TERRI AGNEW:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference on Monday the 25th of January 2016 at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Maritza Aguero, Aida Noblia, Alberto Soto, Mario Aleman, Juan Manuel Rojas, Vanda Scartizini, Cristian Casas, Carlos Aguirre, Humberto Carrasco, Fatima Cambronero, León Sanchez, Ricardo Holmquist, Alejandro Pisanty, and also Carlos Vera.

On the English channel we have Alan Greenberg.

On the Portuguese channel we have Alyne Andrade.

We show apologies from Natalia Enciso, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Jacqueline Morris, and Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Rodrigo Saucedo, and myself Terri Agnew.

Our Spanish interpreters today are David and Marina. Our Portuguese interpreter today is Bettina.

And I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much. I'll turn it back over to you Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. Thank you very much Terri. We are now going to item number three which is the approval of the agenda. Humberto, please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you. This is Humberto Carrasco speaking. We will now go and approve the agenda. The first item in our agenda is a review of the public consultation from ALAC. We thank León Sanchez for being here, and he's going to give us a review on that. We will then, Alberto will talk about the MOU with LACNIC.

Item number six is a very brief discussion on very substantial issues being dealt with in the agenda, and this is in connection with geographic regions, Civil Society, and the new gTLDs program. And item number seven, we are now waiting for a report on the taskforce in connection with the criteria and expectations.

And finally, we will continue with a report on the documented outstanding. And then we will finalize with the other issues. I will now give the floor to Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking now. Thank you Humberto. The agenda is approved. We will now go into item number four. Item four will be custom, in a way, I'm sorry. We have not discussed this yet with León and with the other two ALAC members. But the idea is that the ALAC members are the ones that will comment in each meeting about the public consultations, review of ALAC public consultations.

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This is how we're going to receive information directly from them. We will then discuss other issues that are important for ALAC members, and we are asking for some support. So León, thank you very much for being here. You now have the floor.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: This is León speaking. Thank you Alberto. I would like to thank you for this opportunity. I think it's a very, very good idea that we as ALAC members can be allowed to have access to the different public comments that are still open, and those that are being dealt with. As you know, your opinion, your points of view, can enrich us, and this will definitely help us do a better work for our region.

And I think this will help us a lot in our dynamic to be able to listen, what are the issues that we are dealing with, and this is essential for us. So thank you very much for this opportunity.

We have some ALAC statements that are in the process of being drafted, and some of them are even in the comment period. The three main statements by ALAC are in the process of being drafted, and the final recommendations report on geographic regions, I remember I saw an important comment from Alejandro Pisanty, and I think it would be pertinent to follow up Alejandro's comments.

I have seen a few answers, a few replies to that. Some of them are contrary to what Alejandro is suggesting, so I think it would be very valuable to be able to continue this discussion, and to see if you can tell us how to better contribute to this statement. And also, to make some specific statements from LACRALO, so that we can see that this is

included in the history of this issue. Then there is also another segment that's in the public period. It's still open for public comment.

And this is the issue of the implementation proposed by GNSO in connection with directory, that is the Thick WHOIS. The Thick WHOIS consensus policy, and this is also related to labeling, and WHOIS directories for gTLDs. Here, we have a deadline for the closing of the public comments. It actually closed on January 22nd, and it is open for votes on January 25.

So any comment that you can provide us to orient our vote would be very welcome. We also have another ALAC statement, which is in the process of being drafted, and it is relating to data retention, actually it is the request for data retention waiver. This comes from the registrant. And the policy that ALAC has adopted, is suggested that these waivers are accepted so that we can be aligned with the legislation in personal data protection in different places in the world.

So these are the three statements that are in the process of being drafted by ALAC. We also have some other public comments that are still open, and you can still see them on, you know, the website, they are ready for public comments. There are several of them that close this month, especially four of them that will be closing by the end of this month.

Some of them are related to label generation in the root zone. Others are related to registrations of territory names on the new gTLDs. Others are related to registration of access of launch of supplementary registration for gTLDs, for registrars and registries.

And then there are others that will, by the end of February, I know there is another one ending on April 24th. This is actually related to the regional, the registries for regions. So I'll go back to Alejandro Pisanty's comment. And with this, we could follow up the discussion.

We are also having some other comments on the new ALAC website. As you know, there is a project to renew the At-Large website. So there is a better webpage. And this is still open for public comment so that we can improve the usability, accessibility, etc. And so, any comment that you can make in this regard will be welcome. We will be able to channel it. You can just post a comment directly through staff.

So I will suggest that you get in contact with Ariel Liang or with Silvia Vivanco. I think Ariel is the one in charge of these projects to redesign the At-Large website. And you know, we usually say that the information that we need is not at hand, so probably this is a very good opportunity to provide input, to provide ideas and suggestions, so that we can improve the website that we are having.

This is all I have to say Alberto, and I now give the floor back to you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. Thank you very much León. You have been very kind, and very clear, very concise also. There are some other issues that we'll be dealing throughout this meeting, but I would like to refer to the last item in particular, because the new website, there are some people who have already been involved, and I don't really remember where we were when we launched this.

It wasn't really in Buenos Aries, but from the very beginning, we started to see some faults. And I asked them to send those claims either to me directly, or to Ariel. Many issues were modified, many corrections were found. There were no relations between the ALS and the representatives, all of that was corrected.

But working within the ALAC working group, we are seeing that there are, as you said, that we complain that certain information is not readily accessible, and we start to discover those issues. But Ariel is not going to be able to discover this. We will need to do this ourselves. So please go and surf the website, play with it for a long time, and I have no problems at all.

You can send this to me and I will then send this to Ariel, and we will be able to have consistent information. So having said this, I'm not going to go, I'm sorry I was just copying something. So let me just go now to item number five, unless there is a question so far?

I see no hands. Humberto, please check the Adobe Connect because I may miss something. So I'm now going to go into item number five. Actually the MOU with LACNIC, in the past meetings, we opened a sort of set period, and there were three RALOs that have exact photocopies, they were exactly the same thing, and because they were asking to reduce and to simplify in case there was a need for modification, we could have an addendum, and this has never been done.

It seems that it worked perfectly this way, but if necessary, we will be able to do this. And because there were so few comments, Humberto and I have decided that we will open this for those things, because

there are very few comments and we don't want to hear the people say I did not participate. So this anyway we'll need to go to LACNIC and to be dealt with within LACNIC.

I am certainly sure that there will be no problems with this. I see Alejandro is asking the floor on the ALAC issue. Alejandro, please go ahead.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: This is Alejandro Pisanty. Alberto if you want, please finish and then I'll go on.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. That's okay Alejandro, you can go ahead. We will put the MOU for voting, and if there is a proxy vote, it will be sent to LACNIC, and I will suppose there will be no other modifications. So it will actually be as is. And if there is some modification, we will vote again. Please go ahead Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: This is Alejandro speaking. Can you hear me?

Somebody will need to turn off their microphone because there is a very strong echo that will end up with a lot of noise.

So this is Alejandro Pisanty. I would like to talk about León's petition regarding ALAC. I think one of the main issues that we need to review is the issues related to WHOIS. There has been participation of members

in the region who are now being involved in regional issues, and we are losing very valuable knowledge.

In the future, this will be very significant. I hope that we can focus on this. This is just on one hand. And then the second thing, I'm very happy that León is [thanking] for this opportunity for this presentation, because León is not an elect representative, he has actually been appointed.

This is a very nice gesture [on his part]. And [inaudible] and the other ones, this is an obligation actually.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Alejandro. Is there any other question?

Okay, let's go on. The other ALAC members are Vanda, the other person missing was Vanda, actually. So I believe there will be no issues with these kind of reminders, or reviews, I'm sorry. And there is something else we discussed in previous meetings.

I used to ask our ALAC members, I actually have already asked, we will do this officially if you want to. Well, Vanda is here. I'm not really sure if Harold is here too? Is he in the meeting?

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: This is Alejandro Pisanty. Please let me add that Vanda frequently sends questions to the list. I think this will need to be intensified in the face of Harold.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto. Thank you Alejandro. What I actually asked, and I would like to make this official, is that well, we still need this secretary to the secretariat, to issue the request by Jacqueline Morris. I mean, we are dealing with policies, as Alejandro Pisanty requested in his first motion. His motion was then less for Jacqueline Morris's motion. That in order to improve this…

In ALAC, we started discussing issues and this takes some time. I usually do participate a lot in ALAC meetings, but I may miss something, or I may just be absent from one of those meetings, and so ALAC members should alert us on significant issues being dealt with in ALAC. And so, by the time ALAC sends or opens these issues for public comment, we should be able to have sufficient time.

So that we are not prepared, we can quickly resort to an expert, and so we can be trained on this specific issue to then start to have more participation in public comment. This is something we are missing now. So I would like to ask that you do this, that you add this task. I don't think this is going to be difficult, otherwise we will not be able to have more participation and involvement in public comment.

As for the issues that are still open, let me now go into item number six, if there are no more questions.

There is no one, Alberto, no one. Okay. And the issues under discussion, one has been mentioned by León which is that of geographic regions, and there is a lot of time, it is already open with our comments. And I suggest that we take it as a highly significant issue, highly

significant. Please read on our website and go in to website and go into post it. Now, when I said [I was copying something?], I was presented, what I was doing, I'm going to post the link.

I'm going to post [failings?] now. The first one is related to geographic regions. And on that link, which is in our Wiki, you will find the report in English and in Spanish. So there shouldn't be any problem in commenting on it. And this is highly significant, because as Alejandro said, it may be said that a country can change.

And if I'm not wrong, I think the Internet is a rich country should agree on that, but I think that is not clear. Perhaps Alejandro could bring more clarity on this. So I suggest we participate, and those of us who travel, when we come back from Marrakesh, we will have the obligation individually to bring information in particular on this topic, because this is the topic being discussed at present, which is open for public comment.

Geographic regions. There are too many significant issues, so we shouldn't neglect it, and we should give our comment. Silvia is already putting it in writing. We have coordinated a webinar on this topic with an expert. I have asked for it, for the date earlier than Marrakesh. I don't know if we already have a date.

I think it was February 18th. That is right, on February 18th we will have a webinar on this topic in particular, and I emphasize again, those of us who will go to Marrakesh have the obligation to bring information on how this topic was discussed there so that we can close it before the end of the public comment period.

Otherwise, and we also have the obligation because this same report is saying that these reports, this final report, should have a review from time to time. This, from time to time, could be every three to five years. So we should keep on discussing it. Now we will move on to the next issue, but before that, do you have any questions on this? Should I move on?

So I will move on to six, the Civil Society. There is another link I posted. This is a topic that is also the area of ongoing discussion, and there are some position issues here. Our RALO here has been witnessing debate, [inaudible] definitions, but I said, we should not be seeking definitions, but we should see how ICANN is treating this.

What is ICANN saying what Civil Society is? And we are the responsible ones for this analysis and check whether this is right or not, because here, we have the Internet end users, and this is a topic for our discussions. These are the users we represent.

The next item, also with a link posted on the Adobe Connect, is the new gTLDs program. If you agree, I would like to set up a very small working team, working group. Some with expertise or knowledge, but if the members do not have it, it is okay. The idea is to have our long version on this. I'd like to know if you agree, I'm open to your comments.

CRISTIAN CASAS: This Is Cristian Casas.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto. Go ahead Cristian.

CRISTIAN CASAS: This is Cristian. Just to say that I'm on. Just want you to know that I would like to be onboard, participate. My goal is to learn. So if this group is eventually created, count on me.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto. Thank you. Anyone else? I will be myself working in this group as well. And I agree, and I make the commitment, because it is very difficult to do it at a regional level, but within this group I can undertake to find whenever there is doubt, to find an expert and clarify. So Cristian, [inaudible] and myself will setup the goals and the schedule considered in this report.

So it's going, the schedule and whatever is necessary and the scope, and everything that is required to carry out the work of this group. I think that is the way to go. I do not have a deadline yet [inaudible]. I'd like to discuss it within the working group itself. Alejandro, you'd be more than welcome.

So I will take these data. Let's read it very quickly, because not all of us know it in detail, that's why I am volunteering for the working group, because they attended some of the meetings. So once we meet as a work group, we will report to the region. Organizationally what the group is going to do, [inaudible] the goals to be made and the scope.

The next item, item seven, I had requested a report be made on the group that is being chaired by Holly Raiche, which is criteria and expectations [inaudible]. There are two members appointed there.

There are others but these two members have voting rights. That's why it's very important for them to attend, as well as their knowledge. I have sent an email to Jacqueline Morris from Manuel Rojas, I have not seen the reply, but I see Manuel is present, he's in the list.

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JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Juan Manuel here replies says, he has not received an email. It was an email in English.

ALBERTO SOTO: Okay Juan Manuel, maybe it got lost. In Dublin, this report not [inaudible]. Juan Manuel, how many [inaudible] in all have you held?

Alberto Soto. Carlos, please hold on. Let me give you the floor after Juan Manuel gives us an answer. Juan Manuel again, unfortunately Jacqueline is not here, is why I have attended several meetings, I have sent several apologies. Some of them for a long period of yours, and Jacqueline Morris, had no representation at those meetings.

Okay. We should not drag on. He has no audio. We will clarify this via email. This is not a really [inaudible], but actually there were several apologies for long periods. And apologies should have been given to our region, to the group, and not to ALAC, because you were our representative, appointed by ourselves. But we will clarify this.

Okay. Let's move on. Carlos, you have the floor.

Go ahead Carlos.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: This is Carlos. Thank you Alberto. A couple of comments. I have made a couple of comments. It refers to the point by ALAC members, and Alan made a comment on the chat. And he said that there is a list that we should pay attention to. I think that irrespective of the report of the ALAC members, certainly we should keep ourselves updated because we regional leaders are included in the ALAC email list.

And all topics and all deadlines for topics are there. The second comment I wanted to make, there was a question on the previous item, on the gTLDs. And I was asking, what was the purpose of this working group? I felt like I would like to be a member, but before that, I would like to see what is the purpose? What is the point of this working group?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto. Regarding the first, your first comment, I agree we do all receive the list, but there is an additional obligation on the part of the ALAC members because they have been appointed to work specifically on this topic. That is why this comment. And to make official this type of participation, having their work, it is not the same thing if I'm listening to something, then listen to who is actually [inaudible] in the discussion.

Back to the goals, the goals or objectives and the scope, that is to be designed. On this new gTLD program, there are a long list of issues that

in my view, should be reviewed. It's not just the analysis of new names, but also for instance, more to do with the funds, with the money, the proceeds, money collected. I think we could debate on this extensively. And this is the output of this working group in my view.

And one of the outputs will be the scope and the goals and the schedule. Aida Noblia, you have the floor.

AIDA NOBLIA: This is Aida Noblia. I just wanted to say that I have been appointed to be a member of a working group on the review of ICANN documents related to organizational effectiveness and account review mechanisms, which comprises the community, the scope of the RALOs, and the ALSs. This is a group that is working with a schedule ranging up to 2018, 2019. Vanda Scartizini is also a member of this group, which discuss…

There were several stages. And it works on the requirements for independent examiners. I don't know if it's going to be a group or an individual person, an individual examiner. And it worked on the criteria for the selection of this examiner. The content, the knowledge and the experiences a person should have on the various locations, and the language, etc.

A preliminary questionnaire has been developed, that is going to be disclosed via questioners throughout the ALSs. And this will act as a liaison, this group will act as a liaison for reporting purposes, and to gather as many responses as possible to the service. And it is a long term process with several stages that have been established.

So the role of this working group is the coordinator, this liaison point for the various activities. So in general terms, it will be more focused on the ALSs, because in a previous document, 2008, 20012, ALAC was the topic of the analysis, not the ALSs, because that is a more recent topic.

Well this is what I wanted to report, of a process that is going to develop along these stages that have been designed, and which is on an ongoing process. Because this is what I have to report with several people participating from the LACRALO, we have Vanda Scartizini, Fatima Cambronero has also been appointed, and there are other members.

So this is all I have to say, and I will make an effort to keep you updated on new events.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto. Thank you very much Vanda. Excellent report. I also have new, I have information, well actually I do not remember. I have taken part in several meetings, but I am a participant. That's what I want to make it quite clear. I think that the appointees has to do more than two participants, because I insist they have voting rights, and I do not know what they will vote for when it comes to host, if necessary.

A lot has been said about the number of people that are going to be requested for each ALSs, not members. Whether there should be one representative, for instance, and two additional members. Here, we're not taking this as an obligation, but yes, one representative with voting rights, and one additional member to whom we can also send emails and be our point of contact for any other issues.

And the very clear case, I'm going to mention is the case of [inaudible]. He called sick. He couldn't travel, and there was no information, so see how important it is to have at least one additional member? So this group is actually asking for three, not two members, but three.

AIDA NOBLIA:

This is Aida. This was not an issue discussed in this review working group, but it was said that this is going to be an open group, that will be requiring high cooperation above all. When the surveys are launched, when the time comes for replies to be gathered. So this initial questionnaire actually specifies who will be responding, if all ALSs are rich. So it's now in the process of being defined through the preliminary questionnaire.

And then there are a set of additional activities already on the pipeline, to see if it is, if there is any possibilities to improve, to enhance the participation of ALSs. To reinforce the accountability mechanism, and their involvement.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto. Thank you, please Aida, lower your hand. Just because I want to prevent my own confusion [inaudible]. So, if this issue is discussed and there are no further questions, no hands raised. Humberto, is there no further comments?

As there are none, I will move on to item eight which is going to presented by Humberto. Humberto go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto.

MARINA [TRANSLATOR]:   I'm sorry. There is a very, it's impossible to translate. The sound is very chopped.

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco. Sorry Humberto, but it is not easy to listen to you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto. Can you hear me now?

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia. Yes, yes. And it was impossible to interpret so please restart.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco for the record. What I was saying was that after the election process that was opened, it wasn't possible to close the vote on the proposal, on the modification by Jacqueline Morris. However, we're going to work on the staff, to work on the details. Nevertheless, there are pending issues such as metrics, a statement of interest, the voting process, once closed, we will try to vote on it before the end of the mandate.

This is very [simple]. I hope you've been able to understand and interpret it.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto for the record. Any questions? Any comments?

I see no hands raised, therefore as there are no other business, we're completed as scheduled. I want to thank the staff, our interpreters particularly, all the members of LACRALO who have actively participated on this meeting. Have a good night, good morning, good afternoon to you all. Thanks.

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