
EVIN ERDOĞDU: Hello, Tijani. We now have Aziz with us online. [inaudible]. We also have Barrack and Seun and Pastor Peters with us. Would you like to begin the call or wait for a few moment?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much, Evin. We will start the call because we will not postpone this call another time. So we will start and please go ahead and start the call.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Sure. Hello, everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening and welcome to the AFRALO Rules of Procedures Working Group call on Monday 15th of May, 2017 from 14:00 UTC to 15:00 UTC.

Today on the call, we have with us Aziz Hilali, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Barrack Otieno, Seun Ojedeji, and Peters Omoragbon.

We have no Apologies.

On Staff we have with us, Silvia Vivanco and myself, Evin Erdoğan. I will also be doing call management.

Our French interpreters are Claire and Jacques.

I would like to remind everyone to please state your name for the record not only for transcription purposes but also for the interpreters. Thank you very much. And with that, I'll turn it over to you, Tijani. Please proceed.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Evin. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. You have the agenda on the screen. Do you agree with it? Do you want us to adopt it or do you propose for modification? Seeing no hand, hearing no one speaking, I will consider the agenda adopted.

Okay. Thank you very much. First of all, I'd like to express my deep concern about the attendance of this call. This is the third time we try to have a call with a good attendance so that we can adopt what we prepared for the call. If we continue like that, we will never reach the General Assembly with anything prepared.

So today, we will go on and work. I know that our decisions will not be – how to say – valid in my point of view since we are only four or five people. But when we finish our call, the minute of our call would be sent by mail to the mailing list and we will ask people if there is someone opposing to anyone. So it is a call for consensus about what we did today or what we do today.

Do you agree with that? Is there anyone objecting to this procedure? Seeing no hands, there is no one speaking, so there is no objection. Thank you very much. So we will continue and start our call by the first point on the agenda which is the decertification.

So for the decertification, normally we did it – we made a first reading last time. We discussed on mailing list also and now, I think we are almost okay with what we proposed. For the decertification, I would like to remind you what we... I would not say agreed on but what we

proposed, what was proposed. We know that the last status for the ALS and the [inaudible] performance is in the status of standby. When an ALS reached this status and during one year, in this status, there will be an interaction between the RALO and the ALS. Formally between the Chair of the RALO and the first contact of the ALS.

We will use all means of communication to reach out to them. This interaction we will have as objective to bring back the ALS, first to understand why they are silent, why they are inactive. And second, to try to bring them to the activity inside AFRALO and inside ICANN. So during one year, there will be these interactions. I can't come in between the Chair of AFRALO and the first contact, but this is not the only channel of communication.

There is no response. There is always silence. We need to reach out to other members of the ALS, second contact or if we know other people from the ALS, we try to reach out to them. It is not only the Chair who can do that. The Chair can delegate that to a person who knows better. The contacts of the ALS or a person who is closest to them to make this contact. So during this year, we make everything to understand the problem and to solve it, and to have this ALS back to a better status than [sometime].

But if there is no improvement during this year, at the end of the year, the Chair of the RALO sent formally – last warning to the ALS, informing them that in six months starting this date, if there is no improvement in their activities, the ALS might be decertified. And during those six months only, the interaction will continue. And perhaps it would be more intense perhaps – is more in two weeks.

Of course, we will not choose only the e-mail or – we have to use the telephones, since we have telephone numbers, it maybe by Facebook if we have the contact of those people on Facebook, etc. We use any kind of communication to reach out to them and to communicate with them. This is the proposal. The proposal is that the decertification will not happen before one year and a half after the ALS falls in the status of standby.

This falls what was proposed, so I want to hear from you. I have Aziz. Aziz, go ahead please.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani. Well, I'd like to speak – yes, I'm among the persons asking for these proposals for the ALSes, for this decertification of the ALSes. But I would also like to speak about the cases of ALSes who disappeared for eight years – they have disappeared during eight years. They are not attending the meeting. They never vote. They never answer to our e-mails. They never answer the phone calls we make. Nothing. We have nothing at all. We know nothing at all about them.

There are so many ALSes for which we have no information at all. So I agree with the rules of decertification we are discussing here. But I think that we also need to speak about those four or six ALSes which have disappeared totally. They didn't answer in the General Assembly of the [inaudible] of the last General Assembly of London for the last General Assembly. So I would like to take a decision about those ALSes who have disappeared for such a long time before taking a decision about decertification. Thank you.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Thank you very much, Aziz. Okay, we need a rule for the decertification, so first we are going to agree on the rule with this review because we need rules. And I think that we are going to apply the Rules of Procedures review then we will have an answer for each ALS if those for ALSes are still standby. After a year, we have no improving and after six months no improving at all, we will decertify them. We have been supporting – we have been with these situations from many years. So now we are going to apply some very clear rules. Do you agree with that Aziz? Aziz, can you hear me? Thank you very much, Aziz.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Any other remarks?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Pastor Peters.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Peters. Go ahead.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Yes, Peters, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Just go ahead, Peters.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: All right. I am not opposed to the rules for the decertification of the inactive ALSes. I want to ask Tijani one or two questions. How many ALSes are confound they are present in Johannesburg [network]?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: How many ALSes will come to Johannesburg?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Are confound to be Johannesburg [network]. [How many] found – [inaudible] the attendance.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: 46.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: 46, and out of 52 ALSes?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Pardon?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Out of 52 ALSes, right?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, no, no, all the ALSes are present in the Johannesburg, 46. There are only six ALSes which will not be represented in Johannesburg.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Great. Now, on the 46 ALSes, there are those who have not been active in the activities of AFRALO, right?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That's right.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Good. So I think I would propose that we adopt the rules if possible, that we will get to Johannesburg during the General Assembly, those ALSes that are being inactive. They are present, then we'll ask them to give reasons why they are being inactive before now. Why is this – now when it comes to enjoying privileges, they attend activities. I think in that way, we would hear from them for some the reasons why they refuse to be active with AFRALO activities.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much, Peters. Yeah, I saw the draft I send up for the General Assembly of Johannesburg. I think that it is [inaudible] about ALS activities, and I think it's important. But this is different from what we are doing here. Here, we are preparing the rules for the future. So we cannot apply something which doesn't exist yet. So when we decide on those rules on this review, the AFRALO will accept this or refuse it or change it or modify it. And when the AFRALO will adopt it, it will be official and then we will apply it.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Yeah, Tijani you did not understand what I said. I said that I support that we adopt the proposal of the rules. Now, when we get to Johannesburg during the General Assembly, the [meeting] to the rules [whether to] adopt or to modify, it's also be an opportunity to ask those ALSes that have not been active to state reasons. Why are they being inactive? Perhaps, when we hear their reasons – if the reasons are genuine to the address [study] General Assembly it will be addressed.

And then we will hope that in the future, there will be no such inactivities but the rules will be adopted. That's what I'm saying.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much. I understand very well. And as I told you, there is in the agenda, the adopted agenda of General Assembly an item about ALS activities. It means that we will try to see why the inactive ALSes are not active. This is already on the draft agenda. The draft agenda is not yet adopted but it is proposed like this. Okay, thank you Peters.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: No problem.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I see Silvia. Silvia, go ahead please.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Thank you very much, Tijani. I checked both on the chat the ALAC decertification workspace. These are basically consolidates all the procedures, ALAC procedures to decertify ALSes. What I wanted to highlight is that we have there a list of ALSes in the process of being decertified, so what we do from staff perspective is we put just [billings] there to the ALSes with the RALO may be considering to decertify. For example, there you see if you click it, you have URALO, LACRALO and NARALO.

And NARALO we see the recommended decertification of several ALSes and what we suggest is that if AFRALO is trying to do the same, we open spaces for each ALS which may be in this case. And we include all of the relevant due diligence that the RALO may have done to contact the ALS. So the process has been signed and there is our record of the communications between the RALO and the ALS. And the ALAC can look at this evidence and this due diligence, communications between the RALO and the ALS, and can make the decisions.

So I just wanted to highlight that would be a good procedure for AFRALO to follow as well in terms of documenting all the [relevant] communications to the ALS. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Silvia. Thank you. I know about it and we will do exactly the same, of course. Since we said we will include it in the rules, so we need to record. And we will make use of the procedures already used for the other RALOs. Thank you very much.

Any other comment on this point? We have to go to the upcoming one, next one. No hands. No one speaking, so thank you very much. So the next point on the agenda is the quorum.

As for the quorum, what we have now is for a meeting to be [valid], normally there should be at least one third of the accredited ALSes present or seven ALSes present. This was understandable when we have only – I don't know if 12 or 15 ALSes, but now I think it is not relevant at all. Seven over 52 is nothing. So what I am proposing is to remove this trigger of seven and not considering anymore.

We may seek the one third, I think it is [variable] because we may ask for 50% but this will be more difficult to reach. We may not be able to meet, you have experienced it what we are living today in this working group. We postponed twice the call – three times the call because people didn't come. So I think one third is something reasonable for a meeting to deliberate normally. But when we come to a decision, especially important decision, I mean agreeing on decertification of ALS, for example. Appointing someone or selecting someone for any mission inside AFRALO, inside ALAC or elsewhere when it comes to ratification of a statement from ALAC or from elsewhere. When it comes to adopting a statement or position of AFRALO, all these decisions are important decisions and –

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Hello. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I hear you, Seun. Do you hear me?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, yes. I hear you now. I'd like to stay on the queue. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, it works. So I said, all those decisions are important decisions and we'll need a formal vote. So for any decisions from this time, we have to go to the formal vote and any vote should be electronic vote. Because the electronic vote will involve all ALSes, not only those who are present on the meeting. So important decision will go through a formal vote, electronic vote means [to] everyone can vote. And the vote cannot be [correct] if we don't have at least 30% of the ALSes voting.

So this is the proposal. It was discussed and now I have two hands. The first is Aziz Hilali and the second is Seun. So Aziz, go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. Can you hear me?

I agree with what was proposed but we have to make sure not to be stuck when we need to take an important decision. When we decide something – sometimes the percentage of the quorum, when we don't have the quorum, we need to vote again. At that point, we need to decide what tools we're going to use. We cannot afford to be stuck when we don't reach a quorum. As of now – and this is something I requested – we [inaudible] the rules because during AFRALO we have

many issues sometimes to come up with decisions and to vote on decisions.

I have to write individually to all the members of the ALSes, to let them know be careful the Staff sent you a request to vote, and you didn't answer that request to vote coming from the Staff. I would say a [inaudible], keep the [third] for quorum. Regarding certification of an ALS, it has to be at the agenda of meeting and everybody is going to be aware of the agenda of the meeting, decertification of ALSes is going to be discussed. And the people that [inaudible] we vote to decision for certification and decertification without thinking from or during the [inaudible] AFRALO meetings.

So [although] we need to have a quorum [inaudible] we have certification issues. Because it is very rare to [inaudible] quorum. I would say [inaudible] I would say 50% could be [inaudible].

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: [Inaudible] quorum –

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Hello. This is Evin. I'm sorry. I interrupt. Excuse me. [Inaudible] that you call me. The line is very disrupted. The English channel is not coming through at the moment. So we would like to pause for a moment and so we [inaudible] the issue.

AZIZ HILALI: [Inaudible] Thank you very much to share us [inaudible] 100% [inaudible]. The decertification cannot be [inaudible] the rules are going to be revised and adopted [inaudible].

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. This is Seun. Hello. The link is very bad. I know we [inaudible] again. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The English active or standby, we need to have a minimum of participation, so participation is going to improve normally because people will be afraid of being decertified. So the mentality of the participants will be changing before noting what's changing if you were attending or not, it was the same. Now, we will have some rule. We will have a participation that will be recorded and so we will know who were attending and who was not attending. And we have some new means for those who don't participate, so I think participation will improve.

And those who are not active – and there are at least six ALSes in this case – those who are not active will be decertified. So the number of ALSes will be less and the quorum will be less important. The number of the quorum will be less, so the future of our AFRALO with these new rules will be different. And people will participate more because they will be afraid to be decertified. And if they don't participate, they will be decertified, so this is the first element.

The second element is that for a meeting, a meeting can deliberate in a legal way if we have one-third of the ALSes attending the meeting. The one-third is not a lot. It's 18 indicates of 52 ALSes, 52 ALSes today. But in a year and a half, it will be less because we will have some ALSes which will be leaving. So this number of 18 will be reduced. Those who don't participate will be decertified and we will have a better participation. Now, for the decision, the normal decision as for the management, the everyday management, we don't need necessarily to have a vote, a formal vote.

And we will vote only during the meeting when we will have the one third of the ALSes. But for important decision as decertification, you are right. I am proposing these new systems for quorum and in the future, the ALSes, the proposal of certification of ALSes will be made by vote. It is an important decision and this will oblige people to read because sometimes people say, "Yes, yes," but they didn't read. So when they will vote, they will read the text we send them to vote.

And we say from the beginning that we need to improve the access condition of ALSes, because we have noticed that there are some ALSes that are created. They come and then they disappear. We never see them anymore. They almost don't exist. For us, it's a way to push people to do more, to take more care and to decide in conscience.

So when we will have a vote with a need of 50% of ALSes, how are we going to do that in the future if we are not voting, it will be recorded. And the ALS will have less chance to be considered as active. Its status will be reduced. So those elements are going to give us a good, a better

governance. And we will push our ALSes. They will participate more and better. I think we will have a better future in that case.

Seun, you have the floor and then Abdeldjalil you have the floor. Seun first. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Perfectly, Seun. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. All right. Thank you. I just want to make a few comments. I've been trying to get the mic the first – well with [inaudible] decertification. So that's my first point. In relation to the decertification, I want to say that it was suggested, suggestion about the reports that it's too much, that we should make it one by year. So I want to know what is the [process] of that. Last time I checked the documents, I don't think it has been updated. Is it at the group [inaudible] accept the suggestions or what it is the process of that?

The second thing is that in decertifying ALS, it means that basically someone who is – one of you commented, someone who is on standby for a certain period. So it means that if a particular ALS who is achieving A, B, and C of the [inaudible] metrics what is – but also submitted the reports. Automatically, actually the eligible for decertification, I think we

need to consider that especially we are [submitting] the two reports requirements.

We need to ask ourselves what is key. Is it participation in ICANN processes or the reports for the ALS? I think we need to lay more emphasis on the participation than the report itself. So I would suggest that if it is possible, that the decertification does not hold strongly the reports but more strongly the participation in ICANN processes. So my recommendation is that that would be. If they are two consecutive reports – I mean generally reports for the ALS in two consecutive years then... or 18 months should be [inaudible]. And they will report, the ALS should be liable for decertification.

But in my own opinion, I don't think there should be [inaudible] send reports. I don't think if ALSes is achieving A, B, C, I don't think the cause of report they should be decertified. I still believe that report only should not be up front that should use to decertify ALS.

Secondly, I wanted to comment on the part that we also need to be careful in terms of how is set rules will go on decertifying ALSes. While I understand that we should not just have numbers, I think we should also recognize that number is also important. It's politically important especially when it comes to the ICANN environment. Yeah, other SOs and ACs as well have numbers and then few people are participating. But of course the numbers, they total numbers, so I wouldn't want those to say or assume that ALSes will be so afraid to want to... easily just start following these are rules. Why they would be afraid? What is it the need for them?

So in my own opinion, I would suggest that we'll take this in slowly so that's why I'm actually suggesting – that's why I suggested a [inaudible] report team. That's also my suggestion that just not sending the report should not decertify an ALS. I suggest we don't set too much too difficult rule or to complicate rules which we then [inaudible] decertified or will have [inaudible] ALSes. Yes, if we have [inaudible] ALSes, maybe it's good. But in a long gone, I still have to say that I like that number also my part in this game, especially within ICANN.

I hate to say it but it's the reality. I just point out [inaudible] report in response to the question I give about my suggestion. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Thank you very much, Seun. [Inaudible], we received your position that you propose that we submit two reports per year, four reports – the two reports for six months and one report per year. But [inaudible] group, there was a majority who asked it for two reports per year. [inaudible] means the it is not four reports a year, it's not one report a year. It's two reports a year.

This is what I put. If there is a majority in the group who wants it to be only one report, I will change it. I don't have any problem.

Second, not submitting reports doesn't lead to the decertification. You will go to the decertification if you don't participate at all. If you have less than two contribution in six months, if you don't vote in the four consecutive pools and if you don't meet any local activity reports during the – I don't know, during I think six months before.

And then when you reach the status, you stay one year and a half and there are no try to make you become more active. If, for example, if you participate only in one meeting every three months and if you make only two contribution every six months and if you vote only – if you make only one vote during the four consecutive pools, lots of 60 pools, and if you submit only one report a year, you're still in the less active mode, in the less active position. You are not under standby position and so you are not subject to decertification. So this is – if you want Seun, I prefer that you read again the whole process. You have the detailed –

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yeah, Seun. I will give you the floor. Please read the section of the criteria and try to see what are the extreme cases where we may go to the decertification.

I don't have any problem if there is a majority in the group who wants it to be like you say. No problem. But please before that, read it again because to be decertified, it is very, very far from not submitting two reports a year. Very far from that. If you have a comment on what I said, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes. I have a comment on what you said. You just said you just made my point, Tijani. My point is that the combination of – from my [status].

What does it mean if you're active, less active will be on standby, less active on standby. Is for the less active, what you just said now, and you will be on standby, the report as a and not a [or] – the report is the and that combined that is required. So that means that the report is composed of the and. So if I'm achieving the other requirements in less active which is actually meeting all in three months etc. but I don't submit the reports for that year. That is what I am asking, what [inaudible] to the less active, does that goes to standby or does it remain in less active? Because in the combination, example that was given implies that report as a and requirement, it is not the or. So it's not the [inaudible] report, it is and and that and means it is a compulsory thing that the ALS was to fill every year. I hope you got my point. I read it but if there's something I'm missing, I'll let you hear what is – okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, thank you. I understand very well your point. Seun, there is a reason for that. If we reached at this point it is because we never consider the activity on the ground. And as you know, the [inaudible] of ALSes we are fighting with ICANN because of that. We have ALSes reproved that we have people on the ground who are informed, who are involved and who are part of ICANN more or less.

So if the ALS don't make an activity on the ground, it means they don't have any interaction with their members. And so the ALS is nothing in this case. It is only the representative. So this is a big problem and this rule, try to make it clear for people that we have our members involved. We have activities on the ground and those are the reports. This is why

we made it compulsory, and. That's why it is and. I am fine if the majority here want it to be or. I don't have any problem but this is the philosophy behind it and I hope you understand the point.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I hope you now understand what I'm trying – I have no problem if the majority of this group wants to go this way but – I hope it's not clear why I was [inaudible] by the report but it has been the requirement. That was what it is and I definitely read the process so I've read [and that's what] the process. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Seun, do you think we can consider an ALS who doesn't have any activity on the ground during one whole year? Do you think that we can accept –

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Pastor Peters. Pastor Peters.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: A moment. I am asking Seun and then I will give you the floor. You are on the queue, Pastor Peters. Do you think – yes, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes. Let me give you a scenario, because again, it depends on what we are looking for in terms of reports. So groups, they actually do not have any physical or local activity in a year, depending on how they get

funding but they are just [inaudible] cost on the mailing list. And in other year, they may have ten activities, depending on the... most of these ALSes are actually not for profit. They get their funding based on grant, based on proposal, [inaudible], etc. So they may not have all those needs. Perhaps, we also need to clarify [where are] their reports? What kind of – what other terms mean by report?

Is this physical meeting? Is this advertisement of Internet? Is this have to do with ICANN? Is it publicity? Is it outreach? What is the report? Is it just our discussion on the mailing list? What are the [entity] or they just say, our ALS has been discussing AFRALO issues for the mailing list [inaudible]. So is that [inaudible] report?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, you are right. You need to [define] the nature of the report. The report could be virtual activity, meaning virtual meeting. For example, it's not only the mailing list, because mailing list it doesn't mean anything. It's right that we can discuss on mailing list but we cannot call it an activity but if you want to have a meeting, Skype meetings for example, it is an activity, a good activity. You may have Hangout. You may have a webinar. I don't know. Though, all those are activities and those are very good activities because that permits to all people to participate.

They are not obliged to go to a place to sit and to listen. They can have the meeting while they are at home, so all these are activities. So we need the ALS to be active inside its own environment. It's important. It is important that the member... We don't know now if some ALSes have

member or not. They said they have but how to know it if they don't have any activity [inaudible].

Do you understand me? Seun, do you understand what I said?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes, I understand what you just said about virtual meetings but again, like I said, there is no reason why discussion on the mailing list of those ALSes cannot be accepted as a valid report activity. They should be able to – of course, if we are calling a meeting, just like what we are doing. We are having a meeting now. There's a number I suppose to attend, right? But we have very few participation. What is the [inaudible] to that particular ALS? Does it mean that ALS is not active? If they have ten membership ALS and when you call the Skype meeting, only two people are able to attend. On the mailing list, all of people are contributing on the mailing list. So do we then say it's only Skype discussion of virtual meeting that is an activity, I don't think so. People should –

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can I interrupt –

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, am I finished? I'm not finished. I was still speaking.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, go ahead. Go ahead, please, go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes, people should be able to use whatever [amenities] they have. Some ALS don't rely on Facebook page a lot and to discuss [inaudible] whatever means they have to share the information among themselves, to discuss ICANN-related issues. And people must present the report, that should be used as a valid mail while such report is in those collectivity or discussion to those ALSes are using. That's my opinion. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much. I have a proposal for you, for everyone there.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Mr. Tijani, can I speak? I'm on standby.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would give you the floor, there is Abdeldjalil and you pending, so –

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: No, no. I thought it was me. Before your proposal Mr. Tijani, why don't you let me speak before your proposal. Let us equal the boat [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Abdeldjalil has his hand up before Seun began to speak, so I will give the floor to Abdeldjalil and then to you. Everyone will speak but—

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay, no problem.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I have a proposal. Okay? I have a proposal. Seun, now everyone heard the discussion and I'll be glad –

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: No, point of order Mr. Tijani, we are discussing.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We will not decide. Pastor Peters, Peters, please, we are not – [inaudible].

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Your proposal [inaudible]. No, no. Mr. Tijani, we will have to vote. Everybody has discussed. No, let everybody discuss your proposal. So let Abdeldjalil speak then I can speak then you come up with the proposal. So you are the [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I will give you the floor, Peters, Peters. I will give you the floor.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: I agree. [inaudible] your proposal for now is what I'm saying.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Peters, please. Peters, please, I will give you the floor and you will expose exactly what you wanted to say. No one will cut you. So please wait a moment, please. Listen to me, please. I said that Seun, now you made your point. I gave the opinion and we have other people on the queue that will give their opinion. I propose that after this meeting, we will not decide today on this point, of the point of decertification. Seun, do you know what you did? You bring [dust] to one of our discussions two calls ago, so no problem. So everything – we will discuss it again, no problem. Everyone give his point of view and on the list, we will not hold them for it. On the list, we will see the majority of people and then we will take the right decision. Thank you very much.

Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Tijani. I have comment on the quorum issue, your decision that can be taken during our meeting, an AFRALO meeting and we have some decisions with ALSes for instance and if you – an example is decertification of an ALS. This is a very important decision that needs to be taken and if one-third of the ALSes are present, we're going to be able to make a decision. Regarding decertification of an ALS, it also applies to individual members. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So regarding your remark on the quorum, what you said, it applies to meeting and we need to have one-third of the ALSes present. But for

the vote, when we have a vote, we do electronic vote requiring 50% of participation, 50%. So I believe that what whatever you said when you said instead of 50% for electronic voting for the important decisions, decertification is one of those important decisions and it says to go for four more votes. Thank you so much for your participation, Abdeldjalil. I hope I answered your questions and now, I would like to give the floor to Peters.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay, thank you Mr. Tijani. Now, only two issues, I think the problem we are having is that we are overstressing points of one particular issue and the other, on quorum. The proposal was for meetings, one-third but for voting, 50% but where we got it wrong on the voting is when we will begin to analyze what can be voted for or not. So I think we should agree that whatever we need to vote on, on the first instance, 50% of the member should vote. The majority of the 50% who have the [inaudible]. But if in the event we do not have 50% in the first instance, we can have on the rule that the second call, if we have one-third attend to the second call, the majority from that second call would take preference over the other, and that will settle it. After beginning to look for 50%; at the first instance 50%, if we do not get 50%, the second instance, one-third because if one-third is fully quorum for meetings, one-third in the second instance can still vote. And nobody can complain that they were marginalized or [jeopardized]. That is on quorum.

On decertification, on the points made by Seun and Mr. Tijani. Now, [inaudible] here. It means in addition or means an alternative. So if we

use the word and, that means that criteria with the other criteria. So it does not make it an absolute criteria so it is just one of the criteria but if we use or, it becomes an alternative. So I would prefer we use the word and in framing that proposal on the rules.

Number two, on the issue of report, I do not think if I am mistaken, going by the discussions on the mailing list, that activities of the ALS should or is only restricted to issues that are connected to ICANN activities. I don't think so. My ALS does not exist mainly because of ICANN. My ALS has existed before it became [about] ICANN. So our activities does not relate only to ICANN activities, but I think I want to believe I'm wrong, Tijani again will correct me here, is that activities that ALSes, whatever they are doing, it could be ICANN related or whatever activities. Because in any case, there is no activity of an ALS today, [inaudible] that doesn't involve the use of Internet. And have to send e-mails to the members or to promote the activities on Facebook or presumably [in all that]. So is that related? So I want to believe activities should or could include that any activities that ALS is engaged in or on whether it's ICANN related or not but provided they are able to provide at least two reports within two years – sorry within one year.

I don't think that should be a problem, that's number two. Number three, I do no think we should worry ourselves for the fact that okay, supporting an ALS virtual activity only to attend doesn't make that as an ALS inactive? No. Activity is an activity. So we should [inaudible] by too much bureaucracy but at the end, would disrupt our [inaudible] with so many rules. So I want us to look at either form and then we should be very mindful with tightening the loose around our neck. So I think that is my observation on these issues. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Peters. Please in the future, make your statement shorter and straight to the point. Thank you very much for your position. It's activity is not –

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Mr. Tijani, you and Seun, you spent almost how many minutes [inaudible] yourselves.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I don't understand you. What did you say?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: I said you and Seun spend more than ten minutes [inaudible] on the particular issue. I never said you should go to the point and all that but you spent time. So I'll [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. For the issue of activity, it is not necessary an activity related to ICANN. It should be an activity where you involve your members and especially when you inform your members about ICANN activity and where you take the point of view of your members so that you can give it to AFRALO as a point of view of your ALS. Because we have ALSes, we don't have representative. Representatives are there to lead if you want or to be [interfaced]. So we need the point of view of the ALS and this is why I was a little bit tough about the reports. We

need reports to know that there is interaction, the members of the ALSes are giving feedbacks to AFRALO.

We now are on the top of the hour. We have four minutes past the hour. We didn't speak about our third point which is important, which is the Vice Chair position.

First of all, let me summarize. For the decertification, I think we are okay. For the quorum, also, there is a point regarding the decertification – not regarding the decertification. It is regarding the status of the ALSes. Seun still thinks that two reports per year is too much and thinks that it shouldn't be a condition. It should be an alternative. This is the point of your option and I want him to write it on the mailing list clearly so that people can read it from him, not from me. This point will be put on the list for discussion and if we have a majority from the group for the point of position, we will change as Seun said.

If there is not the majority, we will stay as we are but for the quorum, I think it is clear, we all agreed that for the meeting, we need at least one-third of the ALSes and for the decision, we said that we have to specify what are the decisions needing a formal vote. And then the quorum for the formal vote [inaudible] vote is 50% plus one of course.

So those are the two issues we discussed today. I will make a summary on the list and we will not come back to those two points. We will come back only to the point –

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Mr. Tijani, you left out my addition to the quorum. I made a proposal to the quorum.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, you said the same but is that you said we need one-third? I said for the vote we need 50%. That's different. That's all.

PETERS OMAROGON: No, no. For the votes. The difference was that at first instance, if we don't get 50%, then we can do a second call and then do one-third.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I see. I see. I see. I see your point. Okay, sorry I forgot about it. Peters proposed that we make the vote in two rounds. If we don't have the 50% in the first round, we'll go to the second round but with only one-third as the quorum. This was proposed by Aziz before Peters and I explained to him that he was okay with it. Now as it is raised again, we will put it on the list and we will try to have the point of view of the whole group about it. So we have two points for consultation, the first one is about their activity report and the second point about a vote in two rounds.

Okay, I will make a summary on the list for the whole group to give their point of view and we consider those two points closed today. And according to the reaction, to the feedback from the list, we will perhaps meet the decision about the reports and perhaps also about two rounds for the vote.

Please think about getting rid of the position of Vice Chair. It is not something as some of you talked about it. It is really, really for the benefit of AFRALO. Think about it and please give your point of view on the list, so that we will not a lot of times discussing on the call.

I would like now to thank very much our interpreters, our Staff, and all of you who came to this meeting. This meeting is well participated. Thank you very much and I hope in the future, we will have as much as today and I hope we will have more than today. Thank you very much. This call is now adjourned.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Thank you all.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye-bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

EVIN ERDOĞDU: Please do not forget to disconnect your line when leaving the AC room and the bridge. Thank you all for your participation and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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