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MARIO ALEMAN: Thank you very much. Good afternoon and good evening to all of you and welcome to today's call, LACRALO Governance Working Group call. Today is Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017, at 23:00 UTC.

On today's call we have in the Spanish channel the following: Maritza Agüero, Sergio Salinas Porto, Carlos Vera, Humberto Hartos, Alberto Soto, Harold Arcos, and Vanda Scartezini.

On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Claire Craig, and apologies from Jacqueline Morris.

On the staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Mario Aleman. I will also be responsible for the management of this call.

Our interpreters are Marina and David.

If I may, let me remind you that you should please say your names before taking the floor not only for transcription purposes but also for the interpretation.

Sergio, we can start the call. Please take the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Mario. I'm Sergio Salinas Porto. I'm the Chair of this working group so I welcome you all, those of you who have joined this call.

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First of all, I want to express my gratitude for your messages of recovery because of my health issue and I apologize I was not in the call of last Monday.

As you have seen in our agenda, we actually have a very short list of items. The action items review deals only with Item #3 which is the document that was uploaded by Dev Anand Teelucksingh which has several additions from members of the region. So if you agree, we could go straight forward to that document that is going to be shown on screen. It's in a Google Doc. I will type the link on the chat for those of you who have not seen it. Thank you. I think it was Mario who has shown it on screen, but if you want to see it on your computer, you have the link and it's also in the agenda, as Silvia says in the chat.

Perhaps, Dev, you who have been dealing or managing this work, perhaps you can take the floor and explain to us how you have elaborated on... worked on this draft. Dev, I don't know if you're ready to work this way. Do you agree?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Yes. I could walk through the Google Doc and highlight what people have contributions that have been made. Shall I proceed?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. Please, Dev, go ahead.

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thank you very much. Thanks, everyone. I'm glad to see that there was actually quite a lot more [of] these comments coming in since last week. There were contributions from Maritza, Sergio, Carlton, Aida, and some from Harold Arcos on this. Quite a lot of comments. And thanks also to staff, to Silvia, for helping provide some Spanish translations for some of the wording for the headings and so forth.

I do note that one challenge of looking at this document in the Adobe Connect is that you're not going to really see a lot of the comments in the document. In fact, I would strongly urge you to look closely – go to the Google Doc into your browser and look at the screen because it's only there you could see all of the comments that's been made.

What I've done was to put the reorganized LACRALO Operating Principles into the five sections that we came up with and nobody suggested any major changes. So you did the... We reorganized the LACRALO Operating Principles [was on] General Purpose and Principles, Membership, Officers, and Representatives, and then I put the existing LACRALO Operating Principles and reorganized them in that fashion.

What I then did was to put some of the LACRALO mediation documents in the sections immediately afterwards. The idea was that, for example, one could see the text from the mediation document and have a space where persons can actually make actual recommendations that will address the issue mentioned by the LACRALO mediation document.

I should say that there wasn't hardly any concrete suggestions yet in terms of actual proposed modifications or proposed suggestions. There were lots of comments. I wonder would it be more helpful if I was to

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share my screen and thereby show the LACRALO Google Doc in its entirety. Would that be better?

Yes? Is this okay? Okay. I'm thinking that the answer is yes and I hope I've not been disconnected so I'm going to share my screen and hopefully now you could see the comments that's been made and the extensive comments that's been made on the document.

A lot of comments have been arranged on the actual reorganized LACRALO Operating Principles, and I'm going to try to summarize the comments in this because there were so many it goes off the page.

Let me see if I could try to scroll through and look at this. Bear with me for one second while I try to orient myself properly on this document.

Generally for the first definition[s], Introductory Notes, General Purpose and Principles, there were no real comments made. The comments started from under the Purpose and Principles under 2.1, and the comments would be along the lines of: "Whether LACRALO would promote the formation of user groups and their accreditation by the ALAC, nevertheless mechanisms will be maintained to ensure that the regional users not integrated into At-Large Structures can express their opinion on the development of ICANN policies."

There were several comments related to this. Some of the comments have been related to that, "The mechanisms for integration and meaningful participation of regional users not affiliated to At-Large Structures must be provided." And there was also questions from Maritza as to how can we provide these mechanisms in terms of...it's

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good to say that we want to do this but how can we provide those mechanisms? The other comments...so that was one key point there.

The second point was under 2.2 – and, of course, if somebody has a question please let me know because obviously I can't see the Adobe Connect screen in terms of hands raised to check and of course interrupt me if there is a question.

Under 2.2 there were comments from Sergio about that perhaps we need to update this text to say that we should be using Portuguese so that the wording will be changed so that all documents will be written and discussions held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

I have raised a comment on this in that, while I'm sympathetic to support this, one of the challenges is that it means that the work of LACRALO, all of the discussions and draft decisions, have to then be done in three languages before any decision is taken. Just thinking of, it's a challenge right now with two languages. Practically, trying to do it in three languages will be, I think very difficult. So I'm sympathetic to it, but on a practical level I'm very concerned as to how this can work effectively.

Under 2.3, the comments that were made regarding the General Assembly, there was a question as to that the General Assembly itself needs to be properly defined because where it is right now, it's not defined properly. Carlton made that point and I've made some suggestions here as to how that could be addressed. Three ways we can do it – we can put that definition in the Definitions section at the very beginning or we could move Membership where 3.1 makes the

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definition and move that in front of Purpose and Principles or we can replace General Assembly with LACRALO instead. That was one of the things.

Under 2.3 also, I detected an error in how the Spanish version and the English versions differed. The English version has the wording, “In the event of a tie vote, the person chairing the meeting shall have the casting vote.” However, in the Spanish text, this text is not there. Having said that, I would say it’s not super critical because with the role of the LACRALO Chair, that person acting as the LACRALO Chair has that responsibility of casting the chairing vote. The omission didn’t do any significant harm but it was good to at least we found this out while going through the document in this. So we can probably even remove the text from this 2.3 and just define it properly where the LACRALO Chair responsibilities are.

SEERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Dev? I need to interrupt you.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sure.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry. There are a few members who want to take the floor. I’m making a list. If you agree, we can work this way. Perhaps you can give us a chance to make interruptions whenever there is anyone who wants to make a comment or perhaps the other way is to let you complete your

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explanation and then the questions are all made at the end. I don't know which you think is the best way to approach this work. Thank you.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I think if the comments are specifically related to the sections being discussed are being looked at, then I think perhaps we could pause and take the questions now or the observations or comments or whatever, and then we can move on because I think to go through the entire document and then try to go back and forth would be very cumbersome. So I could stop at that point under 2.3 and take the questions now. Again, I can't see the Adobe Connect room so you can manage the queue.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Dev. There was someone who had raised his hand. That was Alberto Soto who now has the floor. Alberto, go ahead please.

We can hear you.

ALBERTO SOTO: I just didn't know if I was muted or not.

It is actually better [to] partitions because otherwise we're going to forget even though we can record it. I apologize that I could not participate and I was just robbed, my van was robbed. It was an armed robbery and then I lost one of my family members and then I traveled so I really haven't been able to give my contribution as I usually do.

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With respect to number one, the language, I agree with Dev that it would be ideal to have the four languages, but if we have already gotten Portuguese for the monthly meetings and there is no one actually or 99% of the time and I would say this is a very certain percentage of the meetings there is no one on the Portuguese channel and we need to consider that this is money we are spending with ICANN and we're being observed especially because of the money that we're spending. We're not being observed by ICANN but we're being observed by third parties. So I would suggest that we maintain English and Spanish, if you do not mind, because it would be expensive and not very useful for the development of what we have to do.

As for the other item, the General Assembly, I think we need to define "assembly," which would be actually the permanent assembly where we hold our meetings and then we would need to define "General Assembly" because these two divisions exist in most organizations. The assembly is the ordinary assembly with a number of votes for certain issues, and the General Assembly is usually different. It is for specific issues and some specific issues that require a certain number of votes. So I think we should first address this this way.

The assembly that we hold with all the decisions that we can take is just an assembly but it's not a General Assembly. The General Assembly has characteristic that need to be complied with. It needs to be called in advance, etc. Thank you.



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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Alberto. There was someone else who had raised his hand and that was myself. I want to refer to what Alberto was saying.

What I said or wrote actually in connection with the assemblies is that we need to distinguish monthly meetings from General Assemblies and Extraordinary General Assemblies. I think this is an issue that we need to address because part of the issues that we've had in our region is that we didn't really know clearly what each thing was. My suggestion is that we consider that part and that we develop it and provide clarification – two lines for each issue – so that we can provide the definition and then provide details of the Rules of Procedure [so that] when we regulate these Operating Procedures. My suggestion, for the record, is that we can define monthly meeting, work group meeting, General Assembly, and Special or Extraordinary General Assembly. Thank you very much.

Go ahead, Dev, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, and thanks, Alberto, for the comments on the General Assembly because indeed, Sergio, you did comment on this when I had stopped. So, yes. So going to that point of – well, yes, these things should be distinguished. I guess from a practical standpoint I would just say the real differences are in the face-to-face assemblies and virtual assemblies. In a sense, and I would say that perhaps – and I put a comment here this afternoon on this when I was going through this document in preparation for the call – perhaps you can note the differences in the procedures in which these calls are handled. I'm not

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sure whether the Operating Principles needs to have such a detailed distinction. Because these principles really define how we work in general. But other persons can make a contribution to that.

I would say that it's really just about conference calls and because I think working group calls and monthly meetings are essentially the same thing. It's really when the General Assembly is convened virtually when we have to do a vote as what happens now. And I think there is some misunderstanding on that concept. Perhaps we have to figure out a way to craft some wording to try to explain that in the Operating Principles.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me interrupt you again because Alberto has raised his hand and I think he wants to address something here. So go ahead, Alberto, please.

ALBERTO SOTO: I think the division is okay but the issue is here that a General Assembly, if we believe that a General Assembly is a face-to-face meeting, then we would have a General Assembly every four or five years. I think we can define General Assembly and that this could be held online or on a face-to-face basis, and this is how we can have a General Assembly even if we want once a year or whenever necessary which of course [did you] call.

I think probably if we simplify this, we could have an assembly, as Sergio says, that could be face-to-face or online, and that's it. Thank you.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Alberto, let me add something here, Dev, if you allow me to do that. I agree with Alberto that we need to make a distinction, but I would not add... I wouldn't be very detailed in specifying whether these are virtual or face-to-face assemblies. I think that LACRALO could have four different types of meetings, that it could be open for other kinds of meetings. This should be open so that the natural evolution of LACRALO will lead it to other places. But perhaps we should define these four minimum modalities which are the working groups or the monthly meetings and the two kinds of assemblies – both the face-to-face – that is the ordinary assembly, and the special assembly. And the special assembly as the word defines it is for special cases so we need to be very detailed with respect to the cases when we're going to call a Special General Assembly.

Someone else raised their hand. There was Harold Arcos and I'm going now to give the floor to Harold. Harold, go ahead please.

Harold? Are you online? We cannot hear you, Harold.

Okay, Dev, so you now have the floor because Harold hasn't been able to speak. Dev, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thanks for that. Just to answer one reply to what you and Alberto have been saying. Again, we are having General Assembly. When we do a vote online, we are in a virtual General Assembly because we are all issued a ballot by which we all vote so we are all present and voting in the assembly on the motions before us.

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I can see perhaps there's a difficulty in understanding it. I just have a little concern of whether we want to break down to that level of distinction in the Operating Principles, and maybe the Rules of Procedure are where these distinctions and procedural differences are maintained because the Rules of Procedure as they exist now does have different procedures for when a virtual General Assembly is taking place. These particular rules apply and so forth.

Perhaps we can look at putting it in the definitions, the different types of meetings. But I would be a little bit concerned about going to that level of detail as to the exact wording of how the rules are interpreted in the Principles here. The Rules of Procedure is probably the better place for that kind of differences.

Let me continue on with what the comments that have been made by persons here. I already mentioned the part about 2.3 that [there's] a discrepancy in the text between the English and Spanish. Yes, I did talk about that already.

So moving on from that, the other main set of comments were regarding under 3.1 – the membership – which talks about, “The governing body shall be a General Assembly composed of two representatives of each At-Large Structure,” and so forth. I have to confess that Sergio, you made a comment here and I have to confess I did not understand the point so you may want to take the floor to try to express it again.

Maritza was making comments as to how the responsibility of the ALS should be emphasized to update the contact information when the ALS

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wants to change its representatives. I'm thinking the text already says that because it says here, the phrasing has, "Two representatives of each accredited ALS freely appointed or removed by each At-Large Structure which shall inform the Secretary of the appointments made." And I thought that addresses Maritza's concern. I see Maritza has responded within the half hour on this.

Perhaps one way of addressing this is perhaps we just need a new section on our Operating Principles which specify the expected responsibilities of At-Large Structures or expected responsibilities of LACRALO members as a possible way forward. And under that expected responsibilities of LACRALO members or At-Large Structure members we can have wording to say they must inform the Secretariat when there's a change in the At-Large Structure representatives and we can also then include other responsibilities such as metrics or in terms of participation and so on. That's probably one way I would see how to move forward on that.

That was under Membership.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Dev, let me inform you that there's two people who want to talk but I'm going to answer that after the two people speak. There is first Alberto and then there's Harold Arcos. They have raised their hands. I think Harold Arcos should be the first to speak because he couldn't really speak before and then Alberto is going to follow him. This is the order of the interventions. Please be brief so that we can go ahead in our work.

Harold Arcos, you now have the floor.

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HAROLD ARCOS:

I hope you can hear me now.

I just wanted to go to the previous item because the main issue on the importance of defining the concept of General Assembly not as a meeting practice but as a concept for participation also lied on 4.1 because they say there that the General Assembly is the body that chooses the President or the Chair. So, of course, some documents show what is the importance of the General Assembly and a comment was made there on the importance of defining it because when we have to vote in a meeting like this one that's in connection with LACRALO, then everybody has a vote and this is the case even for people who attend for short periods of time or who come and go and are on that call only so they are part of the Assembly that defines action items and other issues that we vote for in a meeting like this one. But when we are dealing with more important issues, only those of us who have credentials can make an assembly.

And then another issue here is what would happen with individual members? Are they or are they not members of a General Assembly? Based on what I've read on the document – and a few questions have been asked about that – 4.1 states that the General Assembly has the power to decide who is the Chair and who is not, and Sergio was saying that, aside from the concept of General Assembly, if in an election there is a period where you need to be elected. So I think this is where the importance of the concept lies, not on whether there is an online meeting that you just need to consider the different cycles for general representation.

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That's all for the time being. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold.

Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you, Sergio. I think that we should not keep just as General Assembly because as we've already said, there are other bodies. Here it says that in the General Assembly, the Chair does not vote and here in any assembly the Chair votes. Why? Because these are not General Assemblies, they are ordinary assemblies. I think that is why we have to define here what type of meetings we will have and that's all. Just a definition and nothing else. I don't know yet if we have to define now what is going to be discussed in each case and what is the distribution of voting required. Some things will require 75%, others 50%.

Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Alberto, for your comment. Along Alberto's line I think that everything that is related to regulation will be considered under the Rules of Procedure. The only thing we should do here is to produce a definition – just two lines – on each meeting, what each meeting is. What is the monthly LACRALO meeting? What is General Assembly? What is a Special General Assembly? And what is working group meeting? Just that. A short definition to be included in the Operating

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Principles and this will allow us to move forward to the regulations later on.

But first we have to agree that these four items will be added and that we will no longer call our monthly meetings an assembly because that will create confusion. An assembly for the Latin American coded law has a special significance the term assembly. So we should give a definition, a common point, between the Roman law and the common law. The Caribbean has a different legal system and this requires a clear definition so that we have a linguistic convention that a certain thing is going to have a given name.

That's all. Thank you. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, Sergio. I think perhaps I agree. Perhaps we do need to really define it because in my mind, practically there's no real difference between the different terms. As I look at it, I guess – and I'm not a legal person by all means – but as a lay person I would just think of it as an assembly is where motions are presented before the group and voted on, and these include elections because the elections are motions. Who do you wish to select from these candidates to be this position or whatever? So it's worded as a motion and that to me is what an assembly is.

Monthly calls and the LACRALO monthly calls I would say what we do is more discussion and we do not try to have a vote on a particular way forward but rather work by consensus on particular issues, and if there's objection perhaps then invoke or have a motion to do it but we should



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really be operating by consensus as it's stated in our Operating Principles.

But as a way forward, I think perhaps we really do need to... Sergio, if you wish to just to take the thing to suggest the different terms because, as I said, from my standpoint I don't really understand the differences or why there needs to be differences. And perhaps that can go a long way in clearing it up.

Let me proceed –

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Dev, Carlos Vera wants to take the floor so if I may, I will give him the chance to speak.

Go ahead, Carlos.

CARLOS VERA: Thank you. The assembly is when it is called as such. An assembly starts from the very call when it is convened. I agree with the general description of the other two meetings could be merged into one.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry. I don't know if you have been heard by the interpreters because you were speaking very low but if the interpreters say it's okay I will be happy. Carlos Vera is finished his intervention.

Dev, you have the floor.

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thanks, Sergio.

Let me move ahead now to under 4.1, the President. Some of the comments have been made on this is that – there are several things here. Let me see if I can organize my thoughts here.

One was regarding the possibility of the terms of the Chair being extended to two years with a possibility of re-election. My comment on that was that in order for this to be really considered, the issues regarding the diversity of representation needs to be addressed.

Sergio, you mentioned the concept of having a Vice President or Vice Chair, and I have to say I disagree with this concept of having multiple alternative representatives. If there was a void due to that person unable to fulfill their responsibilities, then we could just have a call for nominations and ask LACRALO to there's a void, a vacancy, and therefore we ask for call for nominations to take on that role for the remainder of the term.

I'm trying to see what other comments were made here. I think that was the key thing regarding the President.

Regards to the Secretary –

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: If I may ask a comment, Dev? Can I ask something?

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sure. Go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: The fact that we have a Chair and a Secretary to do first with the diversity in order to achieve a balance in the region on issues related to responsibility but also it has to do with past events in the region. Not long ago there was this case of one of our colleagues who was holding a position and one of his children had health problems and he was able to participate but not full participation and we had no chance of face-to-face interaction. This person was able to participate and fulfill his responsibilities according to the mandate, but it would have been better if we had had someone else who could have replaced him in his duties. Actually, I do remember that with the same money there were funds for someone to travel and I remember a person from the region traveled because there was a [vacuum].

I really hope that this could be organized so our region is better organized for sustainability purposes and it would improve the operation of the region because there would be more people thinking about the issues than accounting for the activities. That is why I introduced this idea of a Chair and a Vice Chair and a Secretary and a Deputy Secretary to accompany the processes. If you go back to my prior engagement 15 days ago, I listed the responsibilities of each who had responsibilities in addition to the working group responsibilities and related matters.

I will now give the floor to Alberto Soto. Thank you, Dev.

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ALBERTO SOTO: To reassert what Sergio is saying, in the first case this replacement did not travel but who is behind the Chair or Secretary will have the obligation to attend the meetings and be informed about all matters, and if he's required or she's required to replace the Chair, he will have full knowledge and if the funds already allocated, he or she would be able to travel. It is quite difficult. I was Chair without a Secretary for two meetings and it's quite a challenge. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Alberto. Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thanks for this, Sergio and Alberto.

Just one observation, though, regarding this concept of alternates, you'd then have to then really procedurally define a way by which if you're going to say something like the Chair or the Secretary is unfit or unable to continue you have to then define... I don't know. To me, it just adds a complexity layer which doesn't seem practical to implement because you would then have to define situations by which well, perhaps a Chair or Secretariat is unfit to carry out its responsibilities and therefore we then need to then replace it with the Vice Chair or Vice Secretariat. And I mean if that is the thinking or because of circumstances where the person is challenged to fulfill the responsibilities of their role, to me I think that can really lead to a serious... I would say crisis is probably not the right word but a serious level of discussion and potentially a serious dispute, especially if there's

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dispute between the Chair that person is saying, “I am able to continue to do the responsibilities and so forth.”

Practically, having a Vice person, an alternate person, like shadowing, practically I don’t see that happening in terms of... I don’t see that working practically because if the person has to now step in – unless that alternate is very active and very methodical and almost doing the exact responsibilities of the Chair in all of the things it does – I can’t see how that person will be able to step into the role effectively at a last minute.

If there is a situation where the person is unable to travel, then perhaps even it might even be better to not use the travel slot and potentially waste it and/or give it to a person and LACRALO collectively could make a decision by consensus as to what person could use the travel slot instead if that is the real concern.

But it’s good to get the feedback on this. I see people have actually put comments into this document as we are going through this meeting which is also very [good].

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Go ahead. Okay. Go ahead.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I just want to say – and Alberto will speak afterwards – what I wanted to say is that this does not require additional funds but more responsibilities for the members of the region because they will be compelled to work because they have been proposed for positions where they have no funds guaranteed and a lot of responsibilities. Of course, we cannot know if this, after being agreed by the region, given person is not traveling and a different person is, I think we should actually discuss what the region will be doing on the future of LACRALO. If we manage to organize an area or a space where we have more people to develop policies and we have people to take up the burden of guaranteeing results – sorry, I can't find the words – so if this person is able to make the group work successfully, we could move forward.

Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: I actually think Dev is thinking that the substitution of the Chair needs to be based even on disciplinary reasons, but that's not the case. It has been said and even written in some paper that was pending because of all of these issues, is that the substitution happens only when the Chair cannot travel or when the Secretary cannot travel or when they are sick. This is not about analyzing behavior. It is only a temporary replacement and they're going to work hand in hand with the Chair and the Assistant Secretary. It has to be clear there are no problems on this issue. There is no behavior analysis. There is only a substitution facing an emergency. Thank you.

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thanks, Alberto and Sergio.

I will respond to that, okay, if this issue is there's a situation that requires the representative is not able to travel – and that being the Chair or Secretariat – because if it was the ALAC representatives, the decision has to then come from the ALAC, the discussion has to happen at the ALAC level as to what happens to that travel slot if it's the ALAC representative that is not able to travel.

So regarding only within the Chair and Secretariat, I would say really and truly if it is that either of them are not able to attend and there's advance notice of this happening, like in a few months in advance say, like say I would say like similarly for CROP trips, within two months before the ICANN face-to-face meeting the Chair or Secretary indicates, "Hey, I am not able to travel because of whatever condition," then LACRALO could come to a decision presumably by consensus as to who should go to that meeting. It could be a person that's very involved in a particular policy issue or for whatever reason. But to just have a person in waiting when that person may be totally ill-equipped in a sense that that person may not be following the information and be totally unprepared for that scenario and because he or she has not been following the discussions because there's no really compelling reason to actually do so.

That's why I think in situations like that, if that is the real concern then LACRALO can then make a collective decision to, "Well, if that person's not going, then we can use that travel slot for somebody else." A person that's involved in a working group or very following heavily a policy

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issue or we want to have that person learn better about ICANN. Those types of... and have that discussion. That's my thinking.

Thanks for that.

We looked at 4.1, the President –

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Dev. Maritza wants to take the floor.

The only thing I want to add is this is not about traveling only but it's about the internal work in the region. There is a lot of work to be done and you know that because you have been a Secretary. There is a lot of work to do and I think it would be a lot better if instead of two people we would have four people, even if two of them will not travel or will travel only sporadically for very specific reasons. But what I am most concerned with is how to organize this and how to create balance in the region.

Maritza, you now have the floor. Maritza, we cannot hear you.

MARITZA AGUERO: I hope you can hear me.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me tell you, we only have four minutes to end this call.



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MARITZA AGUERO:

I'm going to be brief. I just want to make a petition in connection with what you are proposing. This is more of a practical issue. We need to reconsider the idea of creating Assistant Secretary or Vice Secretary because in the practice, this interaction is very significant. I'm referring to the work in general, not just about traveling. But I'm referring to those who perform the daily functions of being a Secretary and others. So if we are going to have additional positions, then perhaps we would need to reformulate them to specify the roles that they're going to be exercised because from the practical point of view it is already very challenging to interact and to deal with several issues at the same time.

So if those positions are created, then the working group will determine it. But from the point of view of practice and experience, I think we should specify these in detail. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Maritza. That is why we were proposing to create a Board where those responsible for each of the working groups could interact with the new Assistant Secretary and Assistant Chair so that they could interact together. We need to see how all the region works together and not two people in isolation trying to have a balance in the region. That would be very complicated.

So if we have four or six people who can review how to work in the region, progressing would be much easier and that's why we were saying this. So thank you, Maritza.

Dev, you have only two more minutes but maybe if you think that we can just go ahead with it and maybe we need to exchange ideas on the

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Google Doc and then meet next week. This is going to be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I'm not really sure if we can have a LACRALO monthly call or it is on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I would like to know this before we close.

Harold first has the floor, but Harold we only have one minute so that we can close on time.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Just two brief issues – when we dealt with the Operating Principles as an organization, a concept, I just want to say that it seems that we're speaking about operational ideas just as if it were a manual of instructions but I have presented other ideas in other areas where these are more principles, these are values, that we can boost in the region and there may be a lot of convergence and not just have a manual dealing with very specific things because we already have the Rules of Procedures that are very rich in this regard.

And then just to reaffirm what Maritza said – those who have already been Chairs and Secretaries, they know this is very challenging work and I think the Board would be a great place for this development in the region. That's all. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Harold.

Silvia or Mario, can we then hold our meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June at this same time? Do you agree with that or would you actually prefer to make it 18:00 UTC? I think we should define this here and then could just go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: As I said on the chat, there is interpretation until the 12<sup>th</sup> of June so it just depends on you. Maybe you want a Doodle poll to be sent or if you want to define the time right now we can do that as well.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia.

I think I would prefer that we agree today on the 12<sup>th</sup> at this same time. I see that everybody agrees on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 23:00 UTC. We just need to send our meeting reminder for those of you who want to join us and just go ahead with this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Just one small thing – I am not going to be present if you are going to hold this on the 16<sup>th</sup>. I will not be present because I will be traveling. But what we can do –

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is going to be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. So Silvia, it would be Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. So on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 23:00 UTC. That's on a Monday.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I think this is free so we can hold it. Thank you.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you. So we agree then on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 23:00 UTC but let me just say that we need more input on these issues. We have seen that we have been able to discuss this and we're trying to find a solution. I insist it is very important to have a Board that would allow for a better work in the region. Let's just discuss that. Let's think about that. Let's try to find an alternative solution that would lead us to that place.

Thank you very much for the time that you have given us. Thank you to our interpreters and we are then going to meet again next Monday at 23:00 UTC.

Thank you very much and good evening. This call is now adjourned.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Thanks to the interpreters. Thanks, everyone.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good evening, Dev. Thank you.

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