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MARIO ALEMAN:

Good afternoon and good evening, everyone. My name is Mario. I will be managing this call today. We're three minutes after the scheduled start time and we would like to welcome you all to the LACRALO Special Purpose Call on the LACRALO elections 2017. This call is to get to know the candidates.

Today is Monday, May the 22nd, at 23:00 UTC.

On the Spanish channel we have Maritza Agüero, Antonio Medina Gomez, José Ovidio Salgueiro, and Alejandro Pisanty.

On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Vanda Scartezini, and Bartlett Morgan.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, and myself, Mario Aleman, and I will be managing this call.

Apologies have been sent by Jacqueline Morris, and we have no participants on the Portuguese and French channel.

The interpreters for today are as follows: for Spanish we have Marina and Veronica; for French we have Isabelle and Camila; and for Portuguese we have Sabrina and Esperanza.

With this, I would like to remind you all to state your names when taking the floor not only for the transcripts but also for the interpreters.

With this, now I would like to give the floor to you, Silvia, so that we can continue with our call. Thank you.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:

Welcome you all. Good afternoon. Humberto Carrasco, the LACRALO Chair, has asked me to begin with this call and to be the facilitator of this call. I would like to begin by the adoption of the agenda and the call methodology.

As you know, there are seats available and the positions are the LACRALO Chair, the Secretariat Chair, the ALAC member, and the member representing or appointed by the NomCom. On the screen you can see the wiki page where all the positions or the seats are detailed and all the Terms of Reference are also available there.

Please let's take into account all these seats have one candidate for each of these seats, so the representatives will start their mandate at the end of the Annual General Meeting ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi in November.

The idea of this meeting is to let you know the candidates. Each of the candidates will be providing a personal presentation or a personal introduction and then they will be available for replying your questions. There will be a presentation by the [four] candidates. Each of them will be assigned five minutes for their introductions in alphabetic order. Then we will have a Q&A session for each of the candidates, each five minutes for each candidate, in the reverse alphabetical order. And then we will have a closing session for each candidate during three minutes.

So for the Q& A session I would kindly ask you to raise your hand and please indicate which candidate or to whom you will be addressing the

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question. If there is no questions or no comments regarding this methodology, we will begin with the introductions of the candidates.

So now I would like to introduce Maritza Yesenia Aguero Minano. She is the current LACRALO Secretary and she has been re-elected. So Maritza, you have the floor. You have five minutes to introduce yourself.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much, Silvia. Could you please confirm that my audio is okay so that I can continue?

Okay. Thank you very much. My name is Maritza Aguero. I am a lawyer in Peru and a Vice President of the Internet Users and I work at a law firm which is one of the most important firms in my country. I also devote myself to teaching. I'm also a Professor at different universities in the University of the Pacific and University of San Martín de Porres where I deliver courses related to the different areas of law, for example, computing law, and nowadays I am the Secretary of the LACRALO region.

I was an ICANN Fellow, ICANN Coach as well, and I devote myself to defending and interacting with some of the colleagues in the area of Intellectual Property. I'm also interested in other technologies and I would like to go deeper into this part of my presentation and this has to do with the things that have been achieved as in the Secretariat.

I would like to say that I have devoted myself to this position with a lot of responsibility. We have faced many challenges and these challenges

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have been addressed and solved with the passing of time. These are challenges for the region. As you know, we have the mediation process and we believe, we see, that we are moving forward little by little. We are improving things. We have achieved to have funds for a second part of the meeting. So everything is moving forward but we strongly feel that this is a way forward and that we are heading for good things for the union of Latin American and the Caribbean region.

We have the Council of Elders, as you know, and this is something very important. This is a vital step. There is a working group being created and we will have a call next Wednesday where we will be setting the grounds for this working group for this Council of Elders which will be providing the guidelines for our work and to improve participation.

We have a team with Humberto. He's the Chair. I am the Secretary. And for us, capacity building is of vital importance and we also need resources to train people and interactions among people is really important for us and increasing knowledge is also important for having a better participation for participating in the Policy Development Process and for us to be part of this process within the region but also to participate in some of the topics that are ICANN-related topics. This is very important and from my point of view I believe that this is something fundamental for us to increase and encourage participation.

ALSes are increasingly active in our monthly calls, and by implementing this methodology we have an agenda, as you can see, in each of the calls that we have participation is being increased and the creation of the agenda, the participation, the interaction of presentations, is also

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really important and this has been achieved in a very selective way aiming at the interests of the region. As you can see, the topics that are being dealt with in the agenda are very important topics and, of course, these contribute to the development and the strengthening of the different capacities and the development of our region.

I would like to go deeper into these but I know that I have only five minutes so this is my brief introduction. If you need further information my SOI is already published. There you can find information about my work, about my publications and papers, and that's all for my part and thank you very much for your attention. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Maritza, for your presentation. I would like to make a brief comment. As you can see, there is a timer on the corner so please take that into account for you to see how much time will be available during your introduction.

Humberto will be late, will be joining us later, so I will now give the floor to Bartlett Morgan. Bartlett Morgan is the candidate for the ALAC member. Bartlett, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

BARTLETT MORGAN:

Okay, great. Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

Yes.

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BARTLETT MORGAN:

Okay, perfect.

Hello, everyone, and thank you for showing up. This is somewhat unusual for me. I'm not very good at talking about myself which is funny since I'm a lawyer. But let's get on with it.

In terms of I guess who I am, the necessary information is I am a Commercial lawyer. I live and operate out of Barbados, although I'm Jamaican. Before I became a lawyer, my background was in IT, and in particular IT in higher education.

In terms of what I've done in respect of ICANN, like Maritza, I've been a Fellow as well. My introduction to ICANN actually wasn't through the Fellowship [inaudible] just joining a working group. So back in maybe late 2013 I would have joined the IRT Part D Working Group in the GNSO, mostly just to follow along and have a feel for how ICANN operates, how it gets policy development done, and so on. But more recently, I've been working with Dev in the Caribbean Working Group which is under the auspices of the BGSC. I recently joined the Jurisdiction Subgroup in Work Stream 2 of Enhancing ICANN Accountability.

In terms of what I think I bring to the table, I'd like to think that I bring a solution-focused approach to what I do. I'm not so much about finding problems as much as I am finding solutions and trying to get on with the basics of what we are [trying] to do. I'd like to think I have a spirit of

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compromise. It's not just about winning for me. It's about finding the reasonable middle ground that we can all get on with our work.

I would hope that in my time in ICANN so far I've exhibited a willingness to learn from other people and to learn from others' experiences. I'm not sure what else... I have honestly [inaudible] [list] but to my mind I think I've covered all of...

Okay, I'm seeing a question here but I think there's a next section for questions so I'm not sure it would be appropriate to answer the question now. I'll pass on to the next presenter and I'll take my guidance from the moderator.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Bartlett, for your presentation. We are going to answer the questions in the order that we see them on the chat and we are going to answer them in the next section.

So now we're going to give the floor to our next candidate, José Ovidio Salgueiro. José, you have the floor.

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO:

Good evening. This is José Ovidio Salgueiro speaking. Can you hear me okay?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Very well.

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JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO: I am José Ovidio Salgueiro. I represent the Venezuelan Association of New Technologies. I was a founding member of LACRALO. I have been engaged in over 20 working groups. I am a lawyer specialized in Intellectual Property and new technologies. I have been participating of ICANN since 2005. I want to be re-elected for a position I have already held for five terms – 2005-2006, 2010-2011, and this year, 2017.

In addition, I was the first ALAC member chosen by LACRALO and I held that position during the term 2007 to 2009 for the NomCom and individuals are selected as the NomCom to hold positions at the Board and in other Support Organizations – the ccNSO, the GNSO. The issue with the NomCom is that it operates under strict confidentiality rules. That is why you cannot find any reports of what has been done there because it is prevented, it is not allowed, by the rules we commit to comply with at the beginning of each session. At the end of each year, as I did in due time and as other members did later on, once the final report is ready, that report is circulated and that is how the community is being informed of the work undertaken on its behalf.

The work of NomCom is hard work. It is conducted throughout the year, and it takes time to learn the procedure, and that is why typically the members are re-elected because the first year usually is devoted to learning how to hold the position and the second year is when you can actually perform very well. As I said, I have some extensive experience in this position. I have already been appointed for this already five times, but I think I performed very well from the beginning.

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That is basically the presentation, the description I wanted to do of myself, of my background and experience I would like to offer for this position. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, José Ovidio, for your excellent presentation.

Now I am being told that Humberto has not yet joined in the call so we should go to the next section on Questions and Answers.

In the chat we have several questions. We are going to go for them in the order of appearance. The first question was by Alejandro Pisanty, a question for Maritza: "Which in your opinion have been your main contributions to LACRALO as Secretariat, your main [frustrations], and the reasons?"

Maritza, will you please take the floor?

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much for the question. Please confirm you can hear me okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, Maritza.

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MARITZA AGUERO: I apologize if I'm being repetitive about audio confirmation because it's not been unusual that I lose my audio.

Answering, but first a thank you, Alejandro Pisanty, for his question because his question is very relevant. I will answer this way – “Which have been your main contributions to LACRALO and the frustrations?” Well, the main contributions to LACRALO have been, first of all, to try to develop trust, develop trust among the various actors within LACRALO. As you very well know that our members in the community that speak only English, some understand Spanish only, and others are bilingual, so I think I am sufficiently fluent in English and that I am able to interact with all community members acting as a bridge to identify any failures and what things might enable candid and open dialog. That is one of the main contributions.

Another one is the coordination, for instance, in this first stage of the mediation in January that did not happen overnight but for months long we had telephone or Skype communications with the mediators and that required significant coordination with Humberto. Also the development of the agenda. The agenda is something I developed. I contacted presenters. I am coordinating the entire process. So this back stage that you cannot see at the call once you go live is a process of logistics that at the beginning was very difficult for me. But then I managed to understand it and also created a better interaction with the staff and became more proactive without requiring so much consultation.

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The coordination between the Chair and the Secretary is absolutely essential. There must be synergy and constant communication because that's what the community needs. The community needs results. Perhaps we should push forward even further to reach to safe harbor but this is what you've seen.

That perhaps is the frustration – that the pace of results is not what we want. Sometimes the presenters or the participants do not answer at the time we want them to answer and that is certainly due to the lack of experience or time or non-sufficient interaction. Sometimes I have to do international calls for coordination. That you cannot see in a call or in an e-mail. That is a back stage process. What you see is a process called e-mail, text, and people might say, "Yes, it's good," "Yes, it's bad," but you cannot see the hues, the different shapes.

I hope I have answered your question and thank you very much.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Maritza, for your complete answer. Please speak slowly. I know you want to say as much as possible but you're please requested to answer as slowly as possible.

The second question is for Bartlett from Alejandro. It's in English on the chat but I will read it in Spanish: "Bartlett, what has been your contribution to policy development in ICANN?"

Go ahead, Bartlett.

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BARTLETT MORGAN: Thank you. Thank you, Alejandro, for your question. As I would have mentioned when I was introducing myself earlier, my introduction to ICANN was actually via policy development itself. So when I just got involved with ICANN, I was a member of the IRTP Part D Working Group, and then after that when that [inaudible] 2014, I would have also joined the Implementation Advisory Group dealing with ICANN procedures for handling WHOIS conflicts with national privacy laws.

To my mind, that deals with policy within ICANN so I think that would be the answer to your question. I've been involved in ICANN in other ways, but not in a way that I think directly contributes to policy, per se. For example, with my involvement with the Caribbean Working Group that Dev and I coordinate, that to my mind isn't so much about policy and developing as opposed to [inaudible] effect to ICANN policy.

That's it for me. I don't know if there's... Hello? [Inaudible] have gone blank. Am I being heard still?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Now we will give the floor to Humberto Carrasco who has just joined the call. Humberto, go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Silvia, first of all I want to apologize. Unfortunately, I am presently at a working meeting. I'm making a presentation to 30 people. I thought this was going to end earlier but unfortunately it was extended.

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First of all, I want to apologize and then I'm going to say very briefly why I want to continue as the Chair. That is an ongoing process such as the discussion of the Operating Principles and the Rules of Procedure which we consider should be amended. We are on the right track but the work is not complete, so with the group we're working, the mediation process is going very well. That is why I want to reassert my commitment and be a candidate.

That is all, Silvia, and unfortunately I apologize but I have to go back to my meeting.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Humberto.

What I am going to ask all participants that if you have any questions for Humberto Carrasco, please address them in writing by e-mail, and Humberto agrees to answer them.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Yes. I agree to answer them in writing and again, sorry.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Humberto.

Now there is a list of questions. In order of arrival let's continue.

The next question also from Alejandro Pisanty for José Ovidio, and the question goes: "What are the main obstacles that in your view are faced

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by LACRALO candidates to the different positions in the NomCom and how do you anticipate to overcome them?"

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO:

The issue with the candidates of Latin America and the Caribbean, the main obstacle is that, because of the multiculturality of ICANN and above all as by nature it is a North American corporation, the requirements, especially for the Board members, what they look for is individuals with a profile that in Latin America as well as in Asia is difficult to find.

For instance, they try to have individuals with experience in very large corporations with experience in multi-million budget management that have run companies with hundreds of employees. And in the United States, in Europe, in Australia, there are certainly many people who have held positions such as those. In Latin America you have very few of those people who have now or in the past held positions of such size, and typically those people are not interested in participating in the ICANN.

My work, especially during the last term, because of the evolution of the ICANN – you know that now the NomCom is looking for more specialized people – one of my actions that I started this year and I expect to continue next year is that the members of the NomCom should understand that the criteria that they made use for the selection of North American or Europeans are not necessarily the same criteria that can be used for the selection of Board members from Latin

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America, the Caribbean, or Africa, more specifically. So for the time being, that is the work I have been carrying on in terms of Board member selection.

Now, regarding the selection of candidates for the other constituencies, the main obstacle is the lack of people who want to apply for the positions and candidates with the necessary background, because there are applications submitted but those individuals do not have the necessary background. So we try to solve this problem with outreach but it is not always easy to have the candidates who have expressed an interest in participating eventually submit their Statement of Interest.

I have completed my answer.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, José. I have another question from Raitme Citterio which is also for José: "Given your great experience, wouldn't it be convenient for the community to transfer that knowledge that you have so that in the future new members may make the most of your experience to foster the development of leaders in LACRALO?"

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO:

Yes, of course. I was always open to that. I have spoken to almost every single member in LACRALO. I have told them my experience. I have expressed myself, my ideas, and as a recommendation I always say things so that they can exercise their activities or so that they can

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perform their activities in a better way. So I am always trying to transfer that experience to other people.

During the last years I've been quite away from ICANN. I came back not long ago when I decided to present myself as a candidate, so I contacted again, many of the LACRALO members [but] for Alberto because, as you know, Alberto is a great friend of mine. So any member who wanted to talk to me, I was able to exchange my experience and express my views to that member. I also talked to the people appointed by the NomCom and, of course, count on me whenever you need my help and experience.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay. Thank you very much, José.

I am also taking notes of the questions that I have on the chat. I think there are no further questions on the chat so I believe it is now time, but before proceeding to the next item I would like to know whether there are further questions on the chat or if anyone would like to make a question? If that is the case, please raise your hand on the AC room because we have some spare time.

I'm just having a look at the chat. I see no hands raised. Let's see what Vanda is typing. Vanda, would you like to make a comment or a question? Please feel free to do that.

I don't see what Vanda is typing so thank you for your patience.

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Okay. This is a question for Bartlett. I will read the question in Spanish: "Bartlett, can you be clearer about your contribution regarding the policy development?"

Bartlett, please go ahead. You have the floor.

BARTLETT MORGAN:

Thank you. I don't know how much clearer or how different I could perhaps answer but I will try. When I got involved with ICANN in late 2013/early 2014, I joined the IRTP Part D Working Group. I was a member of that working group. I attended the calls. I had input on the discussions where I could have discussed input, and I assisted in producing the final output of the working group. After that I then joined the IAG Working Group primarily just to follow the conversation and to have an idea of what the thinking was but I was a member nonetheless and would have contributed where I could.

I'm not sure if there is anything in particular that is being sought in the question. If the question is more specific than I can be more specific in my response, but I hope I've answered the question. Please let me know.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Bartlett. I see Vanda is saying, "Thank you, Bart. Thank you for your reply."

Is there any other question for the candidates? Please feel free to raise the hand in the Adobe Connect or just type a question on the AC room.

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Dev Anand is typing. Let's see what Dev is typing.

Thank you for your patience. The question is for José Ovidio, and this is: "It seems your SOI is completely blank. Is there any particular reason for that?"

Go ahead please, José.

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO: No. There is no reason for that. I thought you were going to post the same SOI than last year because I participated in the NomCom this year so I have nothing new to report.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. José, I would like to kindly ask you to send the link with the SOI you're referring to so that I can give it to staff to be posted.

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO: Okay. I will look for that information and I will send it to you by e-mail. I'm not connected to the Internet right now. I'm only on the phone.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Thank you very much. So as José has just said, he will be sending the information for the SOI.

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I see Vanda is still typing. I don't know if it is a question for one of the participants. Vanda is asking José: "Why did you decide not to provide [massive] reports this year at the NomCom?"

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO: In fact, it was not a decision of making them or not. In fact, given the confidentiality of the NomCom – because as you know, Vanda, you have been a member of the NomCom together with me so confidentiality is important – and there was nothing concrete to report. Now, if you want I can kindly provide reports taking into account my limitations without not breaching confidentiality but, of course, I can report the things that are being done at the NomCom. I have no issue with that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Thank you very much for your reply.

I see Vanda saying that, "We had that for many years." And I see Vanda is still typing so let's wait for Vanda to finish with her question. She says, "Thank you, Ovidio."

I think we are on time. We have still 15 minutes and according to our agenda the following item on the agenda is a closing session so I would like to give you another chance of making questions. So if I see there are no questions, let's proceed with the other item on the agenda. Each candidate will have three minutes to give or deliver some closing words, so I will give the floor to Maritza then Bartlett, and then José.

Maritza, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

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MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much, Silvia. First of all, I would like to thank you all for your time, for your patience, and for this interaction that we have had. In my case, since I have begun with my position as a Secretary last year, this has been very good so thank you for your support and I would like to thank you for the opportunity, if that might be the case, the opportunity of being re-elected and to contribute for a new period – in my case it would be my last period – in order to consolidate all the topics and all the activities we have been carrying out.

There are many projects that we have ongoing and, of course, I would like to have further interactions with more members in the community. We have made a great advance on many things. So thank you very much for your support, for your time, for your dedication. That's all. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Maritza, for your closing words.

Now I would like to give the floor to Bartlett. Bartlett, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

BARTLETT MORGAN:

Hello. Thank you. Again, thank you to everyone who turned up for the call I'm in potentially taking on this position. I'm looking to be a useful contributing member for all of the persons and ALSes who are part of LACRALO. I am cognizant of the challenges we faced over the past two

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years or so, and to the degree that my role as a bridge between ALAC proper and LACRALO [shall] assist in smoothing things over and making for a more salubrious and workable environment, I will do my utmost to achieve the same.

If there are any further questions or comments or queries, feel free to reach out to me by Skype or e-mail and I'd be glad to respond to them. I would also look for an opportunity to speak to those of you who acted in the role before so that you can share your vast experiences with me. Thank you very much for your time again.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Bartlett.

Now I would like to give the floor to José. Go ahead please, José.

JOSE OVIDIO SALGUEIRO:

Well, in this new period at the NomCom, I would like to continue asking or supporting Latin American candidates so that they can be selected and appointed for new positions, and I would like to ask the support of the community members so that we can elect the proper members, the proper people, in order to achieve a good amount of candidates and we would like to ask those people to present their SOIs for these positions as well.

I believe that I have the necessary experience to exercise this position for the benefit of the ICANN community and for the ALAC community and, of course, I am at your disposal at any time in case you have

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further questions or comments or doubts or if you would like to share some experience with me because, as you know, I have a lot of years of experience within ICANN.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

José Ovidio, thank you very much for your reply. Thank you to the three candidates who have participated in this call. Thank you very much for your time and for your replies.

Before ending this call I would like to explain the following steps regarding the question made by Antonio. After this call, you will see on your inbox the credentials for the vote. Each member has received a credential. So this period will start on May the 22nd and will end on May the 26th. So the idea is this is a vote for confirming the candidates. That is the objective of this call. The purpose of this call was to know these candidates better.

And if there are no further comments or questions I believe that we can conclude this call right now. Please feel free to send your questions to Humberto Carrasco and please do not forget to cast your vote. Thank you.

MARIO ALEMAN:

This is the end of this call. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Take care, everyone. Bye.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Take care. Thanks again to the interpreters.

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