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Good morning, good afternoon, good evening; welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference on Monday 21, January at 23:00 UTC. On the call today we have, on the English channel, Roosevelt King, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, [Nieran Biahé]. On the Spanish channel we have Jose Arcé, Humberto Carrasco, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Aida Noblia, Sergio Salinas Porto, Juan Manuel Rojas, Andres Piazza, Gilberto Lara and Vanda Scartezini.

We have apologies from Cintra Sooknanan, Javier Jose Pallero and Jacqueline Morris. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Julia (Inaudible), and our interpreters are Veronica and Sabrina. May I remind all participants to please say their name before speaking for transcription purposes, and speak at a reasonable pace to allow accurate interpretation. Thank you very much, over to you.

JOSE ARCÉ:

Jose Arcé speaking, for the record. Good afternoon everyone, welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference in January. Welcome to the participants on the English and Spanish channels. Following with our capacity building session it is a great pleasure for me to introduce Andres Piazza who will be joining us today. For those who do not know him he is the former LACRALO Chair and he is a personal friend whom I appreciate. And professionally he has grown exponentially of late and he has made some time for us today.

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He is LACNIC Public Affairs Officer. So Andres, I would like to thank you for joining us on this LACRALO monthly call. I want to welcome you, and if you want, you have the floor.

ANDRES PIAZZA:

Andres Piazza speaking. Thank you Jose. I am overwhelmed by your introductory remark. I just want to say something along the same lines of what I said last week when I attended the webinar. I was very lucky to be invited by At-Large and I am very lucky to have been invited now by LACRALO. It is an ideal honor to participate in these events. Please feel free to contact me any time. I feel part of the community, although today I participate from another stakeholder group; that is a registry.

And I represent that registry, but I am really happy to share information with you on behalf of my organization. And since I represent a regional organization, that is almost as large as LACRALO in terms of extension, except for Jamaica and Barbados and some Caribbean countries, what we are comprised of the same companies as LACRALO. We are a similar organization to LACRALO. So this, in a way, is somewhat an act of accountability, and not only an act of support to LACRALO. I see many friends on the call, so here goes a warm welcome to all of them.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Andres it's a pleasure to hear you.

JOSE ARCÉ:

Jose Arcé speaking. We have invited Andres as our guest speaker to address a specific topic; that is the RIRs performance in our region. And

I had asked Andres to deliver a 10 minute presentation to let the region know what happened at the WCIT; that is to share the Latin American standpoint from that meeting. So Andres, feel free to use your time in any way you feel like. So whenever you are ready, we are.

ANDRES PIAZZA:

Andres Piazza speaking. There are two points that called my attention along these lines. As I was saying, these topics are related to our work and have an impact on what we do and are of interest to you. But as you know, LACNIC is the IP address registry on a regional level, and the internet policy development process has a home at ICANN that is devoted to names and numbers. Policies related to numbers are concentrated or focused on the five RIRs, so these regional registries are the places where these places are defined.

So in terms of information flow and access it's interesting to see the LACRALO or At-Large in ICANN as a recipient of our information. There are many topics that I would like to address from the point of view of a regional internet registry, but in our specific case, we brought the debate in international fora among many other activities. But today, I have to address the topic of the year, if you will, that is the depletion of IPv4 address, or the depletion of IPv4 pool.

So this year, 2013, is a key year because it has to do mainly with the evolution of the last IPv4 addresses. We know that IPv6 is a new protocol, but this new protocol does not exist 1% of internet traffic; that is 1% of internet traffic is IPv6. So first of all, we need to take into account the number of operators that is content and access providers that have IPv6 addresses allocated. This is important in all the regions.

In our region we have a high rate of allocation; however, traffic is the most important factor. And traffic to date is not that important. We have the milestone of the IPv4 depletion; the first milestone took place in February 2011 in a meeting held in Miami where the last 48 were allocated; that is the last IPv4 pools available in IANA. They were finally exhausted. That was a global policy that had been agreed upon in the policy fora in the five regions; that is how to manage the slash 4 8, the last available slash 4 8.

So the five policy fora agreed on how to proceed, and in addition to that, a global policy as developed. After that, at the beginning of 2012, the Asia Pacific registry depleted its addresses, and that has been the case in Europe as well. So perhaps the registry that is better positioned is the North American registry. And the registry in Latin America and the Caribbean is in a somewhat interesting position. We have recovered some addresses, so we have a higher stock, if you will.

So we used to have three slash 4 8's until very recently, but given the dramatic rate of growth in our region, in LACNIC we have addresses that we can allocate until September next year. However, September next year is a date based on a mathematical calculation on the basis of the daily and weekly allocation of addresses, and on the basis of remaining addresses. However, if that rate were faster, then we would deplete the addresses at a faster pace. So 2013 is a key year in terms of IPv6 depletion.

If we have no more numeric resources than we cannot allocate any more addresses, so we face growth issues. We may have more connections, but those would be possible by means of a technique that

uses fewer addresses in order to achieve a higher number of connections. But that is not advisable, and there is an overall consensus in the internet community in that regard. At least this is not ideal for great traffic internet carriers. It wouldn't be advisable at all. We cannot foresee what will happen with the addresses in the region, but we have hundreds of millions of people in the region.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking; Andres could you please slow down so that we can grasp the content of your presentation, thank you.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres Piazza speaking; of course, of course. So as I was saying, we cannot determine the need for the next three year period in the region but we have 640 million inhabitants and we will have 120 million more users incorporated. Andres Piazza speaking, I don't know if you can hear me. Okay, I continue than; I go on. As I was saying, we have a higher number of users, but we have more devices in the hands of users. And we see a change in the patterns of behavior, and these users will change their behavior patterns in the coming years in a very significant way.

We will have IP connections that will not require a physical user. So, we do not know what behaviors will change, but we do know that some or many behaviors will change and there will be IP connections that will not require a user. So in addition to the higher number of devices and users, we will see that the network will continue to grow and the only way ahead is iPV6.

So ALSes need to work with their internet communities, with their user communities, with their governments in each country. Of course we have engineers in LACNIC, so feel free to contact us to get training or help. Having said this, I would like to speak about our experience at the WCIT regarding the Dubai treaty. And excuse me for speaking so fast because I have 30 minutes allocated and I have already used 15 minutes, so time is of the essence.

JOSE ARCÉ:

Jose Arcé speaking; Andres, sorry for the interruption. I just wanted to say that I wanted you to share your experiences in Dubai, but before that if there are any questions on your presentation regarding LACNIC then I will open the floor to questions and after that we will proceed to discuss the WCIT experience.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Jose, this is Sergio Salinas speaking. I cannot access the AC Room therefore I cannot put up my hand. I am deeply concerned about the advancement or the progress of IPv6 in the region. It's happening at a very slow pace. I know that Andres has to interact with governments so that starts deploying IPv6 in their countries. Maybe, Andres, we can – is it possible to have a view or an overview of this situation? Will we be using IPv6 in 2014 altogether?

ANDRES PIAZZA:

Andres Piazza speaking; Sergio, thank you very much for that comment. That's a very good question. On the one hand we have 1% of world traffic that is true. However, we also have important levels of allocation

of IP addresses. Let us take LACNIC for instance; we have members that receive addresses from LACNIC. 100% are large users and concentrate 50% of the traffic, and they all use IPv6. They have been allocated IPv6 addresses.

So all LACNIC members, be they large users like universities or final users, well they have free IPv6; they have had that for three years now and that has been extended until mid-next year, mid-2014. And that is the case in the other regional internet registries as well, both for content and access providers, we see that they have IPv6 addresses available. We have trained more than 12,000 engineers to date. These engineers work for telecommunication regulators and large and medium sized operators.

Engineers have been trained, they have attended tutorials, they have attended practice sessions; we have an online lab so that people can resort to our emulators, our online platform. At LACNIC we have routing simulators available, so that is an online platform dedicated to capacity building on this topic. We have an agreement with CITEC, that is the OAS Telecommunications agency. We have trained the Americas. We have trained the Caribbean. We have trained the US and Canada; although not all the Caribbean is a member of LACNIC because some Caribbean countries are also members of ARIN.

So even though 1% of global traffic has massive IPv6, this does not mean that – yes, yes I know. I will slow down. This does not mean that this is so negative, that that situation is that negative. It is far more promising that what we believe some decision makers can clearly promote or encourage the deployment of IPv6 at a regional level. From

the point of view of governments, some governments such as Ecuador, Colombia and Cuba have established IPv6 and some others are willing to do so.

I have met regulators in Costa Rica and Peru and they are willing to deploy IPv6; so is the case in Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico and also the Dominican Republic. So I can say that IPv6 is advancing at a slow pace. What needs to be taken is the very last step, surely before the end of 2014 we will be seeing a soft-landing policies, so the very last addresses will be allocated to the current LACNIC members. However, if new members crop up and they need new connections, they will be allocated some IPv4 addresses as per community policies.

And we need to take into account that we need to adopt a solution, and clearly the solution needs to be IPv6. There are companies that provide equipment and they provide or supply IPv6 routers, so they do not have a specific preference. We at LACNIC, we are a public interest organization and we are focused or interested in the deploying IPv6 and spreading that. So we want to advocate IPv6 implementation mainly.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking; thank you Andres for your comment.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé speaking. I think Vanda is asking for the floor, so Vanda, you have the floor; go ahead please. Vanda, you have the floor. I don't know if Vanda is connected; is she on the call?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. I am somewhat concerned about changes in the ISPs, that is the Internet Service Providers, the changes that they will have to make in order to offer IPv6. So Andres, my question is the following: what about LACNIC? Are they, or are you focusing on a presentation so that ISPs in Latin American and the Caribbean will be adequately trained in order to make these changes? Because we have ISPs in regions that are not very close to important or large centers or hubs. So is there information available on LACNIC's website in order to train these ISPs so that they can learn about the changes needed to migrate to IPv6? Thank you.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres Piazza speaking; thank you Vanda. There are two things or aspects to take into account in order to move forward. First of all, we have to focus on information on IPv6 on our internal IPv6 and external ones. I will post a link with information on this topic so that you can access further information, and of course feel free to contact me at any time. Right now, as I speak, before this call is over I will post information available on this topic.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. Thank you very much because this is important.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres Piazza speaking. There is an IPv6 portal and I will post that link on the chat.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Sylvia Herlein speaking. Andres, have you finished with your reply? This is Sylvia Herlein speaking. I wanted to read a question posted by Gilberto Lara. He says “Who is responsible of the iPV6 deployment in each country? Is it the government, the ISPs, the regulator; who is in charge of that?”

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres Piazza speaking; thank you Sylvia. I am reading Gilberto’s question; I think it’s really relevant. Basically everybody plays a role – internet is a bottom-up process in terms of protocols and we have different communities. The same applies here. We have governments and policy makers. We have independent regulators; they have a role. Maybe their role is not to force but to promote iPV6. In Colombia for example, the state is saying that only the state or the government can procure or purchase iPV6 compatible equipment.

Then we may have courses of studies at universities, and also operators have the obligation to invest or to think about a strategy to keep growing, or else to migrate to iPV6; to initiate that migration or to strengthen it. So we also have users associations that can exert some influence, and I hope they can do so in their respective countries.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé speaking; thank you Andres. I don’t know if there are any further questions. Roosevelt, he’s typing, he has typed something. Is there anybody else that would like to ask a question of Andres regarding the regional internet registry? Okay, so Andres, can you in 5 or 10 minutes let us know what happened in Dubai last year? Can you share

this with the community, with the region? You also participated in the At-Large webinar on this topic that was hosted last week. So if you can give us, or present your views in 5 or 10 minutes on this topic I would appreciate it.

ANDRES PIAZZA:

Andres Piazza speaking; thank you Jose. Once again, I thank you for this invitation to participate to join the webinar. Nigel Hickson, Avri Doria, Bill Drake and Olivier were also on the webinar. My view was but one view, please listen to the audio, to the webinars audio if you're interested in this discussion. However, I would like to quickly present my view, and of course I am open to questions. There has been plenty of information on this topic.

We have worked with governments, with our regional delegates in the WCIT. We have worked in the three preparatory meetings for the Americas. Our region was the Americas region, the OAS region. The meetings took place in Washington, in Buenos Aires and in Salvador. And then I myself attended the meeting in [Porta, Spain], so I attended the four prep meetings prior to the Toronto meeting.

So as it happens in every WCIT, we see that the regions view regarding the openness of the internet, the multi stakeholder model of internet governance, the role of government – well in that regard, the region perhaps did not take a leading role, but it did play an important role in terms of forming consensus and in terms of a very significant commitment in the region towards the multi stakeholder model. Oh thank you – I see that Dev has posted the ink to the webinar; the post-

WCIT webinar that took place on the 17th. At least we have the audio available, so thank you Dev.

Anyway, what I want to say is that countries in our regions, both the ones that signed the treaty and the ones that did not, and the ones that signed in Latin America and the Caribbean are the majority, CITELE was in favor of adopting the text. Then Costa Rica probably defended the multi stakeholder model and refused to sign. And we have three more countries that did not adopt, or rather adopted the text, but did not sign it on the following day. These countries were Peru, Chile and Colombia.

These countries, all the countries from Latin America and the Caribbean were holding the strong view of advocating the multi stakeholder model of the openness of the internet; of advocating the values that we have been advocating from LACNIC at least, during this debate before and after the WCIT. Then we also have to focus on transparency. We saw lengthy or a very important participation of the internet community. We had ICANN, ISOC, the regional internet registries; they were all present in Dubai.

ISOC had nearly 10 people attending, to mention but one example, represented, participated in national delegations. So this is important so that the ITU will have a more transparent and open process. That was readily accepted and plausible from the beginning. We could say that the process was a very transparent process considering it was a multilateral government treaty. However, towards the end transparency was somewhat obscured.

So for those of you that are familiar with the process of an international treaty, this meant or seemed to be a significant advancement. But if we

compare that with the openness and transparency of the decision making processes in the internet communities in the IETF, in the RIR as well, we see that these are far more transparent and open. So it was worth noting that. Then, on a separate note, we see LACNICs standpoint and LACNICs official comment that of course I will submit to your consideration.

This is simply my view, and it's different from the views reflected in the press. This is a positive view on the work being done in the internet. I think the region is going along the right path in terms of the internet; this is at least LACNICs view.

JOSE ARCÉ:

Jose Arcé speaking; thank you Andres. I think you have given us a very good and excellent summary. I don't know if participants want to ask for the floor on the AC. If you want to post a question to Andres regarding what happened at the WCIT, the floor is open. This is Jose Arcé speaking again; there seems to be no questions. Having no questions, we thank Andres for having participated in this call and for having shared with us his time. Andres, thank you very much. It's a pleasure for us to have you here and we will call you for future speeches, thank you very much.

ANDRES PIAZZA:

This is Andres Piazza speaking; thank you very much Jose. I repeat it was a pleasure for me to participate in that RALO; I feel at home. So please take me into account to participate in any topics related to LACNIC or in

internet or to participate in the IGF. I am at your disposal and at your request. Thank you very much.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking; thank you Andres. Go ahead Andres, please.

ANDRES PIAZZA: This is Andres Piazza. I would like to thank Fatima and Jose for their invitation.

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking again; thank you very much Andres and a round of applause for you. At a distance, at least, I will share the applause with you on the AC room. Now we will go on with this call. The following topic on the agenda is a welcome to the first ALS from Uruguay. We are happy to have this ALS, this is a new ALS that has been approved. I know that Aida Noblia is one of the representatives of this ALS in Uruguay; she is on the call. Aida, I would like to give you the floor for you to tell us about your ALS and what are your expectations for participating in this region and to work together with the rest of the ALSes. So, we would like you to share your views.

AIDA NOBLIA: Hello, can you hear me. This is Aida.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé – go ahead Aida.

AIDA NOBLIA:

This is Aida Noblia speaking, good night to everyone. I don't want to take much time. I'm very happy, or we are very happy to participate here, to participate in this organization in LACRALO in ICANN as ALSes this appointment. I would like to share with you written from the Chair and the secretariat of the ALSes. It's an honor for us, this association of notary publics is composed of 6,000 notary publics, active notary publics, apart from the individual users who are related to the registries. The association webpage in case you're interested in visiting it, is www.eu.org. And there you will see legal information where you can find information about the registries, libraries, databases that are available for the users.

So we have very intensive use of internet in this association, as well as in the working committees that we have. I don't want to take much time from you, but I would like to say that we have been focusing on internet in terms of the tools, legal tools, a notary publics tools that are required. So now we are available and willing to work in the development of these issues in At-Large, and to learn about the different issues that you deal with, which are new for us.

So as I said before, it's a pleasure for us to be here with you. Thank you very much, and this is the greetings that I had to say and we are at your disposal for any questions.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose Arcé speaking; so Aida, welcome on behalf of the region, LACRALO. I welcome you, I formally welcome you. Of course, we will

have time, but if there are any questions from the region we can devote two minutes to this. Of course, we will be working with you and you can count on any person of the region in case you have any doubt in terms of the tools that we use or in terms of the activities that we've developed. So you can have advice in terms of our region and so on.

AIDA NOBLIA:

This is Aida speaking; thank you very much. What we can do is this, we can be willing to working and this is what we are doing inside the association and outside as well. So as I said before, we are at your disposal and thank you very much for your warm welcome.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose Arcé speaking; thank you very much Aida. Welcome. Is there any comment or questions in terms of this issue? Does anyone would like to make a question to Aida? One, two three, okay – so let's go on. I see Andres Piazza posted something he would like to give special greetings from [Raoul Alterevita] for the community, LACRALO community. Thank you very much Andres. Thank you Raul. In December I had the opportunity to be in Uruguay and be at the internet association, and I know Andres and Raul who work there in Uruguay. They gave me a very warm welcome, so it is worth mentioning that if someone may go to Uruguay, well you can go and visit them.

Other topic I would like to mention before moving forward is something that came out of the LACRALO list. I think Vanda mentioned that one of the members, Fatima Cambroner, was elected as a candidate by the ISOC to be part of a group, an advisory group for the UN Secretary. So I

would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Fatima on this. This is part of the work of the members, not only in the region but in other fora of the region. So this improves the LACRALO participation, so thank you Fatima for your work. And this is key to her effort in the process of policy development. So Fatima, congratulations on behalf of LACRALO.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking; hello Jose. Thank you very much; thank you for sharing that information on the list.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé speaking, congratulations Fatima because we know it's a very important decision. It's something very good for you and we are very happy that someone from our region belongs to this. Point number five on the agenda, that is the regional strategic plan, taking into account the past teleconferences, we have two members from our region, Dev Anand and Fatima Cambronero, I know that are new because I am involved in that. So Dev, Fatima, could you please take the floor and tell us about this?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking; thank you Jose. Can you hear me? Fatima speaking; thank you very much. We will wait for the UN Secretary page. In terms of the regional strategy plan, I was about to post what Dev has already posted on the AC room. I sent an email to the list on behalf of Dev and I sharing the information on this LAC (Inaudible) group. We sent a SWOT analysis about the regional strategy to the members of the working group where the objective, the action plans were included.

And we asked you all, members of LACRALO, to help us to comment and to make the necessary comments about these issues, especially taking into account what impact as a RALO; this is something that is well-known to us because we are part of LACRALO of course.

Based on the preliminary analysis sent by Rodrigo, who is the leader, Rodrigo del la Para, he is the leader of this working group, I have added some topics or points with this SWOT analysis, and this is being shared with you on the AC room. This is a very preliminary document to start working with. We can work on it, add information or delete information or necessary points, and this has not been discussed with the whole group.

So we posted information for you to review the information, and in case you have any comments, well we are open to receive the comments. We have seen comments by Vanda, Natalia, I'm sorry if I forget someone's name. This working group will have a call this week and in the first days of February there will be a face-to-face meeting. So we will be meeting the internet house. So on that occasion we will trust a document submitted for public comment and the objective is that in the Beijing ICANN public meeting, we can have a definite or a final document or initiative.

As I said before, we do not have enough time, so all the comments, questions or any issues that you would like to tell us, me or Dev, from our RALO we have Vanda and Alejandro also participating. So we will welcome you and all your comments because these will contribute to this regional strategy and that we can implement it in the short run. So I

don't know if I'm leaving something behind, but Dev, if that is the case, please could you take the floor and remind us of that?

JOSE ARCÉ: This is Jose Arcé speaking. Dev, is there any other issue or comment that you would like to add; otherwise we can move forward on the agenda items. Okay, Dev – he typed “excellent summary Fatima,” so let's move on to point six. I notice Carlton is online. Carlton would you like to take the floor, because we will give us an update on the WHOIS Working Group. This is Jose Arcé; could you please confirm if Carlton is online?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Jose, this is Sylvia Herlein Leite. Julia is typing on the AC room that Carlton is still not online and that we are still trying to reach him. So perhaps we can move forward to the other item on the agenda.

JOSE ARCÉ: Okay, this is Jose Arcé speaking. Sylvia you have the floor.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia Herlein speaking, we will now talk about item seven. We have Humberto and Juan Manuel online, so I will give the floor to them. I will give the floor to Juan Manuel, he will give us an update about the Communication Working Group. Juan Manuel, you have the floor.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: This is Juan Manuel speaking; good night. So when it comes to the Communication Working Group, on December the 10th we finished the start manual document; we have been working with this document. We are now dealing with technical issues. This is our final document, and once we're finished with that, we will post and we will make the necessary amendments and we will post that. The document is on the Wiki. We still need to translate the document.

I have been on holiday, so I was not able to send the document to the translation department or the language service department, but this is the update up to now. I was talking to Sylvia this afternoon, and I told her that I would like to leave this issue in the hands of the region. And I would like to discuss with you the belief that the group should remain open or should be closed to keep on working on communication issues, and to deal with the communication issues of the region. Thank you very much.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking; thank you very much Juan Manuel for your report. We will wait for the group decision, and if the community has anything to say about this group, well you can send an email to the list or directly to Juan Manuel, for him to let the members of the group know about this. Now I will give the floor to Humberto, he is the coordinator of the Translation Working Group. Sylvia speaking; Humberto can you hear us? Humberto, we cannot hear you. I see that you are typing on the AC room but we are not listening to you.

While we try to reach Humberto, this is Sylvia speaking, I would like to say something in terms of the Strategic Working Group, the coordinator

is Alejandro Pisanty. The last call or meeting of this working group was November the 12th, so I will post the link. They're working on the SWOT table and they are now dealing with the details so as to finish with the work. This is a working group that has worked a lot. In terms of the Governance Working Group...

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Hello Sylvia, can you hear me?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking; hello Humberto, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto speaking. Sorry, but I had some problems in deactivating the mute function of my line. I will be very short in terms of the Translation Working Group. I have been drafting the last version of this final report to put it for the works' consideration, so I will be sending it tomorrow to be posted on the Wiki. I think that many of you know about or are aware of the issues of the Rules of Procedure. I know that Dev withdrew his motion from the Costa Rica agenda, but we're dealing with different issues.

On the 24th we will have a call with the idea of defining whether we would like to submit this report by consensus to be approved by the whole community, so that we can approve the proposals, nothing has been approved yet. I know that you are very short of time, but we invite you to post comments. Jose Arcé has made some comments. The idea is that if there is someone who is not a member of the working

group but would like to submit a comment, well that comment will be welcome. So that's all in terms of the translation working group.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking; thank you very much Humberto. So the last group is the Governance Working Group. This working group is quite delayed in terms that they have not been able to draft a final report. But on the 23rd, in two days' time, they will meet and I think they will produce report. I know Antonio was on the call but I don't see him on the AC room. Antonio, are you still connected?

JOSE ARCÉ: Sylvia, this is Jose Arcé speaking. May I say something?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Jose you have the floor.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé speaking. Not long ago, Antonio posted a message on the AC room because he had to leave. So I don't think he will be connected. However I would like to mention two things. One, in terms of the working group, I reiterate something that I said before – it is good that a working group deals with the Translation Working Group. We know we have some differences in terms of certain proposals; for example, Dev's proposal in terms of the English and Spanish versions. And in terms of the delay existing in the Governance Working Group, well we will try to see if we can help them. That's all. Thank you very much Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking; thank you Jose. The staff is telling us that they were not able to reach Carlton, so point six on the agenda will be pending. Perhaps Carlton may send his report to the email list. Now we will have to discuss point number eight, any other business. So the floor is open for you to make comments, or if there is any pending issue that you would like to share with the community. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAD TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. One point is I didn't get reports for item number seven regarding the LACRALO groups. Recently At-Large staff have been able to work with ICANN to get the transcripts of the various working group calls posted very soon after, I would say like three to four days after, or even less actually, to be posted to the At-Large Wiki. So again, I urge all of those persons who even though they might not have been on the working group call, or are interested in following the discussions within the working groups, to please do read the transcripts and of course ask your questions or comments or make your suggestions.

So that's one thing. I do have one other item for other business – and this is of course related to the untimely passing of Mr. James Corbin. Mr. James Corbin was the ALS representative for the Information Society of Barbados and was one of the signatories of the LACRALO MOU in 2006 in December, where I first met him. He was involved in some of the conference calls, and I believe one of his last working groups he was involved with was the At-Large Board Selection

Committee, which is the ABBSC. So I just think we should acknowledge his passing, and he will be deeply missed. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you very much Dev, it was my mistake. We have received – this is Sylvia speaking – we have sent the condolences to his family and to the ALSes, so it was my mistake not to mention that at the very beginning of this call. So thank you very much for your reminder Dev. Any other questions or comments? Sylvia speaking; before moving forward to other topics, I would like to ask Dev the first part of your comment in terms of the working group – it was not quite clear what you meant.

DEV ANAD TEELUCKSINGH:

Thank you, this is Dev speaking. What I meant to say was that now that transcripts of the working group calls are being posted only a few days after the working group has met, everyone in LACRALO can follow the discussions in the working group far more easily. For example, the Translation Working Group, which met on the, I believe it was the 10th of January, the transcript was made available on the 14th of January. So two things, I want to first congratulate At-Large staff and to ICANN for making transcripts available so soon. And the reason why this is such an important step is because it allows all of us in LACRALO to follow the work of ICANN At-Large and the LACRALO Working Groups.

So, this is just a reminder to please follow the discussions, please ask your questions, please make your contributions. That's it.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia Herlein Leite; thank you very much Dev. Now your point is very clear. Is there any other comment or questions; otherwise before ending this call...

JOSE ARCÉ: Sylvia, this is Jose Arcé speaking; may I have the floor?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Jose you have the floor.

JOSE ARCÉ: Jose Arcé speaking. I will post a link on the AC room, it has to do with a recent announcement by ICANN that is a new service that is important to share with the community. You can request a speaker online, for that person to be the speaker in any conference all around the world. So this is a wonderful tool. ICANN keeps on adding value to the community, so I would like to share that information with you.

Please click on the link, it's just a matter of filling out a form and you will be requesting a speaker for your conference. This is for the ALSes that are in our country, and that participate in other conferences in terms of the governance issue. So I would like to highlight that issue. Thank you very much Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Sylvia speaking; thank you Jose. That is something very interesting and I think we can seize this opportunity to use this for our training or capacity building sessions. After Dev's presentation I would

like to remind you that together with Fatima's help we have drafted a survey to decide altogether, because that is the idea that all the communities may participate, to decide what is interesting for the ALSes in order to select the next speakers for our capacity building cycle. That was started last year and that we started this year with Andres Piazza.

So I will post the link for the survey. I have sent this link to the list. Please you have 10 days; we have already received many answers. And in this survey you have the possibility for the ALSes representatives, or any member of the ALSes that want to participate or be a speaker in any specific topic, well you can detail that information on the survey and be part of this program. So that's all. If there is no other comment or question I will now give the floor to Jose to bring this call to an end. Thank you very much.

JOSE ARCÉ:

This is Jose Arcé speaking; thank you very much Sylvia. If there are no comments or questions regarding item number eight, which is any other business, I think we can adjourn this call. I see no one has raised their hand, so any comments or questions? Jose Arcé speaking, again; seeing no comment I would like to thank all the participants in the Spanish and English channels. I would like to thank the staff and Sabrina and Veronica, our interpreters who have been working with us, for their excellent job.

So thank you very much for your participation, and let's talk in our next call, and let's keep in touch by our email list. Thank you very much.

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