GISELLA GRUBER:

Welcome to everyone on the introductory call for LACRALO ALAC representatives selection for the 2013, on Monday the 1st of July at 22:00 UTC.  On the Spanish channel, we have Juan Manuel Rojas, Aida Noblia, Johnny Laureano, Alfredo Lopez, Fatima Cambronero, Carlos Aguirre, Vanda Scartezini, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Humberto Carrasco.

On the English channel we have, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Dev Anand Teelucksingh.  From staff we have Gisella Gruber, Heidi Ulrrich and – sorry.  Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, and myself Gisella Gruber.

Apologies today noted from Natalia Enciso, Alberto Sotto, Cintra Sooknanan, and Sergio Salinas Porto.  Our interpreters this evening are Sabrina and Veronica.  And if I could please remind you all to state your names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes  but also to allow the interpreters to identify you on the other language channel.

Have I left anyone off the roll call?  Please do speak up now.  If not, I will pass the floor over to Sylvia Herlein Leite.  Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you Gisella.  This is Sylvia Herlein Leite speaking.  Welcome everybody.  We have a very good turn out on this call.  And I thank you for taking this time to attend this LACRALO call.  As you know, we are facing ALAC representative elections.  We have Natalia Enciso leaving her position, and a representative will be elected to replace her in the year of 2013, and will take office next year, that is in 2014.

We have two candidates, Fatima Cambronero and Johnny Laureano. And we've got one other available for this call. We have not received specific questions in writing, so may I please ask you to hold your questions for after the presentations of each of these candidates. We have not assigned a time for the candidate presentations, so they will be able to speak for as long they like.

So kindly type your questions into the AC room. Today is July 1st, so after tomorrow, that is July 2nd, and until July 8th at 23:59 UTC, we will be holding the online vote. And please pay attention because you will all be receiving your individual credentials, that is the ALS representative, so that you can participate in this vote. Should that not be the case, please get in touch with me or directly with Matt Ashtiani.

One of the candidates requested to have this call shared not by the regional chair or by myself the Secretariat, but in this case we have the pleasure of having Olivier Crépin-Leblond on the call, so I welcome Olivier and I will now give the floor to him. And I wish you all a fantastic conference call. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thank you very much. I'm Olivier Crépin-Leblond, and I'll be taking you through the discussion with the candidates part of this call. It's a real pleasure to be able to act as the moderator, I guess. Although it's going to be a little bit difficult since I am on the English channel, and you both are on the Spanish channel.

You as in both candidates, Fatima Cambronero and Johnny Laureano. And so I will ask, I guess, as a first step also for you to be quiet diligent

with your timing, and effectively not fight with each other directly. I have no way to stop you on the channel itself, and I do hope that everyone will be civil.

And I do understand that everyone will be civil and not over talk with each other. As you know the rules are always to say your name before you speak because since we are working in the two languages, it's very difficult to get – to understand any discussion if your name is not provided before.

So that's one thing. And the other thing is, as Gisella has said, please speak slowly and if you do speak too fast, I'm sure the interpreters will let you know that you are speaking too fast. And it sometimes is a mistake that I make myself, so I perfectly know what it feels like.

Anyway, so the first thing that I thought we would have would be just an introduction from each one of the candidates. This call is quiet open, really it's for you, all of the members of LACRALO to be able to ask questions to the candidates. You have on the agenda page, a link to the statement of interest, the SOI as it's called, which provides background information from each one of the candidates.

But the best way really to hear from them is to actually ask them to introduce themselves. So the… Because we do have limited time, I was going to be quiet strict on this and give five minutes to each one of the candidates to introduce themselves. This is a proposal, if you agree with this, could you please put a little green tick on your Adobe Connect?

That's… I see, okay, a couple of people. Okay. So five minutes sounds like a good start. And what I'll do, I'll be keeping the time so when your time is up, you will see a little red square – sorry, red cross come next to my name on the Adobe Connect, and that will be the end of the time for you. And I will kindly ask you at that point to pass the floor back to me.

So without further ado, let's start with – by alphabetical order, Fatima Cambronero. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:    This is Fatima Cambronero speaking. Thank you Olivier. And I would like to check that you can all hear me.

SILVIA VIVANCO:    Silvia Vivanco speaking. Yes, we can hear you.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:    Fatima Cambronero speaking. Thank you. I would like to thank Olivier for his help today, and I will do my best to use my time diligently and to speak slowly which is a challenge for me. For those of you who do not know me, I will introduce myself and I will let you know about myself.

I am an Argentine attorney. I am from Córdoba, and I am a member of [? 0:08:34] that is a civil society organization focusing on internet users in our region, and also part of the academia because we are engaged with the academia. And we hold an university course on internet governance and related topics.

I work as a freelance attorney, working with traditional law matters and also with new technology legal aspects. Excuse me, I am adjusting my audio. I am now moderator/expert, or an expert moderator for the next generation leaders internet society called… I am also a member of the [Dip-low 0:09:22] foundation [? 0:09:23].

I will be teaching a course shortly. I was also selected as a member of the multi-stakeholder advisory group in the internet governance forum to assist the UN Secretary General in the organization of the governance forum. I have no conflict of interest, and I am not a member of any company or neither am I employed by any company that has commercial or business relations with ICANN.

So I do not hold any conflict of interest. As part of my affiliations… Well, I am a member of [? 0:10:03] but I am also a global member of the internet society. I cooperate with the ISOC Brazil chapter. I also cooperate with the internet governance network. I represent [? 0:10:20] before the NCUC.

And all of these affiliations are related to internet governance topics, and also with the civil society and the academia role. I have been a fellow in many organizations and events. For instance, I have been a fellow at the [Dip-low 0:10:46] foundation, at [lack 0:10:49] IGF since 2010 until last year.

This year, the Latin America and Caribbean IGF will be taking place in Córdoba, and [? 0:11:01] is acting as one of the local hosts, so I will not be a fellow this time. I have also been an ICANN fellow on four counts, and regarding this fellowship program, I can say that it enabled me to

gain or obtain training within the ICANN ecosystem and build a contact network within and outside ICANN on a global scale.

And I believe that will be very useful in my role as an ALAC member. I have attended meetings and focus on the ALAC meetings particularly. And about or for the last three years, approximately, I have attended the ALAC monthly call, and I am engaged ALAC, ICANN, and LACRALO working groups, especially in the Latin America and Caribbean steering committee.

Soon we will be hearing from that committee in terms of implementation. I have also been engaged in At-Large group. I believe this opportunity, that is to be an ICANN fellow, enables or enables me to give back to ICANN what ICANN has invested me and my training. If I become an ALAC member – I see my time is up, so please feel free to ask any questions, and thank you for your attention.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Thank you very much Fatima. And without any time lost, what we'll do is to immediately now hear from Johnny Laureano, and then we will open the floor for questions afterwards. So Johnny Laureano, you have the floor for five minutes.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     Good afternoon. I am Johnny Laureano. The interpreters apologize but we have… Johnny Laureano's audio is not a good quality to be able to be interpreted. We will do our best. I would like to tell you about my qualifications as a candidate, or a regional candidate to the ALAC.

I would like to tell you about my ideas and commitment in terms of common objectives. And in my capacity as the Chair of these organizations. In summary, this is what I feel. Since the creation… The interpreters apologize but Johnny Laureano's audio is not good quality to be interpreted. We are doing our best.

…more business users and end users at home. These are all well known in Latin America… We understand that if private associations, or are capable of standing up for themselves… So our aim is policy building in terms of internet governance regulations and we will do our best in order to incorporate social media, professional networks as well, as a means on an individual basis as well.

SILVIA HERLEIN LEITE: This is Silvia Herlein speaking. Excuse me for interrupting. Johnny, I see that many people in the AC room are asking for you to speak slowly and to articulate words so that, or for the sake of interpretation. Thank you.

JOHNNY LAUREANO: Johnny Laureano speaking. We know that half of the world's population has internet access, so we need to do our best to protect the internet users and so that they can be members of policy making in terms – or in relation to the internet.

So my interest is to develop a strategic plan for Latin America and the Caribbean. I think that users, internet users, need some spaces devoted to them and to be incorporated into that plan. Okay. This plan is under development… The interpreters apologize.

Finally, and in the interest of time, it is important for this process to take into consideration the agreement with the US Department of Commerce. This is a bottom up process that I believe, some way or another, is what makes ICANN work.

This agreement with ICANN, or with ICANN and the US Department of Commerce, acknowledges groups of stakeholders that are engaged in ICANN processes to a larger extent than internet users. Therefore, it is necessary to guarantee a commitment so as to analyze the pros and cons.

My intent is to achieve larger representative spaces and engagement spaces for internet users within LACRALO. We all know about the impact of the internet in terms of technology, politics, and social upset. So ALAC is a platform to implement these strategies.

The interpreters apologize about this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Okay. Thank you very much Johnny Laureano. I think that you have finished, the interpretation just finished quite abruptly, so I wasn't quite sure, but I gather that you have finished with your initial statement, so thank you.

And now, I open the floor for questions to both candidates. And when you speak, please introduce yourself of course, say your name, and also mention what candidate the question is aimed for. And so the first person in the queue that I see… For all of you that might have not used

the system by the way, you can put your hand up in the Adobe Connect room, and then I'll take the questions in the right order.

I do have a small problem with reading the question in Spanish, if you do type them on the Adobe chat, so I'll need some help from someone to let me know that there is a question in the chat. But first, the first person in the queue is Vanda Scartezini. So Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: This is Vanda Scartezini speaking.

JOSE ARCE: Sorry, this is Jose Arce interrupting. Could you please let me speak? Jose Arce speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Mr. Chariman…

JOSE ARCE: Could I go on?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: First Jose… Jose first because he is not a candidate and maybe he wants to say a few words, and then Vanda after that you have the floor.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:     This is Vanda Scrtezini speaking.  My first question for the candidates is which is, or what is the value that you can add to our RALO, with your representation together with ALAC?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Okay.  Who wishes to speak first?

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     If I may, this is Johnny Laureano speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Please, go ahead Johnny.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     So this is Johnny Laureano for the record.  Regarding Vanda's question in terms of the value to be added, well I should say that we have large problems, important problems in LACRALO in terms of elections.  The [? 0:22:26] of the ALAC elects some guidelines for LACRALO.

On the other hand, it is also important from the users point of view, that we have representation in terms of the policies related to the final end users.  We represent this users, but in last years, we are in need of – we have been needing more representation.

So we need better representation, we need advice… Interpreters apologize but Johnny Laureano's audio is very bad and we are doing our best in interpretation. Sorry for that. So the question is, how can we – what can we do with great representation in the region, and to be able to tell ICANN that what we think, as a RALO and as individuals, is our correct position.

So I think we should open our work, we should open the spectrum for larger participation, for more participants, and include more users, end users because the end users are the ones who use internet. And I'm referring to companies, trade organizations. I'm also referring to the individuals, the children, the families using internet, these are the ones that should be represented because they do not use the internet only to business.

So we need to address their needs as well. So my bill is focused on that. So perhaps from ALAC, or the ALAC may allow these users to represented and perhaps the ALAC or ICANN may take the necessary steps and decisions for the benefit of these users.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Okay. Thank you Johnny. Maybe I can ask now if Fatima has a few words to say? Fatima Cambronero? Can we hear from you please on this question?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:    This is Fatima speaking. I was speaking, can you hear me? This is [CROSSTALK 0:26:07]… Fatima, go ahead please. So I will repeat my

answer.  This is Fatima, I will be very brave in answering Vanda's question.  The value or the values that I think I can add with my representation in ALAC are related to the volunteer time to devoted this RALO as a representative of the region.

Also my experience and training in terms of internet governance at the global level, not only within ICANN, the other training that I have…  I have considerable contacts in the region, not only Spanish contacts, but I also have contacts with members from the Caribbean region.  With these, I'll be able to create consensus with the members of our region to be able to focus on advising in terms of policies effecting end users in our region.

Basically that is what I have to say.  Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Thank you very much Fatima.  It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond back on.  There was Jose Arce who wanted to take the floor.  And I note there is a queue at the moment with Carlos, Alejandro, and Johnny Laureano I guess that was to answer a question.  And there was also Juan Manuel Rojas.

So I was going to let Jose Arce first have the floor, Jose?

JOSE ARCE:     Jose Arce speaking.  Thank you very much Olivier.  I wanted to make a simple question to the candidates.  I would like to know what Johnny think about our RALO and the assembly, what do you think about that?  About the fact that our members cannot elect their own representatives or members?

JOHNNY LAUREANO:    So this is Johnny Laureano speaking.  So Jose, you're asking me why the LACRALO members cannot choose their own – or elect their own members?  Are you asking that?

JOSE ARCE:    Jose Arce speaking.  Yes.  I'm asking you that.  Why LACRALO cannot elect its own members?

JOHNNY LAUREANO:    Johnny Laureano speaking.  I would try to understand the meaning of your question, and I will try to give you my ideas on that respect.  I think it is necessary that the procedures and the rules, the rules and procedures in LACRALO are revised.

So in that case, it is possible that LACRALO may elect their own representative of members.  The idea is to have new actions or ideas. LACRALO has been existing for seven years now, with the same role, and from my point of view, I think it is unbelievable that for seven years, we have a great majority of ALSs, but we need to improve our participation objective to let the users and the ALSs participate in LACRALO.

So for me, the users, the ALAC, and the RALO, are essential for the development of our policies.  So we need to take into account our realities.  Seven years ago, or we had been working for seven years in fact, and nowadays we have more than two billion users in internet, and LACRALO needs to update its stasis and needs to cope with that, so as to

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be able to address the needs of the users, because we cannot keep on doing what we have been doing for seven years now.

So we need to increase approval and participation. And we need to be fit, we need to be able to implement measures to fulfill the ICANN values. And the only possible way to do this is to take this to most of the internet users.

JOSE ARCE: This is Jose Arce speaking. Sorry for interrupting you Johnny.

JOHNNY LAUREANO: Johnny Laureano speaking. Once again, so it is nice to see the amount of users we can reach and engage in ALAC. We need to take into the account the users that we can engage, and we need to revise the level of commitment that we have. Each of us has a commitment. So my commitment, it's a full comment meant with a representation for the internet users.

So we should work for the benefit of the internet user and I think we need to work on that. This is necessary because sometimes we favor, or we want to favor other interests.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much…

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JOHNNY LAUREANO: …other stakeholders, for examples, the registrars and so on, so this is what we need to do.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Johnny. I'm sorry I have to interrupt you, I do have to give the floor also to Natalia Sorry to Fatima. So Fatima, please you have the floor to answer Jose's question.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Fatima Cambronero speaking. Thank you very much Olivier. I am Fatima, Natalia… So to answer Jose's questions, I would say that LACRALO does not elect its members that it has the availability to provide, regional advice in terms of the voting for the ALAC, or only for the ALAC.

So this, I really to certify an organization as an ALS, that is within the ALAC bylaws and not within the LACRALO bylaws or rules of procedures. So I think we should modify or amend the ALAC rules, which are being modified. And we also need to take into account the [metrics 0:34:02]. So it would have been interesting to participate in the working groups that have been working on that issue.

And in terms of the ability to provide regional advice, well we are still working on that. We have that ability and we will have it within the new rules, and that is my answer for now. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Okay.  Thank you very much Fatima.  Next there is a question from Carlos Aguirre, you have the floor.

CARLOS AGUIRRE:    This is Carlos Aguirre speaking.  Thank you very much Olivier.  My question is only for Johnny Laureano.  I was typing on the chat and my question is, what do you think that your main ability, and if you know any – or if you consider that you can compete with the other candidate, taking into account her abilities and skills?

JOHNNY LAUREANO:    This is Johnny Laureano speaking.  There are different ways of assessing or accelerating the skills of the candidate.  I highly appreciate that Fatima is the person representing the other candidate.  I know her CV is quite extensive.  She has been working very hard and as you can see, I have been working for a long time as well.

So I have great experience.  I have training as…  I've been trained as an electronic engineer, I've been working for the public sphere, I have knowledge regarding public policies.  So I understand that the best strengths I might show to you is the fact of being able to understand all of these builds, or – and I try to represent the interest of the final users, or the end users.

As I said before, I would like to represent all of the stakeholders, the interests of the stakeholders in ICANN, the end users.  But the only representation I may have is this, I try to represent the interest of the internet users.  So I could combine my interest with other people.

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So I could agree, for example… Or I couldn't agree with interests of the registrars, for example. Then the other point to be taken into account is experience. Some countries of the region are not used to seeing the continuity of a certain representation, a political representation so the objective is important, and rotation is also important in different positions.

We all have skills. Experience is acquired by means of the exercise, so we need to participate. So my objective here is to represent the end user, the internet end user. So I would like to see what interests are being represented. And well, I would also like to ask you Fatima opinion regarding what I am saying right now.

But Olivier is to differentiate, and to answer Carlos question. So the objective is that in a five period, we can achieve changes so that the end users may still part of the development of the internet.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Johnny Laureano. I'm… It is difficult for me to stop people from speaking, of course. So I'll ask everyone to stick to around two minutes per reply so we can go through the list of questions. But it's good that you keep an eye by my name so you find if there is a X that is time to pass the floor to the next person.

You mentioned you wanted to hear of the response, so maybe we can have as a response, Fatima?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:     This is Fatima Cambronero speaking.  Sorry Olivier, but I understood these questions were only for Johnny Laureano.  So Jose, could you please repeat your question?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     It was Carlos…

CARLOS AGUIRRE:     Carlos Aguirre speaking.  Fatima, if the question was not for you, it was only for Johnny Laureano.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Okay.  Then let's go…  It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond on the line at the moment.  So the next question is from Alejandro Pisanty.  Alejandro, you have the floor.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:     Alejandro Pisanty speaking.  Hello?

SILVIA VIVANCO:     Silvia Vivanco speaking.  We hear you Alejandro, go ahead please.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:     So this is Alejandro Pisanty speaking.  First of all, I would like to make a point regarding this presentation.  Either you post both resumes or CVs, or you don't post any of them.  I think that we not only have to pay attention to the questions, but I think it would be interesting to listen to

the debate between the candidates and see their opinions regardless of the question, or regardless of the answer of one of the candidates.

So my question to both of them is this: which are the specific ways in which you believe you can focus your function in ALAC in order to relate that function to the principles and interests of the regional users in an effective way? And secondly, what do you think about the concept of mission [achieved 0:42:23] in terms of your function? Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     We'll start with Fatima Cambronero.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:     This is Fatima speaking. Thank you very much Olivier, and thank you Alejandro for your questions. In terms of the self-possible question regarding the specific ways on the functions within ICANN, this is also related to the second part. In fact, we candidates see ICANN's mission and this is reduced to three main topics, regardless we are representing internet users in our regions.

We cannot go outside the domain names, the IP addresses, other rules, otherwise if we go beyond this, we should go to other places that write about these issues. In terms of the specific ways well, the rule within ALAC and looking for – or taking into account consensus, is to focus on the main issues of our regions.

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I believe that sometimes we put aside certain issues and – sorry.  But I am also listening to other people talking on the Spanish/English channel, so could you please mute your speakers thank you very much.

Fatima speaking again.  So we should focus on this issues because they are [? 0:43:57] as a region this part – the fact that they are not issues dealt within ALAC.   The ALAC representative…   THE ALAC RALO representative within ALAC should express or voice the region's point of view.

So we need to take into account that, we need to focus on the issues that are effecting us.  For example, the new WHOIS system, or the new paradigm that is being – or that was published not long ago.  There was an initial report published and it is not open for public comment, we will have a meeting in Durban, and we need to pay attention to that.

We also need to take into account the new registration agreement, there is a point or close related to the possibility of reporting abuses.  This effects the users, and this should be taken into account by us.  The new gTLDs, for example, the ideal issue – or the end NGO issue, well this is also important, we need to take into account that this is one of the most important issues.

And in terms of the new gTLDs, we are of course within the process, and we need to pay attention to that as well.  I don't if I answered your question Alejandro, or will you need further explanation?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Thank you very much Fatima.  Alejandro?

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     This is Johnny Laureano for the record.  As Fatima said, we need to pay attention to the internet users.  I would like to refer to the agreement between ICANN and the US Department of Commerce.  We need to take into account the objective of ICANN in terms of this.  I think I could refer to the document in order to understand, or to try to understand, that ICANN requires certain representations on the part of the users to fulfill the commitment in a bottom up way.

So this representation should be given by the RALOs, and this should go up into other higher level.  We need to increase the number of ALSs…  Interpreters apologize about Johnny Laureano's audio is really bad, very bad quality, and we are doing our best for the interpretation.  Sorry for that.

So I believe that we need to increase the level of representation.  Nowadays in LACRALO, we have a Secretariat and a Chair and perhaps we may add other positions.  Of course, we need to amend our rules and chance our structure.  But the idea is to be able to address all the interests of the end users.  So in terms of ICANN and the agreement…

In terms of the ICANN mission, of course we need to take into account the agreement with the US Department of Commerce, and be able to use this in order to voice the end users.  We have available resource and we need to take into account this…  Interpreters apologize, but Johnny Laureano's audio is very bad and we are not receiving him.

So we need to be able to negotiate terms, and we need to take into account the voice of the end users.  ICANN is represented by all the

LACRALO members as well. So I think the RALOs should have more mechanisms and should implement better participant conditions for the users. We have members in the ALSs that are requesting an enlargement of their participation.

It is not possible that we always have the same people participating in ICANN. So we need to create better opportunities to be able to participate in the internet governance and in order to access this, we need to implement the ICANN strategic planning within the heart of ALAC and the RALOs.

So that's it. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thank you very much. We have a queue of questions. I'll close the queue now, so we still have Jonny Laureano, we still ave Alberto Soto, and Carlos Aguirre. So first we'll have a question from Johnny Laureano.

Sorry. The first is Juan Manuel Rojas, sorry, is the first person. The wrong person here.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:    This is Juan Manuel Rojas speaking. Hello, good afternoon, can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO:    Silvia Vivanco speaking. Yes go ahead please.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:     So the question is this.  Which of the issues or topics that are now posted for public comment should receive a comment from the region, from LACRALO?  How would you comment if you were elected the ALAC representative?  Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Thank you.  And we'll start with Johnny Laureano.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     This is Johnny Laureano speaking.   Could you please repeat your question?  I didn't have very good audio.  Thank you.

JUAN MANUAL ROJAS:     This is Juan Manuel Rojas speaking.  Okay.  It's a simple question.  The question is, which of the topics currently posted for public comment within ICANN should have a statement or comment from LACRALO? And if so, how would you materialize that within our region if you were elected an ALAC member?  Thank you.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:     Johnny Laureano speaking.  I apologize, but your audio was a little bit choppy.   I understand you focused on the topic that are open for comment in ALAC.  We have procedures in order to produce ALAC recommendations, and I can tell you that it is necessary for us to have very clear in mind what the concept of who we represent is, who it is that we are representing.

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We need to focus on who we are representing.  We represent business users, we represent end users, home users, professional users.  Well, I would like to define the user as an end user, a home user, a father, a mother, a professional that can use these tools for the sake of development or as a development tool.

Regarding the topics, we have several of them but the thing is the following:  this will depend basically on the positions that we may show.  That is, we have to focus on each of these topics and clearly oriented towards the users.


OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Okay.  Thank you.  Fatima Cambronero.


FATIMA CAMBRONERO:     This is Fatima speaking.  Can you hear me?  Yes, go ahead please Fatima.  Fatima speaking again.  Oh, I apologize I missed the question because I dropped my internet connection.  But I understand that it has to do with the topics that are currently posted for public comment and on which topic should LACRALO make comment.

Well, I replied this question when I replied to Alejandro's question.  I don't know if you would like me to restate my reply, or should we move on to a new question?


OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Maybe we can move on to a new question then.  Let's move on to the next person.  It's Olivier for the record and for the interpreters.  We still

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have Alberto Soto and we still have Carlos Aguirre in the queue.  So let's have the question from Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO:        This is Alberto Soto for the record.  I apologize for being late.  My question is the following, I have heard Johnny Laureano twice, and I have some doubt regarding the following.  He focuses quite a lot on representing the end user, but he is running for elections as an ALAC member, that is the ALSs in the region are the ones that debate issues related to end users, and we do it in a bottom up fashion.

As it should be done.  The question is, is he going to be an ALAC member as a voice for the region or, is he going to focus only on being the voice at what he interprets as end users?  That's my question, thank you.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:        This is Johnny Laureano for the record.  Alberto, going through your question, I wanted to restate or reinforce that idea because it comes from the documents and that need that I have stated is still unfulfilled or hasn't been met.  In ALAC, we still need to develop further representation or wider user representation.

But certainly, I do not intend to have an individual position, but I intend to pursue something decided and agreed upon within LACRALO, on our calls, agreed by you, individually.  So that is my idea Alberto, to achieve a way in which we can channel or communicate the users concerns, so that we can put them forth as recommendations before the ALAC.

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We need to work on topics that are already being worked on, but I need to be able to reach out and to be a mechanism or a channel in this bottom up mechanism to voice the users concerns.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thank you.  Same question over to Fatima Cambronero.

JOHNNY LAUREANO:    …but Jonny Laureano's audio is not good quality to be interpreted.  We apologize for this.  I hope I have addressed your concern Alberto.  And I want to incorporate what we have been putting forth in terms of ALAC historically.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thank you very much.  And the last question is from Carlos Aguirre.  Carlos, you have the floor.

CARLOS AGUIRRE:    Thank you Olivier.  This is Carlos Aguirre speaking.  I have a question of both candidates.   Given the relevance of the new gTLDs, that are already, or are beginning to be part of the internet spectrum in the forthcoming days.  Well, I wanted to know each candidate's opinion in terms of the impact on the users, and what each of them would do if they were ALAC members regarding this topic.  Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thank you.  And the question first goes to Fatima Cambronero.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Thank you Olivier. Thank you Carlos for your question. In terms of the new gTLD stage, I think that we as ALAC representatives in our region have to pay attention to what will be implemented. For instance, in this new gTLD round, the objection period is over, there isn't much we can do.

We had an At-Large working group stating, or making statements in terms of issues that effected users. I think this is one of the most important topics on ICANN's agenda right now. So we need to focus or pay attention to the decisions made by the GNSO. We need to ask for ALAC's advice, and we need to take that advice to the region and get the region's mandate.

I know that we are running out of time, but I would like to make the most of this time available to bring my statement to a close in reply to Carlos. Personally if I am elected, I will be a regional representative. And I mean representation in a wide sense, we will need or will be working in permanent contact with all of you.

This will not be an one person job, each of you need to voice your views in terms of the topics you want us to focus on within ALAC, and ALAC discussions, and that will affect us as users and mainly as a region. So we need your active engagement. We need you to monitor. We need you to make us accountable to have us tell you, or update you about developments within ALAC.

And you need to be more actively engaged. If I get elected, I promise that I will double my effort to work as I have been doing as a volunteer

in contact with the different stakeholders. I am a LACRALO representative in the regional strategy working group, so you can see that I always give you permanent feedback on the development so that you can make your contributions or present your input.

And this will happen if I am elected as an ALAC member. I think we need to focus on topics posted for public comment. I believe that LACRALO is a position to make statements, and we have to take issues or put issues before the ALAC.

Olivier reminded us on the procedure to participate in terms of public comment period. And I am running out of time, so I will bring my comment to a close at this point. Thank you.


OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:     Thank you very much Fatima. And back to Johnny Laureano for his reply to this question.


JOHNNY LAUREANO:     Thank you. This is Johnny Laureano for the record. It is important to take into account ICANN's role so that users can identify the way in which they see the internet. We have to focus on the possibilities presented or offered by the new gTLDs.

That is, capabilities, developments, competence, alternatives for the users to meet their objective to develop in as many ways as possible. To uphold that user's need to be able to access new gTLDs. They need to be able to access the net and we are going to post a complete list of the gTLDs that will be released in order to address user's concerns.

I intend to voice all the concerns within the RALO that are directly linked to this topic in order to promote further or wider engagement of the users. Also, I want to promote wider or larger ALS engagement in order to represent their interest. I believe we need to keep working along these lines. There is still work to be done.

ICANN needs to widen that framework, or enlarge that framework. I ask all of you, or I remind all of you that I am open to develop further ideas in line with ICANN's strategic plan, or in line with the strategic plan being drafted by Rodrigo [de la Para 1:07:23].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. I'm really sorry… This is Olivier again. I'm really sorry but we are running out of time now. There has been a very interesting debate and I hope that you have all been able to get a better idea of what the candidates are – that are coming for this selection.

And I emphasize the word selection rather than election. I know that everyone gets a bit confused but the LACRALO will select someone to go on the ALAC, not elect someone. So I thank both candidates for having taken part in this discussion. And I know that there are a couple of things that you may wish to do now, which is to listen again to the recording of this session and to get a better idea of the candidates.

Silvia Vivanco, could I call upon you to let us know when the recording, etcetera, will be ready please?

SILVIA VIVANCO:        This is Silvia for the record.  Thank you Olivier.  The recording for this call will be available tomorrow at noon, at the latest.  And the vote for this selection will be open in – or within two hours, at the latest.  It will start now, and it will last until July the 8$^{th}$, given the request from LACRALO's chair and Secretariat.

So the vote will start today and it will be open until July 8$^{th}$.  Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:   Thank you very much Silvia.  I see Alejandro has put his hand up.  Could I just quickly, Alejandro, just a quick word and then we do have to finish this call because we're running way out of time.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY:      This is Alejandro Pisanty speaking.  Thank you.  I hope you can all hear me.  I just want to thank Olivier.  I think his participation has been really valuable.  It is a real commitment that we all appreciate and thank, and it has been reflected in the policy of the results of this call.

Then please, do not open the vote until we have a 48 or a 24 hour period in order to discuss these candidates.  We may have three days to finish a debate, or complete a debate with the candidates.  And to enable people that have not been on the call to listen to the audio recording and make further questions for clarification.  Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:   Thank you very much Alejandro.  I understand your concern.  This is Olivier Crépin-Leblond for the transcript.  I understand your concern.

What I would suggest, because – and I'm putting my ALAC Chair hat on here, as ALAC chair I do need to receive the results as soon as possible from this region.

The opening time of the vote, I guess doesn't have that much time to do with the closing date of the vote.  Of course, everyone can wait a few days before they vote.  They don't need to vote immediately as the vote opens.  They can vote by the 8th of this month.

If you do think that there needs to be more time for people in this region to make their selection, then you may wish to consider extending further than the 8th of July as the closing date of the vote.  And of course, the discussion can continue in the next two days, or in fact can continue until the 8th if people decide to vote completely at the end of the voting period.

But in any case, we do need to move on and I do need to close this – at the moment…  I see Silvia has put her hand up, so I'll Silvia Herlein say the last words on this point.

SILVIA HERLEIN LEITE:    This is Silvia Herlein speaking.  Thank you Olivier.  We will take into account Alejandro Pisanty's comment, and Olivier's comment, regarding the vote and the extension of the vote.  The date has been agreed by the Chair and the Secretariat, and the idea was to start on July 2nd and extend the voting until July 8th.

So I will take these comments, your comments, into consideration.  I will discuss them with Jose Arce, the Chair for the region, and we will inform

the official beginning of the vote.  Considering, of course, that we need a seven day period for the vote.  Now that Olivier has mentioned a possible extension, then we can start the vote or we can start the vote a little bit later, but I will discuss this with the Chair and I will keep you updated.

Thank you Olivier for your brilliant job as a moderator.  Thank you to the candidates, to staff, and thank you to the interpreters because this couldn't have taken place without their help.  Thank you all.  Good evening.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:    Thanks so much and good bye everyone.

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