
GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you. Welcome everyone to today's LACRALO monthly call on Monday, the 26th of May, at 23:00 UTC. On today's call on the Spanish call we have, Alberto Soto, Humberto Carrasco, Antonio Medina Gomez, Aida Noblia, Cristian Casas, Adrian Carballo, Alfredo Lopez, José Arce, Aislan Basillo, Sylvia Herlein-Leite, Phillippe Boland, Giberto Lara, Vanda Scarteini, Oscar Garcia will be joining us later.

On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Jason Francis, Olivier Crépin-Leblond.

Apologies noted from Fatima Cambroner, Juan Manuel Rojas, Sergio Salinas Porto, Johnny Laureano, Carlos Aguirre, Alejandro Pissanty, Javier José Pallero, and Marcello Telez.

From staff today we have Silvia Vivanco and myself Gisella Gruber. Interpreters today are Veronica and Sabrina. If I could please remind everyone to state their names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes but to allow our interpreters to identify you on the other line, which channel, and to speak at a reasonable speed to allow for an accurate interpretation.

I hope I haven't left anyone off the roll call. Thank you and over to you Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Good afternoon, good evening everyone. Thanks to the staff for this collaboration. We are now going to plan this call, we have a very important topics to discuss. There are some people

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missing, they were going to speak about different working group. So I think we will only speak about the governance working group. Aida, could you please give us an update, because we are actively participating on the wiki? Aida, go ahead please.

AIDA NOBLIA:

This is Aida Noblia speaking. Yes, I have participated on the last meeting or call on this governance working group. Sergio told me that the information had to be updated, and there is another working group which is the ccTLD working group.

So Sergio asked me to tell you that they are working, I mean, we are talking about the governance working group. When it comes to the governance working group, well the activities are the following. The principle, the operating principle were presented for discussion to LACRALO, and when it comes to the ccTLD working group, they're working on a survey, and on an interview with Eduardo [?], with responsible for LAC TLD.

I am concerned, what I did was to gather all of the information for the questionnaire together, and Dev asked me to provide the initial justification. And on the other hand, I talked to the representative from my country, Uruguay, in charge of the ccTLDs who are in charge, or who is, in fact, in charge, of these so that we can finish with the questionnaire to be presented to the community. This is what I can tell you so far.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, Aida, thank you very much for the information. We do not have any representatives from other working groups, so we'll start with item number three on the agenda, going to speak about the LACRALO proposal. We have created a working group and we have three members in this group, Alejandro Pissanty, Antonio Medina Gomez, and myself.

This group is called transition, of course this refers to the IANA transition, and we have seen of the calendar for the meetings, pretty related to this topic. There is another meeting in Germany where our CEO will be attending. There is no participation so far, but it is that the working group may have information, very updated information, and even drafting a document that will be constantly updated so that we can have reaction capacity.

In any case, we need to deal with any topic. This will save us a lot of time, very valuable time, and we will have important updates. With that, we start with those results, with the result of this working group, that we'll end these activities in September 2015, once the transition is over, we will have the result. And our idea is to have, or in any country where we have, in Latin America, in the Caribbean, where we have a meeting organized by an ALS, for example, together with the people they have, universities, or governmental bodies, etc.

And on that date, within that week, there would be a workshop with a document drafted in LACRALO, exactly the same document. And for the end, at the end of this workshop, there would be a kind of survey. Why? Because the idea is to have important attendance, not only by the organizations, but also to have the attendance of the end users.

Because our mission is to represent the end user, and we need to have real feedback from them.

And when it comes to this topic, and taking into account this topic, and with a view, anticipation, we need to have information from our users that would help us to continue working in this working group and in LACRALO. So now I am ready to receive your comments, if you have one.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. Alberto, I have some questions regarding your idea. So as far as I understand, this is an activity, an outreach activity, right? Where you will be promoting LACRALO and you will be looking for greater participation from other institutions. But it is not clear for me, who will attend this activities and who will travel.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto. Nobody will travel. For example, in Argentina we have many ALSs, for example, eight, we have eight active ALSs. We are few, but we have [?] for example, in Buenos Aries and in [?]. So, if we can agree on something, and this should be [?], we should activities in Córdoba, Maria Plata, and Buenos Aries, the same meeting, not on the same day.

But within the same week, within that week. For example, from Saturday to Saturday, and there are certain places where having a meeting on Friday, for example, would be a problem. In some places we would have holiday. That's why that's not convenient to have a

meeting on the same date. But nobody should travel in fact. Those who are in Maria Plata, for example, will have their meeting in Maria Plata.

Those in Buenos Aries will hold their meeting in Buenos Aries, and so on in all of the countries. Where we have only one representative or one ALS, we have only one meeting. If we have two in the same meeting, so we will agree with these two ALSs, and they will hold a meeting simultaneously. I mean, I don't want to spend money, because we have the opportunity as an organization to speak to an organization, another organization, or a university, or a public body, and they all belong to the multistakeholder model, or they're all multistakeholders.

This is important, and this meeting should be reached by consensus and we need to decide within LACRALO, by consensus, what we will say, because we will inform the end users, our activity, our status in terms of the transition.

Alberto Soto speaking. Humberto, you have the floor, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco speaking for the record. Thank you very much Alberto. Okay. Although this is a good idea, we should start working on the particular situation, so we need to see which will be the best way to find a place, for example, to hold the meeting, or to hold the event. And in this sense, we will need to analyze the possibility of finding a place or certain mechanisms, because these activities, as Alberto said, should be focused on the transition.

But at the same time, we could add some other content that may attract other people to this type of meeting. So, if it is only necessary to speak about the transition, okay, that's fine, but perhaps we could include some other topics related to domain names, for example, so as to be able to do outreach. This is my idea. Thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. Thank you very much, and that's a very good idea. Cristian Casas, go ahead please.

CRISTIAN CASAS: This is Cristian Casas from [?]. I have a question. Can we work with this at a journalist level, or TV level, media level? I mean, can we have this on a PowerPoint presentation? Can we have a press release? This event can be related to the media, for example. So is this possible? I mean, can we have any relationship with the media apart from the activity in of itself?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, that's a very good proposal. What I said is just a comment about an idea, a simple idea, but it is open for discussion. I know a wiki page will be opened where the ideas will be placed. The most important thing here is that we should exactly the same in any place, or in other places. We will speak about something as a region, and we would be supported by a working group that is studying the topic.

And we will release information according to the state of the [?] at that moment. So, we need to have that input from the end users particularly. So, let's say if one meeting, we have media and they can have, okay. We will have a presentation, for example, for the media, when they have a PowerPoint presentation, and we can also have a statement for the print media, if it is necessary.

I mean, whatever is required for each type of media. Is that okay Cristian for you?

CRISTIAN CASAS:

Cristian Casas speaking. Okay. I have another question, to access the wiki page of the working group... Well, I am interested in collaborating in this working group, but I am new at the wiki page, and I would like see how I can help you.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, I will send you an email with a link, and I will add you to the working group. So Alberto Soto again for the record. If you want to join this working group, please do it, but please bear in mind that we will work very hard, because we need to work around the meeting, and around the response. Today Olivier sent information about a meeting in Germany, and as far as I know, there is no possibility for remote participation so far.

So I won't be able to travel to Germany. I don't know if there anyone here who would like to travel, but there is no remote participation, we won't be able to attend or participate. Is there any other question? I

see no hands up so let's move forward. The following item on the agenda will take even less time.

You know that I went to Bolivia, and even this was not included in the CROPP program, I prepared a presentation, to [?] prepare for Haiti and the Dominican Republic. And I don't know if Dev is listening to me, then I will send him some suggestions for the CROPP. But the event, or the speech was delivered in an event only aimed at university students at the computing course. And this was an event that had to be paid, and the cost of the event was quite high.

So many people did not attend because they were not able to pay. So the idea is to have one event, one single event, for this type of situation. So this is what I'm going to do in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. We have many expectations for the Dominican Republic. We're working very well. There will be one presentation for organizations, and there will be another presentation for organizations who are not able to attend, university students, and end users.

So are there any questions? I see Humberto Carrasco, okay Humberto, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

This is Humberto Carrasco speaking. Thank you very much Alberto. I clearly understand your point. If the event needs to be paid, or if a fee is required for the event, again the attendance of the participant is limited somehow, but I believe that there is no need to specifically create an event for ICANN's promotion. In fact, we could participate in some other event provided that they are not paid events.

Where everyone understands what is being presented, so in this case, for the two countries, these are special events devoted to promote ICANN LACRALO topics. These are average events. So perhaps if we can take into account what I say, we can work in a better way, perhaps Dev can give us some feedback.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Yes, thank you Humberto. Of course, we're not going to spend all of the money, all the ICANN money with the CROPP. I mean, the idea is to cover all countries, or the majority of countries, who don't have ALSs, so we will reach them with the CROPP program, or with some other events, as soon as we can do that. So your idea is quite good, and we'll transcribe that idea, and we'll put that idea on this one. Dev, you have the floor, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Thanks Alberto, and indeed, I look forward to seeing the information on the wiki, all of the information regarding the presentations and so forth on the wiki for everybody to look at. A suggestion really also is that perhaps, even if it's only, sometimes it's very hard to do one meeting where you try to everything about domain names, and ICANN, and so forth. Maybe the opportunity is to [?] introduction, and then invite those persons to a special conference call in the future.

So in other words, you get the contact information for all of those persons, and then a conference call can then be held, and with interpretation, and of course, we can then do more detailed

presentations with proper slides and so forth. So, that's just a suggestion. Thanks.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you Dev, that's a very good idea. The presentation, let me clarify for all of you, well, I sent the presentation to [?]. It's already there in Spanish, English, and French for you to have a better understanding of it. Even though it does start with a very basic aspect, which is the information system, the idea that it starts with something basic, and that it deals with domain names only, with one PowerPoint slide, and another one for IP addresses, you will see that it is very basic issue, but it's just what we need in order to [?] those who are end users to understand the basic area, which is one the one that will then introduce them into achieving policy making within ICANN.

If we do not do the basic [?], we will have people who do not understand why is it that we need that policy. So first they need to understand the complexity, how they adapt after their [?] to accomplish information [?] and then we will start the [language] policies. Are there any other comments?

Dev, please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Thanks Alberto. I just posted a link to the outreach workspace for At Large, and that has several links there to the resources that has been developed by At Large over the years, and there are beginner guides and so forth. I believe most of

these guides are available in Spanish as well. So, you know, I think this will help to drop these resources that exist, and well, for these sessions. Yeah. Okay.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you Dev. I can assure you they are already including in the presentations in English, Spanish, and French. The three of them are exactly the same thing. I have used all of these resources already. I believe it was the good collaboration that I have had so far with Silvia Vivanco. And Sylvia Herlein-Leite has helped me to correct the issues together with Humberto Carrasco, but all of these resources have been used, we have used all of them. Cristian, you now have the floor.

CRISTIAN CASAS:

This is Christian speaking. I think that if you can simplify this, that is more the more we can simplify and the more we can [?] this for the end user, the better it will be the inclusion concept. So all of these tools should help us know what are the ALSs, and they should even be able to help us navigate the wiki, give us [?], and this should be covered that way. And this last two that you provided, I think for this we have enough so that we can prepare a PowerPoint, and so that [?] can actually reach the end user, because otherwise, it will get to the ICANN website, and they get lost in the website.

They get lost in that inclusion. So, if we can use these tools, we can use it actually to work on the PowerPoint.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Christian. Well actually the PowerPoint is ready, it's finished. We have used all of the tools that Dev is mentioning. There are, there is actually one presentation in all of the languages, or at least in the three languages we need now, which is English, Spanish, and French. This is done already, it's finished, it's completed. And we suspect that at the end of the week, we have had two webinars, but we will later see how it is that we can delegate information, because we have taken the wiki as a way for LACRALO to access to whatever they need, as a sort of a portal.

Wherever they need is the LACRALO portal, and so they have internal group, the calendars, or the documents, or the working group, or the documents for each working group, we can tell you that how you can have access to all of that information later on.

CHRISTIAN CASAS:

This is Christian speaking. Thank you for this. And then the, if you need help in the working group, you can count on me. I can provide you with ideas, with work, if you need to compare PowerPoints, or to do some of the stuff, you can count on me.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Christian. Are there any other questions? Okay. Let's go on now to the next item on our agenda. We would like to thank Olivier who is going to deal with two different

issues. So thank you very much for collaborating with us. Olivier, you now have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. So, I'm going to speak to you a little about the whole review of all of the recently adopted ALAC statements, documents, etc., the public consultations which is a key amount of work that is done on the ALAC, and which I invite you to have a look at because really that's what the ALAC is doing most of the time.

So, we've got quite a few statements as usual coming up to an ICANN meeting. There is always a lot of work. We have a number of statements which were recently adopted by the ALAC, and I thank the people who have had a hand on these issues. I point specifically to the statements on the ICANN strategy panels, which was quite important. And I know that there have been some discussion that was taking place worldwide on these.

And then also on the mechanisms, the draft proposal, and the principles, and the mechanisms, that cause us to develop a proposal to transition the ITA stewardship of the IANA functions. Again, that was a very important statement that was released. We've got, apparently, five statements that are under review. The first one is the ICANN draft, five year strategic plan from fiscal year 16 to fiscal year 20.

The ALAC is currently, basically, well commenting on the statements. The comments period actually should be closing quite soon. I know that the comment closing date closes in a month's time. So there has been

an extension on this, so you have to look at this. I invite you all to have a look at the work of, the draft on this.

The next one is the FY 15, so fiscal year 15 operating plan and budget. That's more of an immediate thing that is taking place. This is currently now under review, we are considering that the finance and budget subcommittee is considering if a statement should be drafted or not on this. It is worth noting that there were four conference calls that took place with the ICANN finance department.

And the conference calls were well attended by people from our finance and budget subcommittee. So we have provided some answers already, some input over to ICANN finance department, without drafting a formal recommendation. But of course, I invite you to have a look because in there, you will note also the responses, or the proposed responses to the requests, the extra requests from our regional At Large organizations.

The next one is the notice of preliminary determination to grant registrar data retention waiver requests. This one has come in quite recently. We are still asking our, well we're asking our GNSO liaison, Alan Greenberg, as to [?] necessary on this. We have until the end of, well, mid-month, late June, to be able to answer this one. The next one is the WHOIS requirements and national law conflicts.

The ALAC, until today, was considering drafting a statement. We have asked our registrant working group co-chairs, Holly Raiche and Carlton Samuels. Now the registrant working group is actually the merger of the WHOIS working group that we had, and of the registration issues

working group that we also had. So we put the two together, and the answer has been that yes, a statement is necessary.

So that working group will no doubt be putting a first statement on the wiki, and then call for comments will be sent to the ALAC announce mailing list. Next, we have the enhancing ICANN accountability. And this is a process which is only just starting actually. It's going to be a hot topic in London, so there is likely to be much discussion going on. The aim for this comment period was to actually bring input of the community before the discussions start in London.

But as you know, ICANN accountability is one of the working groups of our ATLAS II, the At Large summit, so there is likely to be a lot of work done face to face. I think it might well be premature that we draft a statement first, and then discuss those face to face. It's probably likely that the discussions that will take place in London will give rise to a statement that will be filed in time to go into the overall process, because the reply closing date will be 18th of June, but we're meeting just a few days after that.

And the discussions are going to really take place face to face in London. These are the five that are currently in operation, that are currently open. And of course, I invite you all to have a look at the policy development page. Thank you very much Dev for putting this on the chat. Because policy development takes place all of the time, it's like a constant pipeline of work, so you don't need to wait until LACRALO calls to have a look at it, you can actually go onto that page, bookmark it, and you will see that it's dated daily, and then you can have a look at any of the comments that are currently being developed.

And you can go on the page, and if you login, you will be able to make comments at the bottom of the page. Those comments will be taken into account when putting out the final draft for a statement. If you feel strongly about something, and about a topic, and actually have a lot of knowledge about that topic, then you are very much encouraged to volunteer to be the person, or the number of people, sometimes one, sometimes more than one person, to hold the pen and to be responsible for the drafting of the first draft, and then follow through with the final draft, etc.

You don't need to be an ALAC member to be the pen holder. You, of course, have to be in At Large, and a member of an At Large structure, but apart from that, at least, the process that is very much open and very much bottom up, so we need to obtain that information from the [?]. I've already spoken too much, but I wanted to make you're clear of the fact that we invite people to comment and to take part in the policy development of the ALAC. Thank you, and I'm open to answer any questions which you might have.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you Olivier. This is an impressive amount of materials and documents that are open all of the time. This is a bit hard for us. I managed to read two or three of them. I actually read F16, FY 16, FY 20, and FY 15, actually. That is the one from this year, next year, and the strategic one for the next, the five year strategic plan. So, actually, what we propose is that we hope that this will be approved.

So, together with other modifications, we will try to have it seem so that they can take charge of it by area, by policy, and probably [?] participation improved in each of the specific issues. If none of us knows all of the issues, so this is as we always say. So we try to find someone who knows about finance so that they can see the budget, and then internally they can comment on that and discuss, so are we on the rest of the issues. Are there any questions regarding this issue in particular?

Again, no questions? Okay. We will go on. Olivier, once again, will update us on the ATLAS II. Olivier, you now have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much. And so ATLAS II is only about 30 or so days away. It's not that far. In fact, is it less than that now? I think it goes quickly. I will start looking at how many days are left. There is still much to do, but there has been a lot of progress on a lot of the different working groups that we've been all working on. And I'm very pleased to have seen a lot of involvement from LACRALO members in the preparation phase, and in the different working groups there.

There are a huge number of pages now that you can consult. There is of course the At Large two summit home. There is a draft agenda, which has now been developed, which has a lot of... Well, it has got basically the whole week that is designed. We've got thematic groups which have been also setup. So what will happen on the Sunday, on the Saturday and on the Sunday of ATLAS II, will have the plenary sessions,

which will have all of our 160 At Large structures in the same room, just for an introduction and to set the theme.

And then afterwards, we are all breaking up into smaller groups, five smaller groups. The first one is the future of multistakeholderism. The second one is the globalization of ICANN. The third one is global Internet from an user perspective. The fourth one is ICANN transparency and accountability, there you go that goes directly to what you have just spoken about a few minutes ago. And the fifth one is At Large community engagement in ICANN.

These five groups are going to be meeting into smaller rooms, and these are going to be working groups. In other words, each one of these five thematic groups is going to have to work and prepare a statement. Those statements, at the end of the week, will be put together into one larger report, which will then be voted on by the ALAC, and then given to the Board in a very formal way for the Board to take into account and to act on.

And so it's particularly important that people get ready to go into these working groups. I know that there have been a survey that had been sent around to all of the At Large representatives who are going to London. If you have not filled this survey, please let us know. The survey basically just asks you what thematic group do you want to be on, because we need to know due to numbers.

If we don't have the right numbers, then we have a few problems with the size, some of the rooms are a bit small, so we need to know which working group will allocate to what room, and get an idea of which ones

are going to be the larger groups. There is another issues also, which is to do with language. Only two of the five working groups, due to room requirements, only two of the five working groups will be having a translation and interpretation as such.

So, one needs to be quite carefully, and what we will do is to have the most, the two most popular working groups that will have the larger rooms and that will therefore have the interpretation. Apart from this, we've got a program of dinner on a Saturday night, which is sponsored. We've also got a lunch on the Sunday that is sponsored. And of course we've got the At Large Fayre of Opportunities, which is going to be a networking event with all of the different RALOs presenting the work that they do, and with the ability to compare what you do with other RALOs, and with a cocktail as well, and a very small number of speeches. That, as well, is being sponsored as well.

So there really are a lot of things that are taking place, but it's all taking a good shape. I'm glad that it is. There is a draft, well there is a mentoring program also that is taking place, and that will pair up the people who are willing to be At Large structure representatives who are absolute newcomers with At Large structure representatives that have been active in At Large for a while, and that know about issues and topics, and that are going to be able to help the newcomers in being able to be active, and to make full – well, to fully enjoy the summit.

Because at the end of the day this is something which you have to enjoy, and which no one has to take up as their summit. It's not something that we're imposing, it's something they are going to be building up, and it's important because we, of course, are at the ICANN

50th meeting which is a very big landmark in ICANN history. Only the second summit that we have. We are going to have proceeding films, and there's going...

There is an enormous amount of interest in the ICANN community, especially as a follow up to the NetMundial, which has happened in Brazil. The whole topic of multistakeholder involvement is very important, and many people are aware of the difficulties with multistakeholder involvement. So we are going to be a bit of a test case on this.

To get our ALSs more, and more, and more excited about what's coming up, we have webinars that are still taking place. Every week there is a webinar. The next one, later on this week, is about the rules of procedures. These are the rules by which At Large and the ALAC work, and it's difficult, I guess, to understand. But once you get into it, you start understanding that it's very clear, clear laid out rules that make sure that things work well.

But we've also had... This is our eighth webinar, so we have seven other webinars which are recorded, and with the slide deck that is available for download. And if you missed some of the webinars, you are, you should be able to go and click onto the wiki page that will send, well give you a link to all of the different webinars. You can listen to the MP3 of the webinar, it's really quite exciting, and will give you a very good introduction on each one of the topics that are going to be discussed in London, and really how things work.

And then finally, there is also a communications newsletter that is sent every week, sent out for the past three weeks now, or the two weeks. This will there will be a third one, and that's just to let our At Large structures know, you and us, and in fact all of us, know about the excitement that some people in some of the RALOs have to coming over to London.

I know there are also promotional items that are coming up, whole number of little goodies that you will be able to take home. But that, you will only find out when you are in London. I think that's all there is at the moment. Maybe, I know that Dev and many of you have been involved in this, and if you wish to add more, then please let me know.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Olivier. I saw you participating on many webinars, so I would like to ask the rest of the participants to attend these webinars. There is also a brief forum those organizing the webinars to solve the problem that may have appeared. For example, if they were working okay, or is the audio was not so good, if the presentation could be easily seen or not. So this is the feedback that they need, that those organizing the webinars need.

So is there any question regarding this topic?

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ:

Alberto, this is Antonio Medina and I have a question.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto. Okay. Go ahead Antonio.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio Medina for the record. Thank you very much. I would like to take this opportunity, since we have Olivier here, because we have the following situation. In the itinerary that I was sent, the trip is Miami-London. And for example, I will not have the necessary time to renew my visa to reach the US. So, I would like to ask you to change my flight, my route, so I can travel to London without going through the US.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, we will deal with this separately, but perhaps, as Silvia is saying. Okay if you can send us an email, we can send an email...

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio Medina speaking. Okay. I will send you an email tomorrow morning, so that you can give me some information.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. If you're in transit, I mean if you pay attention to your ticket, and if you are doing one, two, or three hours at the airport, you're not entering the country, so perhaps you may not need a visa.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Antonio Medina speaking. Okay, thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Are there any other questions? Olivier, go ahead please, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much Alberto. It's Olivier speaking. So, you know, the travel issues, I think that we have had some small travel issues, and it's normal that people are so many people traveling with visas, etc. That if you note that you have a problem with transferring via another country, and I know that in the US, for example, I think that even when you transfer from one international flight to another international flight, you have to go through customs in some cases.

So in that case, I would really recommend you get in touch with At Large staff, and with constituency travel as soon as possible. The more you wait, the more pricey the ticket will be. And if the ticket goes beyond a certain price, then it is not changeable, and that's a real problem. There is a price range between, until which ICANN constituency travel is able to change things.

So if you let staff know as soon as possible, then we will be able to help, and we will be able to try and see if a change can be made, and you'll be able to come to London without any trouble. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Olivier. Okay. Are there any other questions? Okay. So, let's move forward. The following item on the agenda has to do with a suggestion for the topics for the general

assembly. Dev, sorry. Humberto, first of all, you have the floor, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. Alberto, I was going to say exactly that, that Dev had made a suggestion, so if you want to give the floor to him so that he could express his suggestion.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, Dev, please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. One of the things I would like to discuss is the difficulty we seem to be having in obtaining consensus to give regional advice regarding organizations that are going to become At Large structures. I've noted that within the past few years that practically any organization are trying to become an organization in At Large, there is a plethora of opinions, you know, some for the organization and also some against.

And it's difficult to get consensus, even after spending, well I think a lot of time on this. And I suspect it's due to the regional politics. So my concern here is that, you know, one of the LACRALO teams [?] for the banner that is promoting inclusiveness. Yet, you know, this type of process whereby the organization, any organization joining LACRALO has to be... You have to jump through so many hoops, and you know, to make the process less desirable to actually go through.

I mean, if I knew an organization that wanted to join, and they would get so much trouble and so much challenges in just being accepted, [?] LACRALO. You know [?] for anyone that wants to join LACRALO. So, this is something of a concern I have. My questions are to the group, you know, why is this happening? And is there any way to make this easier?

Is it that the information regarding At Large structures is not fully understood by LACRALO? You know, that's my, I don't have a solution for it, but I mean, I want to bring this up for discussion, because it's happening too often and I think it's to the detriment of LACRALO. So that's my proposed idea for discussion for the general assembly. That's it.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Dev. Generally, this program is taken place because there are people introducing political issues into the discussion, when we should devote ourselves to discuss certain topics, for example, the bylaws of an organization of a webpage of an organization. For example, I denied certain organizations because the bylaws of that organizations was very different form the webpage of that organization.

And then someone told me, and this of course was after the topic was closed and one ALAC had to decide, and someone told me, "I know their working for the Internet users despite the information they have posted on their webpage, because according to the webpage, that organization was included to work for the government." So that organization is

representing its own interest in favor of a government and not in favor of the end user.

What we need to do is to gather the evidence, and ask for the decertification of that ALS. But, if we can avoid political topics to be included, can you hear me?

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

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. So if we can avoid having those political topics, after an email exchange or perhaps during one call, we can solve this problem. But, of course, we will include this topic, Dev, on the agenda. We will include that. Is there any other question? Or any other comment?

I see Humberto Carrasco, please go ahead Humberto.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: This is Antonio Medina. I would like to ask a question.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. First of all, Humberto, then Christian, and then Antonio. So Humberto please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco for the record. I think that Dev, the topic proposed by Dev is relevant. Alberto what you said is also true. We have been following consensus and I agree with what you're saying. This could be something. This topic could be delved in the general assembly, it would be a very good idea.

But I would also like to add some other topic that we're working on. One the governance working group, and in some other work group, and the secretariat, and the chair of these organizations. And of course, we will explain, or we will deal with this topics on the draft agenda. But of course, we need to have most of the LACRALO members to close, we need to have the consensus of all of the LACRALO members before closing the agenda.

We need to know who are in favor, who agree with this and who do not. So, this is what I would like to say.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. Christian, you have the floor.

CRISTIAN CASAS: Cristian speaking. Alberto, when you speak about political issues, or when you refer to political issues, well I believe that when we speak about participation, we are speaking about politics. So perhaps we need to pay attention to the bylaws, and to see if you agree with the participation of that or certain ALS.

I mean corporations are also political in nature. So perhaps the, we need to take into account that the bylaws of that ALS should match the work.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Cristian, that was the criteria used for that case.

CRISTIAN CASAS: Cristian speaking. Okay, but I want to highlight that for the record.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Antonio Medina Gomez, now you have the floor, go ahead please.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: This is Antonio for the record. Thank you very much Alberto. Well, I think Dev's proposal is a really good proposal. It's a very timely proposal, because it has to do with the application of the [advice] of Venezuela. So we may assume that there are some other similar organizations such as the ISOC for Mexico and Ecuador, that they somehow have an equivalent, and when it comes to their functions, and they're clear when it comes to their objective.

So I was not understanding why an organization like the one that coming from Venezuela was not accepted. And we are interested in having ALSs in Venezuela, and in allowing our citizens to participate in

that country, and to have a better informed society. So that was my comment in relation to Dev's comment.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. Thank you very much Antonio. Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you Alberto. This is Dev Anand speaking. And thanks for the comments here. But to me, in my mind, to me this type of [?]...to politics, because the arguments that some have expressed against one ALS in one country, by certain members, are defended when it was done for another ALS in another country.

This, brings to my mind, what has happened here is well, I would say, [?] ...in LACRALO, you know, working to, well, I would say, the different factions in LACRALO are trying to [?] perceived to be against the ALS, or their principles on how they want LACRALO to be. My point is though, to my mind, and I think, you know, especially if you want LACRALO to go and be more diverse, we have to be more accepting, and you know, and I just want to see is there any way to really get around the politics of behind all of this contention between [?] applications.

And just not for ALS applications. In my mind, that's one of the striking examples. Antonio Medina [?]... and so forth. That's somehow proposing in the governance working group, and I said it before, that what's been proposed by several members there, is not in the best interest of LACRALO, and [?] comments on the wiki as to why this is the

case. So, I have to post something relatively straightforward, which is to harmonize the language versions of the English and Spanish versions.

In my mind, there should be no issues regarding having these motions accepted because it's simply to correct the version to plan the differences in how, the differences in the English version and the Spanish version, just harmonizing these differences so that both versions are identical. What has been happening again [?] politics, is that [?] will be [?] persons in LACRALO, and I will not approve unless I get this paper, and so forth. And then there has been no progress, and [?]... Let's work together. Let's find consensus. Let's move forward. [?]...LACRALO [?].

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. Thank you very much Dev. So Leon Sanchez has no MIC, so I will read his comment. Likewise, I think the discussion of those particular aspects should be, should not be linked. For example, those aspects relating to the personal fear, for example, the case of the representative of ALS that may have different activities, and some of these activities may be in conflict with what is promoted by LACRALO.

So, I would like to remind you that, we can say yes or no, but we do not define in fact. So we need to [?] to simplifying everything in a very objective way. This discussion was so heated, and was so hard and rude, somehow, that we cannot tell the truth in fact. So the more we debate, or the more we discuss, sometimes, that the situation is not good, or the worse the situation is. So, if someone belongs to a

governmental body and to an ALS, okay, that is something that we can debate, but in a healthy way.

And without reaching that so heated debated that we had on the list. So we need to reach consensus to avoid those situations again. Alberto Soto speaking. Is there any other comment or question? Alberto Soto. Okay. I see no questions, so as to finish today, the topics will be posted by Humberto, and if there are documents, we will have them in English, in Spanish, and in Portuguese as well, and I think in French as well.

So unfortunately, this is much work for the staff. Humberto Carrasco, you have the floor, go ahead please.

Alberto Soto speaking. Humberto, can you hear us? Go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Can you hear me? Alberto, can you hear me?

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes, go ahead please Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. I just wanted to highlight, and I would like to make a comment regarding the agenda, and then I will speak about the music topic. So, first of all I would like to say that we will have a draft agenda, and we will send that draft to Silvia because I know that they need to send that agenda to be translated, so we have seven days before the meeting to close the agenda.

So probably we will have some amendments to that agenda, and we hope there won't be many modifications to the agenda. And then we will circulate that agenda on the list for all of the participants to know about the agenda. Now I would like to speak about the music. This is not... This isn't a topic that we, together with Alberto, we discuss a topic and then we, or we express the topics to the region.

So what I did in this case, was to send a message to the list so as to get suggestions, at least to have two songs per country, or so as to be, two topics per country so as to be able to have that diversity in the region. As far as I know, I have only received suggestion from [Darlene Morris?], so I would like to ask participants from the Caribbean region if they can contribute with some information in the corresponding wiki page. Thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. Okay. Is there any other topic or any other comment? Is there any other comment for this particular topic, or any other comment for any other topic? Dev, you have the floor, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Okay. This is Dev Anand speaking. I hope the interpreters can hear me clearly. Regarding the music, what you have to do though, I think for Glenn, who is the chair of the Fayre of Opportunities working group that's organizing the event in London, we have to send the actual MP3 file of the music to him, so it's not just providing links to each of the [?]... Okay. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Dev. Humberto, you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Thank you very much Dev for your comment. That's true. Each secretary should access the wiki page and upload the MP3 file. That's, so I ask the user link, so I will have to upload the MP3 file, and this is something that needs to be done. So thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. I have a question from Leon regarding the copyright in order to use the songs in the event. So, Leon, no. I suppose that the ones responsible for this, I have requested the user link and now the MP3 file, so I believe this is already covered by the legal department, the ICANN legal department. Is there any other question?

I am bit lost. So if there is any question on the chat, so if there is any comment, please, you can type on the chat. Cristian, you have the floor, go ahead please.

CRISTIAN CASAS: Cristian speaking. We have our, we had time, May the 29th, to provide the MP3 files, that was our deadline. Do we still have that deadline?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Humberto, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Sorry, I was not connected to the AC room, but I was able to hear the question. Okay. Bear with me a minute, let me see. The original deadline was for the last Saturday. This is May the 24th. So there is no need for you to provide me with the MP3 files, I mean you can send me the link, and I can find the MP3 file. So for those who were not able to send information, please send that information to me by email.

So the deadline would be on Thursday, so I can have the final playlist with all of the songs.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, Humberto, thank you very much for your comment. So, for the sake of the secretary's health, I would like you to send him the MP3 files, because we are working very hard with LACRALO, and of course, if those sending the topics for the songs, if you can kindly send the MP3 files, that would be much appreciated.

Is there any other question? So, since there are no further topics and questions, I would like to thank you all for your participation, and for your collaboration. This is important for us. We would like to thank Olivier for his collaboration, the staff, and now I will bring this call to an end. So thank you very much. Good afternoon, good evening, and goodbye.

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