TERRI AGNEW:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO TC TAF working group call on Friday, the 1st of May, 2015 at 22:00 UTC.
	On the Spanish channel we have Sergio Salinas Porto.
	On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh.
	I show no apologies noted for this conference.
	From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Terri Agnew.
	Our Spanish interpreter today will be Sabrina.
	I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking, not only for transcription purposes, but also for our Spanish interpreter.
	Thank you very much and back over to you Sergio.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	This is Sergio Salinas Porto speaking. Thank you Terri. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. For the record, this is Sergio Salinas Porto, and I am the chair of this working group on ccTLDs. I would like to thank Dev and Sabrina for joining us on this call, and also Terri and the staff members who are joining us on this conference call, on this new meeting.

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First of all, well we have already taken care of the roll call. So it's hard to have this, or to host this conference call, because we don't have all the members of the working group joining us on the call. Maybe it's because it's Labor Day in many countries and they surely are celebrating Labor Day in their respective countries in the region. So with that, I would like to thank Silvia, Sabrina, Terri, and all of you who are joining us on a holiday.

Okay. We have three items on our agenda. Well, roll call we have take care of that. And now we have to work on resuming this working group's activities and focusing on our next steps. And then we have any other business. I don't know if Dev would like to add any other business? With that, Dev, I give you the floor. Go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand. No Sergio, I don't have anything to add to the agenda, at this point. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you Dev, thank you very much. Okay. So, the idea of this conference call was to, or is to see if we can resume the activities of this working group. As you know, our work was interrupted because, or our objective was, rather, interrupted. We were focusing on metrics and gathering metrics, and then we focused on the rules of procedure for the region.

So, I had to chair several leadership lists, and I am very lucky to be the chair of this working group, and we decided to leave our work on hold

until those documents or initiatives were resolved. But it's important for us to get together again, to gather again, stuff to focus on our agenda. There have been several interesting developments lately, and Dev, I would like to know if you agree with this.

I don't know if you agree in that you and I can move forward, can work together. Silvia is typing something. She has included the names of the working group members, [inaudible], [Jacqueline Morris], Adia Noblia, [inaudible], you Dev, [Johnny Lariano], and others. But right now, there is only the two of us on the call.

So Dev, do you agree in holding this conference call, just the two of us? Or would you rather we sent out another calendar invite, so that then we can then resume our group activities? What do you think Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. Certainly, I think, well, I think obviously, yes, we can do a second invite. But I think what is happening, Sergio, is that well one, a lot of the discussion has also been focusing on the IANA transition. So I think it's simply a case of a person, some people don't have the energy to look at too many different things.

I would just like to ask, do you think there is something… Is there any particular work items you wish to look at for this working group? And perhaps, that can also be sent out to all of the members, so that they can be aware, rather than just simply having a call without a clear agenda.

I hope I made myself clear. That's all.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio speaking. Thank you Dev. My intention, or at least my initial intention, when I decided to hold this call, was to resume our activities. We had to resume our work with the different ccTLDs in the country, in their respective countries. And we needed to conclude, or to bring to a close, the questionnaire we were working on.

One of the members said something about having an ad-hoc committee to address certain issues that were generating concerns. I think Humberto was in charge of that. He had put forth a proposal, and Erick [inaudible] was also in charge of that.

So the idea was to resume what they were doing to shape them, somehow, and work, or focus strongly on our objectives. I don't know if I have exactly a question. And Silvia has the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. Thank you very much Sergio. If I may, I see that there are 11 members in this working group. They are all great members, very knowledgeable. They are knowledgeable in Internet governance and other topics. So, because these calls have a cost entail, in terms of interpretation, phone bills, etc. I think, and I beg you Sergio, that you, in your capacity as the chair of this working group, I think that you should send an email to all of these members that are not going to join this call so that they send their apologies in advance.

Because if we see that we're not going to have a high turnout, then we can reschedule call. And I have to emphasize this. I have to underscore

this. We need to have at least three or four working group members on the call, so as to resume the activities of this working group. So, that would be, in my opinion, a requirement. That is to have this active participation requirement.

We, in the company, are now spending our resources, or allocating our resources, very consciously. So please, in your capacity as the leader of this working group, you need to emphasize the fact that if participants are not planning to join the call, they need to send their apologies in advance. And this also effects the working group on the whole, because all of your work is not.

So if I may suggest an action item, then that would be, to send out a warning to the members, and then a summary of the action items for the next call. Thank you Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you Silvia for your input. Dev and I agree on this, I believe. I have been travelling a lot. I have just finished a very, very long journey in order to join this call. So I have just literally parked my car, and then joined the call. So this entails an effort for me. What I will do, is to send out an email with this warning, so that the working group members reflect upon on what they are planning to do.

I fully understand that this is extent in ICANN, and we are fully cognizant of the resources that ICANN allocates, and we cannot waste the organization's resources just because… I am very upset too, to be honest, but there is nothing further I can do other than sending out an email today, and surely I will send the email to the email list, the

working group's email list. And I will also send a report, a status report, or a progress report on our work, because it would be very interesting to start focusing on the questionnaire so as to shape this ccTLD map that we are drafting for our region.

So, with that, we cannot continue any further on this call. So if there is no other business to be addressed, I would like to start drafting that email straight away. Silvia, I'll ask you to help me, and to remind me how many people replied, the Doodle poll, indicating that they would be joining this call? I believe several participants had indicated their availability for this call.

They were willing to join the call. So, and yeah, Dev, I agree with your point of view. So Silvia, please let me know, give me that information, and now I will draft that email. And if the staff agrees, we will think of another day for a new conference call.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco speaking. Yes, Sergio. You are the chair of this working group. We are here to help you. So if you and Dev decide to continue with the conference call we will, and if not, we will focus on another call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. I would rather we did the following. I would rather we held another call with more people, with more participants, so that we can get back to work. So far, we have drafted a questionnaire but it is

pending approval. And after that, Dev and the rest of the participants in our respective countries, we need to start working on that.

So if the participants that have to take that action are not here, then it is a little bit useless. I would really like to thank Dev for joining the call. I would like to thank the staff and the language services team, because they are working on May 1st. So that is a testament to your commitment. So with that, I think we can bring this call to a close.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco speaking. So, Sergio, you can see the link to the Doodle poll, so that you can have the information. You can see the people that indicated that they would be available for this call. And we look forward to your email. And with that, if you can please bring the call to a close.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, I will bring this call to a close. Thank you all very much. And happy Labor Day.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia speaking. Thank you all. Thank you Dev for participating, for joining us. This call is now adjourned. Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: No, thanks everyone. Thanks to the interpreters.

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