or thoughts... That's it.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Thank you very much, Dev. Thank you for your comments. You have been very clear. This has allowed us to have it clear in our minds the work to do. I would like to know if Alberto Soto is already connected.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Yes, I have joined already.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio Medina speaking. Alberto, do you have the document or should I send the document to you again?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking, please send it back to me.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas Porto speaking. Alberto, I will send you the document.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking for the record. Good afternoon and good evening. I fully agree with Dev in that we need to analyze where we are standing right now and to be down to Earth in order to deal with governance.   All that Dev said before in terms of governance, definitions, and all the necessary steps to achieve good results is absolutely correct and we should seize this opportunity so as not to repeat our work.

And we need to make the most of the activities and tasks already done, for example with the Strategic Working Group. What do we have there? There we have all the favorable and not so favorable issues. We have their idea of the opportunities, what is considered a threat. We have all the SWOT matrix and that is a quite extensive list. Dev said he was not able to finish reading but what I did…

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking, I sent the material to you, Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. What I did is to continue with the SWOT matrix apart from the information on the list and I created a confrontation matrix using the strategic planning methodology.   So once we have this confrontation matrix we have the critical items that we have, those that are critical or that are the most important ones. For example, if it is an important strength that will be the first item. If we have an important weakness, that will be then the first item on the list.

So what do we have now? Well, there was the issue of the lack of participation from the ALSes and the lack of participation of people. So what does this mean? This means that we have one problem, in fact we have several problems. This also comes from the matrix but… Thank you, I have received the material. Sorry, Antonio, you haven't sent me my proposal; I have received another document.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Alberto, I sent you your material.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. So I was saying that in the SWOT analysis or matrix we have all that information, and there was a very important weakness. And this implies, and I apologize for not being able to read what I have sent, but this implies that we do not have good communication among us. And governance cannot be demanded.

First of all, governance demands good communication; otherwise we will never get or we will never have good governance.   And all the problems we are having here is because we were not able to coordinate among ourselves. We lack coordination among the group, and I am

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working on two groups so I brought from the Strategic Planning Working Group what we have done. And this is something that we should not [do here].

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking, sorry, but I am looking for the material.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking now. Could you please, Antonio, create a Wiki page to post these documents?

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Perhaps Silvia might help us with this.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking… Go ahead, Silvia, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. I would like to know where the document is, the document you're referring to so that I can post it in the AC room if it is necessary.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. Antonio, could you please send the document to Silvia? Silvia, please tell me, Silvia go ahead. So the model has six parts. The first part, please read it. It is theoretical information because it helps to understand what governance is as Dev pointed out, and we have for example management risk. This offers an integrated platform

and as you can see, there is a collaborative approach. This means collaboration – this means that we all need to be linked together speaking the same language. How do we achieve this? First by observing, and you will see that we agree with Dev – first by observing our community context. We have 23 countries and our presence is in 16 countries with 48 ALSes participating.

Secondly, there is little contact by the ALSes with internet users and we have a lack of participation at an institutional and personal level, particularly speaking in the working groups. There are a few members of LACRALO in ICANN positions, even in the working groups and at ICANN meetings. So there's a need, and this goes beyond the confrontation matrix.

We also have needs regarding group coordination. We need to promote LACRALO members. We need to reorganize working groups. If the group has several topics to deal with or several items, or two items to deal with well, the activities should be carried out and that material should be reunited. And we need also appropriate communications, mutual respect and a healthy working environment. Another need would be to train leaders.

Now in terms of our community, what do we have? We have a memorandum of understanding, an MOU setting or establishing the main parameters for governance but this seems not to be working. So we have a link with ICANN and we can have or we can work with ICANN's operating principles and that might be failing somehow and we need to revise this. We have operating principles, we have free elections. Any member may cover positions within LACRALO and

ICANN. We also have regular activities and opportunities in LACRALO. Some of them have to do with capacity building. We also have regular activities and opportunities within ICANN related to capacity building. I'm also talking about the training of leaders.

There is a governance gap, and what do I mean by a governance gap? This is the deficiency of cooperation areas among the groups and within the groups. If we are focusing our governance activity on these items, well, I think we will have good results. So we need to be down to Earth, and what do I mean by this? Well Antonio, perhaps I do not agree with you. We need to consider all ICANN's objectives because once we solve these problems we might achieve ICANN's objectives. But in fact, I don't need to be worried about the DNS security – the working groups are in charge of that. I need to pay attention to, me as an ALS, I need to pay attention to the internet's final or end users – that is LACRALO's mission.

And our vision coincides with good governance. That is our mission, to be in contact or to be in touch with internet end users. The vision of our Working Group is that we need to have a united LACRALO working together. What does this mean? This means good governance. This is a summary of my ideas but I hope you have understood me and I hope I have made myself clear. Thank you very much.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Thank you very much, Alberto. When you sent your input by email I thought that it was one of the most important missions, the same as Dev Anand Teelucksingh's contribution. Now I would like to

give the floor to Sergio Salinas Porto. Sergio, you have the floor, go ahead please. Sergio, can you hear us?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, can you hear me?

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio speaking. I would like to thank Alberto for his contribution. I think his contribution summarizes what this group should be doing and it's very good. I have one comment regarding Dev's, regarding his point. When he mentions ALSes and the link or the relationship between ALSes, I would say that we have a lot of connections with ALSes. We work with them, we have concrete activities for them, so perhaps academic organizations due to their nature and their working methodology because they are more related to study cases, well they may not have a great approach to the end users. But there are many ALSes within the region that do have that possibility and they have interaction with internet end users.

On the other hand I think that Alberto's approach is sufficient. He opens our minds to discuss beyond this Working Group. This Working Group should become something else and we should start working on trying to clear items that are really interesting, and this will take us time. We need to start working. Some of the ideas Alberto shared are really good. He spoke about the cooperation within groups and among

groups, and the also mentioned our role within ICANN. So this is what I have said some years ago, the idea of creating a working group with LACRALO members to start working on the Latin American and the Caribbean Region's view on gTLDs and many other topics that we have been discussing in ICANN for a while.

So this is one of our missions. We need to [voice] internet users in Latin America and of course we need to [voice] ICANN's issues. And this is the core of the matter. Alberto also mentioned certain issues that in my view have to do with the language barriers. He said there are a few members of a working group within LACRALO, but we can send only one member or there is only one ALS interested in that issue. But if that ALS cannot speak English, well, that would be outside of the working group.

So how can we as Latin American and Caribbean citizens work within these working groups? So that's why we have these working groups within the region with simultaneous interpretation so that we can work based on consensus. Perhaps we might have greater presence in the region and think together on the internet as a universal issue that affects all of us. Thank you very much.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Thank you very much, Sergio, for your comments. I see Alberto, Aida, and Dev have their hands up so now I will give the floor to Aida then Alberto and finally Dev Anand Teelucksingh. Aida, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO:	Silvia Vivanco speaking. Aida, Antonio is giving you the floor. Perhaps your line is muted? Aida, we hear you now.
AIDA NOBLIA:	Aida speaking. I just wanted to say that since we are starting this Working Group our participation is still very recent so I would like to thank Alberto for his explanation. We're trying to listen to all the points so that we can participate more. We have good contact and links with our internet end users by means of workshops but we are in the summer season, so meetings will start now and we will have more people participating. That is our expectation at least and that is what I wanted to say. Thank you very much.
ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ:	Antonio speaking. Thank you, Aida. Alberto, you have the floor once again.
ALBERTO SOTO:	Alberto Soto for the record. Okay, in relation to what Sergio said, what I mean with low participation is I am speaking in general terms – I'm not referring to particular working groups. We are the link, so our model in LACRALO is the ALS sending information towards ICANN but behind us we have, we receive feedback from end users. And that is our function. That's why I say we have little participation. For example, in terms of .cordoba, .patagonia, I haven't seen that many people talking about it – only a minute group of people were talking. And end users should go to the government, of course it's not our mission but just an idea, to fight for that and struggle for that domain name.

And I would like to add another conclusion. With all I said before, the strengths, weaknesses and all the things included in my proposal, what comes after that is the verification of our potential and of our operating principles and bylaws. The Working Group created by the GA, well, there is no working group in charge of the WHOIS issues or the security in the DNS or gTLDs or any other issues. So these working groups were strategic working groups.

We have the Governance Working Group, Communications Working Group – what are they? They are the problems we have, they represent the problems we have within LACRALO and we as independent working groups are trying to solve those issues. That's why we need to achieve results by means of this Working Group. And after that, once we have solved our main internal issues and once we have verified our operating principles and we have modified things to be a united group; once we have amended any rule or legal aspect as it is required, well... After we have done all that we can have a concrete group, and after that we can create other working groups responsible for the WHOIS issues, the DNS and so on so that we can work together with ICANN. But we need to deal with the main problems of end users. Thank you very much.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking, thank you, Alberto. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. Just to go back to the issue of low participation, well there's several observations. One, I mean since LACRALO's inception and now there has been I have to say

great strides in how ICANN is becoming more accessible. I won't say it's perfect but it has become more accessible. For example, our fantastic interpreters that manage the ICANN meetings are now handling the calls, for example, and they're still doing a super magnificent job.

Secondly, a lot more policy issues are being translated into the six UN languages, and Spanish being one of the key languages in this region this I think makes it more accessible. So there's that. And recently there's been great improvements behind the scenes where the Language Services Group at ICANN led by Christina, apart from the interpreters, the transcripts for many of the conference calls including this one for example, including this Working Group for example – the transcripts of the calls are now being posted to the Wiki I would say within a week, sometimes even like four days after the call.

So with that in mind, and given that transcripts, even if they are in English you can use the Wiki tool to translate and get a machine-readable version in Spanish or in Portuguese for that matter, you know… Well, one of my suggestions here is that there's an opportunity here for the ALSes that typically have said "Well, I can't join this working group because there's not enough interpretation provided and so forth." But now that transcripts are being provided they can read the transcripts. They can read some of the documents that are posted and can I would think, if they read the transcript they can ask questions. They can ask questions about the working groups.

Say I don't understand this concept or this concern being expressed, and I'm to be quite honest, the working groups in the ICANN At-Large, I would have to say in the global – where we work together in the global

At-Large, I mean there is a… Whenever I have question somebody is willing to hear my question and answer it. So I'm asking still, given these improvements, given these steady improvements why has participation by the ALSes only been restricted to the voting for positions – be it Chair, Secretariat, ALAC or any of the regional leaders – and not in these other aspects? That's my challenge question to all of you. I will stop there. I have a few more points but I see there's a queue, so…

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: This is Antonio speaking. Thank you, Dev. I think that your comments largely reflect the situation that we are facing, the situation that you know, characterizes us – it's one of our features – and most likely will be included in our final document for this Governance Working Group. This will enable us to move forward in terms of other actions that will surely result from the recommendations in our final document.

May I kindly ask you for a favor? I see that we are about to bring this meeting to a close. I see we have Dev participating, Natalia – I believe she's also on the call; Sergio Salinas Porto, Jose Salguierro – I don't see him connected, and Antonio Medina. So here is my proposal. Since I already sent you a document yesterday as input, as working input, as working material in order to draft a final document that we can submit to ICANN; given that we should take two weeks to draft that document well, let us do that and let us meet next week in order to review details and the recommendations that we will be including in that final document.

So I would like to know if there is agreement on this and if you would like to be part of this Drafting Team for this document.

NATALIA ENCISO: This is Natalia speaking. I have some comments and some questions. First of all I have a question regarding Fatima's email yesterday. She clearly explained there are three LACRALO SWOTs – we have this group, we have the Strategic Planning Working Group and we have the Latin American and Caribbean Strategy Group. I agree with her that we are replicating or repeating efforts, so let us agree on the one that we will be using in order to draft a document.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking now. Okay, Natalia, yes, I see your point. A couple of meetings ago we did not want to duplicate efforts; on the contrary, we wanted to leverage work done by the Strategic Planning Working Group and that was going to be used as an input. So we are not duplicating efforts.

NATALIA ENCISO: Natalia speaking again. Okay, good. My next point is related to participation or engagement. From a personal experience when emails are sent, we only have a plus one reply and we don't have any further details. Regarding .patagonia and the deadlines for that, well, the deadline was not taken into account. So I believe that we do not understand the way in which we can participate in At-Large from LACRALO, we can participate within or at ICANN and we have to insist on that. This is what happened with .patagonia.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Excuse me, who's taking the floor?

NATALIA ENCISO: This is Natalia speaking. This is Natalia speaking.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Yes, the thing is that I made a proposal and your comment is very different from my proposal. It's not along the lines of my proposal. My proposal was whether you wanted to join the Drafting Team for this final document. That doesn't mean this is going to be final, definite and conclusive – we will continue working on these topics, but we need to submit a document to ICANN.

NATALIA ENCISO: Natalia speaking.   Yes, I know but I want to voice my views regarding this final document that will be the end product.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Yes of course, please let us remember that we are all members of the same group. So all our views and opinions are valid because this enriches our work.

NATALIA ENCISO: Natalia speaking. Yes, I'm just giving my opinion on the topics that were addressed during this call – Aida, Sergio, they   all spoke about these topics.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Well, okay, in that case maybe you can draft and email and you can send it directly to me, and you can cc everybody else.

NATALIA ENCISO: Natalia speaking. Okay, I will post that on the Wiki.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. I see Sergio and Alberto are asking for the floor. Sergio, go ahead please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking now. Okay, we are almost reaching the top of the hour so first of all, let me insist on what I posted in the AC room. As Dev said, LACRALO needs to do plenty of work regarding certain topics or issues. One of them as Alberto strategically said is that of governance; that is, we need to define governance issues. And once we put the house in order we can start working in or on internal capacity building or inreach and we can focus on explaining plainly how we can participate in ICANN.

We Argentinians or Latin Americans had an experience with .amazon and .patagonia. We couldn't understand how to phrase the four questions or reply to those questions, and I am being really honest about this. Many a time we don't know how to move forward and hence our work comes to a halt, and we cannot solve management issues quickly within LACRALO. We don't have that mechanism.

Also I volunteer to be part of the Drafting Team for this final document but I think this final document needs to show this group's commitment to continue working on the issue of governance. We will come up with a diagnosis of this situation but this will not be the basis for real and concrete governance within LACRALO. And I believe my views are shared by the people present on this call and by others that are not part of this Working Group.

And Natalia, I think we are on the same page regarding this. Thank you very much, that was my comment. Thank you.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Okay, good. So Sergio, you will be part of this Drafting Team for the final document, correct?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, correct Antonio.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Alberto, you have the floor now. I see your hand up.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. For your peace of mind the SWOT matrix items in the Strategic Planning Working Group, the ones that I drafted, all those items were taken from the Strategic Planning Working Group where Fatima is both also a member. Of course the items are not exactly the same but both groups have shared items. The items that I included are the ones we need to work on within LACRALO as a group,

what we need right now – that is governance and strategic planning. So this is for everybody's peace of mind. If we use what I have just posted we are not coming up with anything odd or strange; we are just reflecting what two working groups are expressing. Thank you.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Thank you for that point of clarification, Alberto. So it is my understanding that we here in this call are going to be part of the Drafting Team for this final document. For the time being I thank you indeed for your participation. I will stay in contact with Silvia Vivanco so that she helps us organize or arrange a meeting for next week if possible, and we will be needing simultaneous interpretation because Dev is an English speaker. So if there is any other question nro comment go ahead please.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Before we set a date for the next meeting let us work together by exchanging emails because maybe we will not have finished by next week. So my suggestion is let us exchange emails before and then we finish that.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio speaking. Correct, that's right. I will send you the document now posted on the AC room and we will add topics as addressed during this call. So I see Natalia is requesting or asking for the floor. Natalia, anything you would like to add? Okay, having said this we have reached the top of the hour so I would like to thank you all for your participation today. The work done was indeed very important. I want to thank

Silvia, I want to thank the interpreters for their time and for their help and I wish you all a very good day. Thank you very much for your time and your participation. Goodbye.

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