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UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Can you hear me okay? If that's so, we will start with the call. I don't know, Mario, if you would like to start with the formalities.

MARIO ALEMAN: Mario Aleman speaking. Thank you very much. So here is 18:08 UTC and this is the time we have scheduled for this call, so good morning, good afternoon, good evening everybody. Depending on where in the world you are, today is Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We have the following participants: Sergio Salinas Porto, Aida Noblia, Humberto Carrasco, Alberto Soto, Vanda Scartezini, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, the last on the English line. On behalf of staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Mario Aleman, the speaker who will be the call manager today, Heidi Ulrich. And interpreters today will be Claudia and Marina.

I ask, please, all participants in the call that before speaking, state your name loud and clearly, not only for transcription purposes, but also for interpretation purposes. So, Sergio, I will give you the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking, thank you very much, Mario. It's a pleasure being here with all of you today. So this call is quite a special one. It will be a short meeting, very short meeting, because as a matter of fact, there has been no exchange in the emails, we have not exchanged any type of communication, so it's very difficult to move forward if we're not working on that. We held a call and we said we were going to start exchanges with issues coming from some days before, some items to be

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discussed. We had a document that had been prepared in LA, so to move forward with some ideas, with some thoughts, and draft preliminary document regarding the operating principles of our region. But unfortunately, this did not work out.

We have two weeks with no action and of course this is very difficult, because we have set a deadline so as to conclude with the first page of this work, to produce at least a draft document, discussed among all of the group so it was to be submitted to our peers in the next meeting, so was to be discussed with the whole of the LACRALO community. But in lieu of all this, I think that what we do, and perhaps be fruitful, we might generate a draft among two or three of us, I think two would be great, because it would be a draft document, so as to be discussed, broken down, and reassembled, so to speak, but at least we might put some order to the proposal at LA to prioritize them, to open them for discussion, and then see how we might shape it.

This may be the starting point of work that has not been done so far. I don't want to blame anybody, because none of us participated in this group, has done something in particular, but there has been quiet and quietness among us all. So this is my proposal. I don't know if Humberto wants to volunteer, but I may, I volunteer myself as a matter of fact, so that together with another member, we may prepare the draft, discuss it, perhaps we may prepare the draft that will have nothing to do with the final document, but it will certainly a first step. Humberto is saying that he volunteers, I see his hand up, so I'm giving him the floor.

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But let's prepare a draft document, it will be a starting point. Let's work upon something, because we have nothing to work with right now. Nobody has presented any proposal. So I'm going to give the floor to Dev Anand Teelucksingh first, so that he may say whatever he wants. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. And Sergio, I just confess that simply I'm just simply way too busy. I have something, I started working on a Google doc to try to, I think, I guess, perhaps one way of approaching this might be to consider how we want to rearrange the existing operating principles before we start modifying it. And the reason is this.

One thing I've noted, is the way the operating principles are structured, you know, it makes reference to certain things at different points of order. For example, it talks about, Point number 4 talks about a president, LACRALO Chair, and then in the next bullet point, like number 6, I don't have the Operating Principles in front of me, but another numbered bullet point talking about the Secretariat, and then another bullet point talking about the ALAC representatives, and so forth.

So you know, it got me to thinking that perhaps what we need to do is perhaps look other way of organizing the operating principles in a more coherent manner, before we start looking to change the text. So perhaps, you know, I will be willing to work on that, because that's something I was trying to work on. But I've just been very busy. So, what do you think of that approach? And Humberto, I think if

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Humberto wants to do that, then let's see if we can just look to organize or reorder, resequence how we want to do the operating principles, then we can then look to then start modifying the text in accordance to the LACRALO mediation document guidelines. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much, Dev. I think that's a good idea. The failure, let's say, in the original drafting of the document was that you were right that it was not properly ordered. So you have to upwards and downwards. There were some things missing, so when we found a gap, we have to go to, I don't know, supplementary rules, or proceedings.

You mentioned that you had written something in the Google doc, so it would be great, even though it may be a first draft or loose ideas, but it would be important if you can share that with us, through email or through a link, so we can take a look at what you have written. Because I think that your view will help us generate a new LACRALO law, rule. Maybe loose ideas, but it would be a great starting point. Because I supported this as the first draft should be order in any law, providing the structure, so that first draft is similar to what you are saying. So, Vanda has the floor next, and then Maritza. Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda Scartezini speaking. Good afternoon everybody. I agree with what Dev has said, because we have to give a clearer structure to our bylaws. And I have a question. Shouldn't we consider, in addition to everything that has been proposed at the mediation meeting, don't we

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have to consider the final proposal made by ALAC in response to the proposal of the ICANN group?

Because at the end of the day, we're going to have a general solution, they are proposing that solution, and ALAC has replied to it, and so we will have to follow the last version of a report we are going to agree upon. So I think ALAC's words may guide us in this discussion. In case of any change that is made with us and may be approved by the board apart from the suggestions we have gathered at the mediation process. This is my proposal. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much, Vanda. Yeah, I think that we might take that as a guideline because otherwise we will be looking aside. So, Maritza Aguero, you have the floor now.

MARITZA AGUERO: Maritza Aguero speaking. To have a good kick off, I think that we should define on the basis of which document we are going to work, so as to include a feedback comment and implement. So, first of all, what is the document that we have to look at, to start with all this.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much Maritza. As far as I have in my head, I think we only have one document, that is the document that the 2006 document changed in 2007, 2008, I think it was amended at that time. So we have to work on that document. Perhaps that document is useless. But if we have to take something into account, we

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have to base ourselves on this. Dev and then Alberto. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Thank you, this is Dev. Certainly, I could share my Google doc, so if you want to make that an action item and the staff could prompt me, so I could probably try to force it by Wednesday, I can try to show something, I can show the draft, the rough draft I was working on. Okay. With regards to Vanda's suggestion on whether to incorporate things from the Items Review, I think that's a bit premature.

The At-Large and the ALAC, At-Large review parties want to make celebrations as to whether those proposals in the items report are implementable or not. So we have to give our input there, if we think, well, if what item is recommended, and obviously is recommended, very significant changes in the RALO in terms of ALMs, the At-Large members, and so forth, individual members, and so forth.

But I will say let's not look at that, because that's going to confuse things, and there's a separate process within the ALAC to look at that and to respond to that. So we shouldn't make the changes until the board makes a decision. If the ICANN board makes the decision to implement the items report or make changes and so forth, then we could start looking at it, but not until then. So let's just look at the operating principles, and that just answered Maritza's question, it's the operating principles that we're looking at in time for possible June, July, August, possible face to face meeting. That's it.

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FEMALE: Dev, is that all?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Yes, that's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much, Dev. Silvia raised her hand up, though I don't know if Alberto would be generous enough so as to give Silvia one minute for her to speak. Otherwise, Alberto has the floor.

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

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco speaking. Thank you very much, Alberto. With respect to document that will be reviewed, because we have the operating principles of 2006 that are in force, and I think that we would have to work on this basis to amend it, change it, whatever, there is also a document that we have comparison version in 2014, there was a translation into English, I'm giving to [inaudible] right now here, and we have also procedures that are much more detailed than the operating principles.

And it talks about participation, holding of meetings, general assembly, points of order, et cetera, et cetera. So this is really well detailed. And the two documents are the legal basis of LACRALO, and one

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supplements the other, when there is a gap you have to look at both documents and analyze the rules, and so my question is what about this document of 2014. Will it be reviewed as well when we review all LACRALO documents? That's it. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you, Silvia. Let me see if I organized these issues, these topics. LACRALO has the Rules of Procedure and then the operating principles, which is the Rules of Procedure are the regulations for the operating principles. In a smaller group a few years ago, we submitted a proposal for an improvement, not of the Rules of Procedure, because that was not yet adopted, but of the operating principles for the region.

Many of the contents of those operating principles were included and discussed in Los Angeles. Several of the topics were introduced two years earlier in that document that was never submitted for plenary debate in LACRALO. That was left, it was a deadlock in the region. It wasn't brought to light within the whole region. This is just to make it clear, because we will see that many of the contents of the 2014 document were agreed by consensus in Los Angeles. And that was very important, because it was a significant step forward.

Other things, well, they were not adopted, and they are certainly things that we're going to have to work upon during the next month. I will give the floor first to Alberto Soto and then to Humberto.



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ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you. With regard to Vanda's comments, I do not agree with adopting that view. Why? Because a few days ago I submitted to the list the English version of my final report, in a few days it will be ready in the other languages, including Spanish. Meanwhile At-Large is working on a report that will bring to the ICANN board their attention to errors, misinterpretations, and nonfundamental recommendations that my response in significant changes of this report.

In my personal view, I always said it was case closed, because they have never made a significant shift in their view. However, if the board approves a report without the modifications, without the suggestions that At-Large is making, well, I don't know, I think we should wait and see what happens after that. I wouldn't dare say anything else, because there's still a long time to go, however, we should take into account items report. Why? Because three RALOs already have individual members probably one fourth will have them soon, and there will be only one that would not have them.

So I suggest that their leaders submit this issue not only at the level of rules, but to discuss it as thoroughly as possible. And I also suggest we adopt the incorporation of individual members so that we will close this deficiency we have in LACRALO and will do away with items comments. So, considering all these things, I recommend setting up one link for the document to work upon. I have some materials with me I have printed, and I realize, I don't know exactly which is the one I'm working with, but probably with this document and that, we will be able to start working very soon. Thank you.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio speaking. Thank you Alberto. With respect to the individual members, well, that's an aspect of extreme interest that has to be discussed in the new regulation, that is quite clear, that the ALS's do not certify individual members, sorry, the RALO, at least in LACRALO, it was clear that the representation is granted in LACRALO to collective organizations, however, individual members have a voice and are listened to. Humberto, you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco, thank you, can you hear me? A few points. I think you already said this, but I suggest we work only on a modification of the operating principles, and leave the Rules of Procedures for later on. Because if we take too much, we won't be able to do anything. So I would go for that proposal. It would be very good if you shared this document with us and we start and take this document as a starting point.

I guess, or I imagine that his document is in English, so if he is so kind, when he opens it up to all of us, perhaps he can give us the authorization for its translation so that the other people who want to work on it in Spanish, they can do it without any problem. I can also help, some of us who are bilingual, perhaps we can help Dev with interpretation of each proposal and comments by the parties. So if we are going to work on this document authored by Dev, it would be good if we set a deadline, two weeks at the most, so that we will be able to meet the 30th of June deadline for the operating principles.

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Another aspect, I agree with Alberto and Dev when they said that we should not work on items, recommendations, for the very simple reason, we asked Alan Greenberg about this issue and he said that while modifications proposed by items are not approved by the board, we should continue working as if they did not exist, as if this report of proposed changes did not exist. I have made this question personally to Alan and he said that we should continue working as is. And finally, on individual users, yes, we said that we should make formal room or space for them with seeking rights.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio, thank you Humberto, and now I give the floor to Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Thank you. This is Dev. Just to say, yes, I fully agree with Humberto, and I again say we should just focus on operating principles. The draft document I was working on is indeed in English, because I was trying to do existing and rearrange the position. We could try to see if we can try to put the Spanish version in it, I just get worried it just might get confusing, but we can certainly try. And I will share it by Wednesday, I think we can get something by Wednesday, I'll share it.

Just to clarify something what Silvia was saying about 2014 and the Rules of Procedure, what happened in 2014 was the At-Large Summit in London, and I made several motions to change, not really change, but really to align the translation of both the English and Spanish versions of the Rules of Procedure so that they are similar. It didn't change the actual procedure in any way, other than to correct the wording that was

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present in one language version but wasn't in the other. So that was the reason for that Wiki page that Silvia posted. So, just to give some history on that. So, that's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you Dev. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking, thank you. I see that we don't have much time left. And the fact that we should go for official translations would eat up most of our available time, time to work. So if I may, I would suggest that we can do it, we should do our work internally with our own translations, or Google Translate, Google Translate can help us basically to the extent we not adopt it officially, but translation work takes time. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you Alberto. I agree. Perhaps for the sake of speed, we should postpone final translation for the final document, and let's now work with the good predisposition of bilingual colleagues. If there is any doubt, both documents will be available to the interpreters and if we have to discuss them in conference call, we can discuss them, read them, and there will be in that case no problems of understanding, and we can move forward without also increasing the expenses or the effort beyond the email or any content reported through the system.

I think we can complement this with some notes of mine. I'd like to make them consistent with Dev's work, to see if both documents have

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areas of consistency, of compatibility, to check what each of us has written down and see on that basis if we can build up on something from both documents. Well, I don't know if there is anyone else who wants to take the floor?

If we set as a goal that within a week or 10 days we will have both languages translated by any of us, and ready to work, eventually refining some minor issues through the email or Skype, email is a documentation, but Skype is not, but it gives us the benefit of speed work, but if we can move forward on that very quickly, we will be in our next meeting with work already developed and with the certain prospect to complete by June 30th. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto speaking. I suggest that for next Monday by email we could have first contact, if the documents are available tomorrow. This document and the other one. Dev says that there might be some issues, I don't know Dev, I don't think there will be, because this is not the entire LACRAL, it's a small group, and with all the motivation, full motivation to avoid any inconvenience. And if there is any inconvenience, it is something that we can discuss and solve it right away. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking, okay. If there is no one else who wants to make any other contribution, we will be able to close our call with the firm commitment of having by next Monday the document translated into Spanish and English, as the case may be. Perhaps we can post them, I

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don't know if it's convenient to set them up on a Google Talk sheet or perhaps Wiki, that's something the group might discuss, and see if we can merge both documents into a single one. That would be very successful. If a certain issue has been considered in one document and not in the other, well, that would be very good, we might be able, perhaps by next Monday, to start with a draft. You have the floor, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Thank you. This is Dev. Just to confirm something. Regarding the operating principles, there is an official, a Spanish version, because in fact the text was actually drafted in Spanish and then translated in English, going back to 2006, as I remember it. So there is a Spanish version that is linked on the Wiki page with the LACRALO organizing document. So there is that, okay? So, anyway, like I said, I will share the Google doc soon. Thank you. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you Dev. I really appreciate everyone's participation and so this is what we're going to do. I am going to put into clear notes what we are agreeing. First we are going to use the original document, I don't remember which is the original version either the Spanish or the English, but one of them was wrong, I can't remember which, but one was improperly translated, and that was the root of several of the disagreements within our region. The document of operating principles has to be used as the basis. That is the one that we are using at present.

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Then we have annexed or attached documents, which we can use as reference, which are the one from this working group as operating principles for debate and discussion, which is translated, I do remember that there was a minor fault deficiency in the translation of this that caused delays, and therefore it wasn't discussed within the region, and that can also be taken as an annex document if we wish. Another thing that we have to use as a ruling document is the agreement reached in Los Angeles. On the basis of those agreements, we have to set up our new regulation.

So with these three basic documents, we can move forward in the process of creation of the operating principles that will be the document to be used for the region. So, take into account this, all these are draft documents. Anything in them, any content of these documents can be removed by any of us, irrespective of sensitivities, this is a collective effort, and in collective efforts we might agree on some things, or disagree on other things. And we have to bring it into perspective. Then the first document is the one signed in 2005 with the MOU.

The second document is the modification adding the incorporation of the Chair, dating from Mexico 2007, sorry, 2008, 2007 it was Puerto Rico. The second document, the one that was issued from this group, that had many of the things agreed in Los Angeles, but not everything, and there were other things that were not discussed. So it has to be taken as a reference document, but not seriously. What we must take very seriously is the Los Angeles agreement document. So it's three documents.

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My suggestion is to take the three documents, Dev, you should check your document, send it to someone to have it translated, I will do my own with my notes, I will ask for someone to help me with the translation, and align forces to see if we can have a unified document, checking what each of us has written, because there may be more elements in one or the other, so we can match both of them to produce a better document. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Alberto Soto speaking. So as the things speed up, I think that group members should receive the links to the documents on which we should work. Specifically those documents mentioned, then we will work over Skype or any other means, there will be no problem. But the point is, all of us should have a link to the documents and we have to define and put a link to those documents that we are going to work upon.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking, thank you very much, Alberto. I remember I sent an email with the links. I may send it again, there's no problem at all. And I'm going to reduce the list, because I think that there were more documents than the three I have already mentioned. Humberto now you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Humberto Carrasco speaking. So, for the people who have not participated in this previous working group, we have the work on the last version of the operating principles. So if you would like to take into



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account what has been said the previous working group, there's no problem, but let's not confuse people, we have to work on the last version of the operating principles and on the proposal.

All the other documents, Rules of Procedure, whatever, are not included in this page, because we have to try and settle all the discrepancies, in 2014, I think in London, about the Rules of Procedure, and they are not included in this. So in summary, the current operating principles, the mediation document, and Dev's document. These are the three documents.

If you want afterward, within the working group, consider something that has been discussed before, there will be no problem, but this does not mean that we have to take into account everything, because I know, Alberto knows, Sergio knows, that there are some people who have not participated, so we have to be clear and stick with that. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you very much, Humberto. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSING: Great, just to say that, exactly what Humberto says. Humberto said what I was about to say, exactly. We're just looking at operating principles, and my Google doc, and the LACRALO mediation document. That's it. That's all, thank you.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, okay. Thank you very much. Anybody else who wants to say something? Otherwise, I greet you all, we will call this meeting to an end. I would like to say that I've written several things, so apart from this document, I will almost post my document, so it's four documents to be considered. Because a note has been taken on Dev's document, but I also have written something, so I would like to put the things I've written to your consideration.

So, we will call this meeting to an end. We are going to schedule another call, because next week I think that we are going to exchange emails, so perhaps the week following next week, we're going to have a conference all. Do you agree on that, 15 days, in two weeks, to have a conference call? Okay. May 22, then, at 18:00. So, goodbye everybody, I hope we can see each other again through the mailing list. Thank you all for participating in the call.

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