
MARIO ALEMAN: I am Mario Aleman. I will be managing the call. Good afternoon and good evening, everybody. I am welcoming you to this call on the formation of the future LACRALO Council Working Group. Today is Friday, 14 July 2017 at 23:00 UTC. The participants are Sylvia Herlein Leite, Aída Noblia, Carlos Vera, and Vanda Scartezini. We have no participants on the English channel, and we have apologies from Alberto Soto and Silvia Vivanco. On the Staff side, Mario Aleman, who speaks – I will be managing the call – and the interpreters, Veronica and Marina.

So, let me remind you that whenever you want to speak, say your full name clearly, for the transcript and for the interpretation. We can then start the call, and Sylvia, you have the floor.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you, Mario. It is a pleasure to have you all here and continue working in this Working Group. We've been working on it for a month, a month and a half; and we expect that we will be completing our work by mid-August. I see Vanda is very anxious to speak. Vanda, please.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Just to say that I have read the email exchange and have noted that Carlos Vera and Christian had a request for a dial-out.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Carlos Vera is already with us.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI: And what about Christian? I think he had also requested a dial-out.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Mario, will you please check on Christian?

MARIO ALEMAN: Yes, of course. We have no email from Christian, if I'm not wrong, but please – what is his full name?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I'm looking for his email, and please continue.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: So, we have some comments on the wiki about these Working Group actions. We have had some exchanges by email. I hope I've been good at posting all the messages exchanged by the mailing list. If there is anything missing, please let me know, because my intention is to provide a summary of everything that is being discussed, both here and on the wiki. So, I will now ask Mario to give me the possibility to share my computer screen, so that you can see it, as we did in our last call, so that we can continue working on the remaining items.

MARIO ALEMAN: Sylvia, you are now allowed to click on "Share Screen."

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Can you see it? Item Four? Very well.

UNKNOWN: I'm sorry, I cannot see – my screen has been frozen – I don't know what happened, but never mind, because I can hear what you're saying. My screen is frozen.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I cannot help you there. So, we have been working, as we posted on the wiki, a lot on Item Four, following the remarks made by several participants, and there was a final item, Letter G, on which we had some concerns. And taking advantage of the fact that Carlos Vera is the author of this Letter and he is with us in the call, we could read the entire Item Four first, and afterwards, Carlos will explain to us the grounds for his suggestion. So, I'm going to read Item Four, which are the requirements to become a Council member. We have agreed that we will say the following: "It will be necessary to meet at least four requirements of those listed below to be considered as candidate for the Council. A, to have participated in LACRALO for at least five years; B, to have been elected for any leadership position in LACRALO, such as Chair, Secretary, ALAC member, delegate, or liaison representing LACRALO; C, having been in any relevant position in any other AC/SO and/or the Board; D, participation in at least three relevant Working Groups of ICANN and/or LACRALO; E, participation in at least eight monthly meetings of LACRALO for the past twelve months; F, participation in at least one of the assemblies similar to At-Large." We decided to use the word "similar" because this might change in the future and no longer be called "At-Large."

INTERPRETER: Okay, there is [inaudible] speaking in English.

MARIO ALEMAN: Yes, I want to apologize for this message. It is an automatic message, and sometimes it happens. We don't know yet why. But you can continue. There is no problem.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: And now, there comes the paragraph that created some concerns amongst us. This was an addition by Carlos Vera, which states as follows: "Do not hold any executive position in LACRALO, in the Working Group, or in decision-making positions at the time of appointment and for the duration of the term of office in the council." So, I'd like Carlos now to take the floor so that he can explain the reasons behind this Letter – this paragraph.

Can you hear us, Carlos?

Mario, can you please confirm if Carlos is still with us in the call?

MARIO ALEMAN: I am right now checking whether he is still with us in the call.

MARIO ALEMAN: I am being confirmed that he is in the call, and that the message that we heard was precisely Carlos' provider – probably his line was open.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: So, we should move on to Number Five?

MARIO ALEMAN: Let's take a second for his line to be enabled. Just a few seconds. Hi, Carlos. Are you online? Hello, Carlos. Good afternoon. Well, it seems as if we should continue with the next participant, but he's there.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I don't know if there is any request for the floor. Mario, please help me. Any questions or comments on Item Four?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I want to speak.

MARIO ALEMAN: Yes, there is a request from Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: On Item – on Letter G, if Carlos is listening, I think we should put in writing the issues or the questions that I had with Alberto, or the things that we were questioning – because we understand that a person who is performing in NomCom or in ALAC – perhaps as Secretary or the Chair – might not be the most appropriate person to become members of this Council. The members of ALAC, the members of NomCom, we did not understand why not. Where was the conflict of interest that Carlos

identified and, in his opinion, prevented their participation? So, this is where both Alberto and myself raised as an issue in the past call.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you.

CARLOS VERA: [inaudible]

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Go ahead.

CARLOS VERA: I apologize; I cannot explain why my call was cut off when I wanted to speak. I apologize. I don't know if I have the time to speak now.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I don't know if you remember when we started talking about the requirements to become a Council member, you suggested Letter G, which said "have no executive position in LACRALO, in Working Groups, or in decision-making positions at the time of appointment, and for the duration of the term in the Council." Could you hear Vanda's comment?

CARLOS VERA: No, because the line was cut off just before she started.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Well, she said that, with Alberto in the previous call, they had asked why you are suggesting this item, because although, for example, the Secretary or the Chair would not be the most appropriate person to become Council members, they cannot understand why a member of NomCom or ALAC could not be both ALAC members or NomCom members or Council members.

CARLOS VERA: Actually, as this is a consultative team for LACRALO, it refers to positions in LACRALO. That is to say, the Chair and the Secretary would be the only members.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I do not quite understand what you mean. As Council members, here we are to give advice or consultation; in my opinion, it should not be neither the Chair nor the Secretary, but other members holding other positions would have no issue in giving advice. But here, you're saying that no, that's not the case for any of them – no one with that position. Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Because the members of the Working Groups are still members of LACRALO, but they do not have yet an executive position as Chair or Secretary, we can agree on the Chair and the Secretary. But all the others – as long as the other requirements are met, well, they could be Council members. We do not understand why they cannot.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Carlos, can you hear us?

Carlos, are you on the call?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I think that he has a very bad connection today.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Well, as Vanda suggested, I believe we can send an email to him, because he's the one working on this on some Working Groups. So, let's continue.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I think that he understood that this member should not be a LACRALO member.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Sorry, but I couldn't understand that point. So, let's go to Item Number Five. We have discussed this item, and this has to be with how the Council will work. "The Council shall appoint its Coordinator among the members of elected, and the term shall have a duration of one year, and the member shall not be reelected for the subsequent period." Vanda, go ahead, please.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: It continues because there is something else on the other item.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Item B reads, “The Council shall meet regularly by any means [inaudible] once a month or a certain time during the month, especially the Friday before the LACRALO monthly meeting to report about its activities and notify about that meeting.” So, perhaps we will have a – we will meet once or twice a month.

Item Number C – or Letter C – reads, “The Council shall have its own page within the LACRALO wiki page, and any LACRALO member shall – may be able to send questions or doubts, and replies will be posted on the wiki.

And then, D reads, “The Council shall be convened for extraordinary meetings with the LACRALO members with the help of the Staff – with the support of the Staff.” Is there any comment or any question about this?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I have a question.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Vanda, go ahead, please.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I think it is important to be clear with the following: the coordinator is a member for the term he is elected, or he has been elected. So, he can work – the term shall have a duration of one year, but he will remain to be a member after his term ends. So, he will not be outside the Council.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay. I'm just writing this. I added "but he will continue to be a member of the Council until the end of his or her term." Now, when it comes to meetings, I believe that we can say once a month, and we should emphasize the idea of holding a meeting on Friday, because in Item D –

VANDA SCARTEZINI: [inaudible]

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Sorry, Vanda, could you repeat?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I agree with that. I see Harold on the call. He is connected on the chat right now.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Harold, you have the floor. Welcome to the call.

HAROLD ARCOS: Hi, Sylvia. Thank you. Can you hear me? I was listening to you, and I believe that the Council Coordinator is a good idea. Perhaps the – do you believe that one year will be enough for the term for this position? Because I heard many times that the Presidency and these decisions have a lot of activities, and perhaps one year during the President and

the Secretariat of a RALO, one year is not enough. On the other hand, this Council will have very particular, very special objectives. So, I don't see – or I don't know – if one year will be enough. What do you think about this? Because one year will be the position or the term for the Coordinator, but then, we need to think about the Coordinator. And perhaps this Coordinator will need some support, because this person will be a counselor – perhaps that person will be supporting strategies or the participation of active members, so I believe these require a great deal of organization – the setting of agendas – so, since we are defining so many things right now, I was wondering whether this Coordinator – if one year would be enough for the Coordinator. But I agree with all the criteria. I'm sorry for being late. Thank you, Sylvia, and thank you, Vanda.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Vanda, go ahead, please.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. Let me reply to Harold. Harold, I think you're right, because this task – or the activities of the Coordinator – will be, for example, supporting or helping. And this is not an easy task. There are many questions. For example, I think there should be a differentiated or a different task for these people. The Council might have a period of one year and the Coordinator, as well, but I believe that it would be necessary to have an alternate member or a Co-Coordinator – at least to have two Coordinators – because usually, one or two people only work in a Working Group. So, perhaps these will be very demanding,

and if that is the case, I think it would be important to have at least a second Coordinator. Perhaps we might think of a name for that other position. And we may also agree on the duration of that position. Perhaps the duration is not that important, but perhaps we have to take into account that there will be a great demand for that position, and we might need to have someone else provide support to that Coordinator.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you, Vanda. Harold? Harold, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sylvia. Well, when it comes to the duration, perhaps we can add something else – another criteria. If we are able to have within the Council a concept of having an agenda agreed by all the members, well, that agenda – despite having a Coordinator ending his or her term within one year – everybody will be able to cooperate and support that agenda, and providing support to the Council, itself. So, I believe that is one criteria we can add, and perhaps we will have to review these. Of course, there are many activities on the RALO – or in the RALO – and we only have your experience. We have the Chairs. But we also need to understand that the Council – the members of the Council – are not people – are people who are still working on ICANN. And they participate in different Working Groups. So, that is important, and I believe that is important to take into account.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you, Harold. Well, let me say that I do agree with one year, because I understand that, based on the characteristics that the members should have, these members really know how LACRALO works, what are the principles that we have. So, one year would be enough. Of course, the Council should cooperate with the Coordinator, but with one year, perhaps rotation will be needed. So, I would like to keep this idea of one year, but of course, I agree with the majority. Any other question, or any other comment?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Let me say that this is just a draft, and then we will discuss the new version in another meeting. And of course, we will be able to add new comments, if required. So, let's go to Item Number Six, which reads, "The Council shall work with maximum openness and transparency consistent with its procedures and in operation, in order to guarantee equity in all the activities. All the meetings will be recorded, and the agendas will be posted in the LACRALO general mailing list." I don't know if there is any question or any doubt regarding Item Number Six.

On Item Number Seven, we have a list of different doubts and questions. I couldn't read Vanda's comment, but I believe that on Item Number Seven, we have different comments made at the very beginning, and we added those comments in the previous items. So, I believe we can say that we are done with this. This is the draft; we have to clean it up and then to circulate this document among the members of the Council, so as to provide a final version. Do you agree with this?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes, I do agree with that.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Excuse me. So, when it comes to the name of the Council, I would kindly ask Staff to circulate a survey. We got some comments on the wiki page regarding the most appropriate name for this Working Group, so I would like to encourage all members of the Working Group to continue providing input about the names. We are going to provide or circulate a survey. This survey will have a duration of two weeks. It will end on July 28, so that we can have enough time to collect all feedback, and then to have this survey as a kind of voting tool.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Perhaps we can create a ranking for this information, and then LACRALO should decide upon this.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay, I agree with that. I agree with having a ranking with one or two or three names. But I believe that the Working Group should decide, and not the whole region. Who is taking the floor? Is there any comment?

AÍDA NOBLA: I agree with that.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Aída, do you agree with having the whole region voting, or not?

AÍDA NOBLA: No, no. Just the Working Group.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Because if we add the whole region, there will be many people who do not know about the process, so I believe that we should work on that.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Well, okay – we can have a vote. We can proceed as in the NomCom – we only choose one or two names. And then we decide on that.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay, so if there are no further comments, I believe that we can finish our meeting now.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Well, I believe that we have two items – we need to improve the wording of this document.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay, so I believe that Vanda and I will be able to improve the wording of the document during the week, so if you agree, I would like to ask Staff to send a Doodle so that we can meet again to discuss the final document next week and to approve this document.

AÍDA NOBLA: I agree with that.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I also agree with that.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay, very well. We can finish our meeting.

HAROLD ARCOS: [inaudible]

MARIO ALEMAN: Sylvia, which date would you like to propose for next week?

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I believe we can have Thursday and Friday, so I was thinking about that. Perhaps July the 20 and the 21, at 15:00 UTC or 23:00 UTC.

MARIO ALEMAN: Okay, 15:00 UTC or 23:00 UTC. Okay. So, we will open a Doodle poll for that, so that members may vote.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Okay, perfect. Thank you very much for your participation.

MARIO ALEMAN: Thank you for your participation.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Mario, thank you very much for your help.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Thank you, Mario, and thank you, everyone. Thank you for the participation.

MARIO ALEMAN: This call is now over, so please remember to disconnect your lines.

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