
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the LACRALO Governance Working Group call on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 23:00 UTC.

On the Spanish channel, we have Hamzah Haji, Sergio Salinas Porto, and Alberto Soto.

We have apologies from Aida Noblia and we have no one on the English channel.

Silvia Vivanco; and myself, Claudia Ruiz, are here on behalf of the ICANN staff. We have our interpreters, [Paula and Marina].

Let me remind you to say your names when you take the floor not only for the record, but also for the interpreters. Now I give the floor to Sergio to start with this call. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Claudia. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to you all. As Claudia has said, this is our weekly meeting of the LACRALO Governance Working Group. We have some outstanding topics for discussion from the last meeting, especially the topic on metrics.

My proposal for today is the following. Although we have written a preliminary document with some additions from last meeting to [inaudible] the document, I wanted to systematize those contributions, but there significant contributions from

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Alberto after the last reading of the document that made it even better.

Now, I would like to read the document as it was sent to the mailing list to let the participants, Alberto, make their contributions. In a previous call, we had been working on this document. I understand that now the wording is more accurate, and after that, we can send this document to be translated so that it can later be sent out to the [inaudible]. So, I can begin by reading that document.

Silvia, would you like to say anything?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I would like to welcome Maritza who has joined us on the phone.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Maritza, welcome to the meeting. It is a pleasure for us to have you with us.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Sergio. I didn't want to interrupt, so I will mute myself.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay, thank you. Let me start. If you recall, in the previous document we were talking about a draft document and now it would read as follows.

LACRALO active participation metrics project. The LACRALO Governance Working Group worked on this document on active participation metrics. Their purpose is to promote and motivate the active participation of the registered ALSes that have been [dually] registered before the At-Large ICANN community in order to enable their involvement in their discussion, advice, and action on substantial issues discussed at ICANN and also that have a bearing on the Internet end users.

The criteria on this project for participation and involvement are addressed and refer to monthly meetings, participation in working groups at all levels – LACRALO, ALAC, ICANN, and participation in mailing lists – [inaudible] the LACRALO Chair and Secretariat will be preparing the participation focus. The participation of any member of an ALS is valid for these metrics.

LACRALO will use the following criteria and thresholds to measure the participation of an ALS within our region and the At-Large activities.

An ALS active participation means the participation in (a) at least 50% of the meetings or teleconferences carried out on a monthly basis counted within one calendar year (b) participation in one webinar during the calendar year (c) to have at least one member of the ALS as part of a working group

of LACRALO, ALAC, ICANN, or a cross-community working group within the last calendar year considered for this purpose. The Chair and the Secretary will be responsible for keeping regular contact with ALSes that are not participating and should keep a record of such contact. This provision aims at maintaining an inclusive criteria in order to prevent decertification and increase participation. If an ALS member does not comply with the minimum requirements of active participation established in this LACRALO standardized participation rules, the Chair after 30 days of notice may change the status of the ALS to an inactive status between [brackets], voting rights, and membership benefits. And this person will not be able to apply for funding for a representative to attend face-to-face meetings or [inaudible] by ICANN. This criteria shall be applied to participation in the CROP program. This is further described on the Wiki page. The ALSes should be notified [inaudible] should have the possibility of appealing this decision.

So, what we are going to do now is to give the floor to Alberto Soto so that he can now tell us where we need to introduce the changes suggested by him. I think that he can give us a good explanation of every suggestion he had. Perhaps we can listen to him, discuss that, and if there is agreement, we can finalize this document today. So, Alberto, I'll give you the floor. I don't know if you can take the floor now. Welcome to the call.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I will try to remember all those changes because I was unable to join the AC room and I'm trying to use another computer to look for the message that I sent to you in order to read the changes that I proposed.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Alberto, what I can do is to forward your e-mail back to you.

ALBERTO SOTO: Please do so.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I have just forwarded it to you, so I'm sure that you will get it anytime now. That can be used as a guide for your comments now.

ALBERTO SOTO: Okay, perfect.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me know if you have received it, otherwise I will send it again.

ALBERTO SOTO: Just give me a minute because sometimes it takes a few minutes to get an incoming e-mail. Let me share with you what kind of analysis I went through. These metrics were defined a long time ago. They have been ready for almost three years now and there have been several comments. Can you hear me well?

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

ALBERTO SOTO: With all the changes and modifications that were suggested, we haven't really included them in the document. These metrics are not created just to encourage ALSes to participate more, but also because there will be a general assembly and ALAC will have to decide who will travel and who will not.

Perhaps certain people will have to travel to the general assembly. We have approximately 55 ALSes, so in order to make sure that we do not point fingers at people to determine who travels and who stays, we can use these metrics for that purpose. I was trying to look for this information as quickly as possible.

So, I took those initial metrics. I streamlined them and made them simpler, and that was my proposal. In the October meeting, I planned to introduce those changes. Then I was able to read everything again. I have just received the document you sent me, Sergio.

The first change that I propose is that those items that are requirements to be fulfilled by each ALS for the three items – 1a, 1b, and 1c – references made to the calendar years in each of them.

So, if we leave it as it is, an ALS may say the last calendar year, I fulfill item 1a and the previous one with 1b, and two years ago I complied with requirement 1c, so the calendar year is not specified there.

Therefore, my suggestion was to look at the first paragraph. Active participation is as good as participation in [inaudible].

So, it should read ALS active participation shall mean participation within one calendar year, indicating which calendar year. Then we can have items a, b, and c.

I think that this makes things clearer. Let me give you an example. Saying these metrics can be used by any ALS to join the CROP program for traveling, or if there is a trip like the one being proposed by ALAC, one per ALAC region or if there is an ALAC member that cannot make the trip, [inaudible] somebody from the RALOs [can] replace that person, this cannot be used for that purpose.

So, if there is a proposal for applying for the CROP program today, all considerations have to be made considering the last calendar year, as from the day of that request. For the general assembly, we will consider the last calendar year and that will give us time to get the airplane tickets and all the other arrangements.

Any questions so far?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please identify yourself.

HAMZAH HAJI: Hamzah Haji from Panama speaking.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, Hamzah, go ahead.

HAMZAH HAJI: This document is about to be submitted, so it is almost ready. The calendar year will be next year or the previous year? 2017 or 2018 onwards?

ALBERTO SOTO: We are not indicating the year, precisely, 2017 or 2018. Let me give you an example. If LACRALO receives today a request for a trip for an ALS member for the CROP program. We have to check the compliance with the metrics in the last calendar year from today backwards from January the 18th, 2018 until January 18th, 2017.

The same applies to general assembly. The general assembly took place in October. So, from October of this year – one year back to October last year. So, it is the last calendar year. I don't know if I'm clear.

HAMZAH HAJI: Yes, it is clear. But, be careful because it can be misunderstood. I perfectly understand what you are suggesting, but I think that we need to clarify it even further because it may lead to a misunderstanding.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me intervene here. I think that we need to take into account that usually rules are never applied backwards, but always forward. So, once these metrics are approved, we will have the compliance [list] for

verifying the ALS participation from now onwards, and there will be a record kept by the Chair and the Secretary to see what compliance has been.

After one year, we can start taking note of the performance of ALSes, but I think these metrics are not intended to punish ALSes. On the contrary. They are there to encourage ALS participation in the region. We should rest assured that these kind of rules have been defined only to make sure that ALSes can do fruitful work in our group. Anybody else would like to take the floor? I forgot to say that I'm Sergio Salinas, and while Alberto makes his comment, I will be introducing these changes to the document so that as soon as he finishes, I can forward it to the working group through e-mail, so that you can have it at hand. Unfortunately – and this goes for Carlton. You know, Carlton, that I'm quite limited in terms of [inaudible] English so you will get this document in Spanish and you can use Google Translate until the official translation is finished. But, please, have a look at that because we are interested in knowing your views about this.

Alberto, would you like to continue with the other comments?

ALBERTO SOTO:

The second modification, the second change, is who has to meet the metrics. On the second document, it says in case the member of one ALS does not meet the minimum participation requirement, I suggest to replace a statement by the following.

If an ALS does not meet the participation requirements in a given calendar year, etc., why? Because we're not taking metrics on one

member of an ALS, but on the organization. And besides that, I don't know if this is another rule – but we should not only take into account the participation of voting members, but of any representative or participant to the extent they are identified as such.

Let me give you an example. Raitme, for instance, is the person with the highest rate of participation and attendance in the meetings and he is not a member, and sometimes there was the Chair of ISOC Venezuela with him. I remember there was a meeting. I was with three members in addition to myself – two other members of my organization in a working meeting. So, two people from the same organization. If I had not been there, and I am their representative, the [inaudible] should be considered to be actively participating because there is one person participating. So, it's the ALS, not the member.

Should I move on? Okay.

An ALS cannot apply for funding for organizations for meetings organized by ICANN if it doesn't meet active participation in the last two months prior to the dates of the event. That's a statement related to what I said before. The same would be applied for ALSes that use the CROP fund.

There is a paragraph that talks about [inaudible]. The ALS should be given notice of the change and should be given a chance to appeal that change of [inaudible]. Any [inaudible] rule should specify which is the appeal body to whom, which body, the person can appeal. Otherwise, it's a black hole. I propose to change by this. This appeal should be

submitted to the LACRALO Chair, who should submit the consultation or the question to the LACRALO in the next possible location.

With this, it should be at the most a [second meeting] because if there is an appeal the day before the agenda is full, that appeal has to be reported not in the next meeting, but in the meeting of the next month. Sometimes appeals are taken to the assembly directly.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry. I am interrupting Alberto, but I need to know, will you please repeat the wording on this clause on the appeal? Because I want to take notes. While you're speaking, I'm taking notes. But, I got lost, actually. So, please, restate it.

ALBERTO SOTO: Will you please read the last statement? The last statement before my suggested change.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: The same criteria will be used for the ALSes that applied to CROP program. This process should be well-documented on the Wiki page. ALSes should be given notice of this change and should have an opportunity to appeal this change of status.

And before you say anything, please let me say this for the record. We're not saying anything about procedures on these documents because all procedures will be embedded in the Rules of Procedure. So, for the sake of avoiding redundancy here, we're just saying that there

will be an appeal mechanism and the specific rules will be – the specific procedure will be in the rules. Then, we will have to discuss the appeal procedure. If an ALS has been given notice for suspension, well, we have to see how to apply this criteria.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Okay. I already have that in my notes in the procedures. There is an obligation on the part of the Chair and the Secretary to make an ongoing follow-up of a non-performing ALS. Actually, it's not non-performing. It [means] one or two monthly meetings. The ALS should be informing, should be reporting, what happened. We should not let the ALS go dark.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

So, that is what we should avoid.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Well, that is a procedure. And please take note because that must be said very clearly as an obligation. We should prevent the ALS from fading away, from disappearing. Let me move on with the next one.

The only thing to do, Sergio to remove the part related to the procedure and that's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

So, I should – [inaudible] as follows. The last paragraph, I would leave it as it is because I am saying that there should be an appeal procedure,

but the entire regulation of this process will be subject. We might add a last paragraph saying that the regulation of this metrics principle will be addressed in the Rules of Procedure.

ALBERTO SOTO:

I fully agree. I'm in full agreement. So, I will continue. I will not take more of your time. There is a paragraph that says the participation of any member of an ALS is valid for metrics. It should be replaced for this one, to make it clear, or why not take it to the procedures? The participation of any member of an ALS is valid for metrics, so the participating member should attach or affix to the name to acronym for the ALS it represents.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I would take the to the procedures as well. This document on the metrics, I would make it very clear, very clean, so that the essence is understood and the rest goes to the procedure.

ALBERTO SOTO:

I agree. So, if I may request an action item, as Maritza is here, perhaps she can take a note of this action item for the LACRALO leadership to send an e-mail requesting assistance or collaboration from ALS members, so that from now on they identify in any monthly meeting. This has been a request for a long time and that is something that we've never [fulfilled]. It's just a suggestion. It's not an obligation. It can be requested as a collaboration.

Maritza?

MARITZA AGUERO: Yes. Listening to these requests for an action item.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: If you agree, let me read the new wording of the document now that Alberto has completed his input. I will read out loud the new document, and if you agree with the new version, I will resend it by e-mail. Do you agree?

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes. Please go ahead.

HAMZAH HAJI: Excellent.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: It says: Draft. LACRALO active participation metrics. LACRALO Governance Working Group sends to the region this work on active participation metrics. The purpose behind this measurement criteria is to promote and encourage active participation of [duly] registered ALSes, so as to promote their involvement in the discussion, Council, in an action of the substantive issues discussed in ICANN and that have a weight on the Internet end users.

The criteria of this draft project of participation and intervention, let's call them indicators, will be addressed in monthly meetings, participation in working groups at all levels, participation in mailing lists.

Until decided otherwise, the Chair and Secretary of LACRALO will be responsible for the drafting of participation charts. The participation of any member of an ALS is valid for metrics. LACRALO will use the following criteria and threshold to measure the participation of an ALS within our region and the At-Large activities.

One. Active participation of an ALS will be understood as participation in: (a) at least 50% of the monthly meetings (teleconferences) for the calendar year (b) participation in one webinar in one calendar year (c) have at least one member participating in a working group of LACRALO, ALAC, ICANN, or cross-community in the last calendar year considered.

The Chair and Secretary will be responsible for regular contact kept with the ALSes that are not participating and certify or submit proper evidence of that contact. This is to prevent decertifications and increase participation. If an ALS does not meet the minimum requirements of active participation established in these standardized participation rules, the Chair after 30 days of the notice could change the status of the ALS to inactive, preventing the ALS from voting or having access to membership benefits, and the ALS will no longer be able to apply for funds for the representative to the face-to-face meetings organized by ICANN or those sponsored and paid by ICANN. The same would be applied to ALSes that apply for the CROP fund. This process should be well-documented on the Wiki page.

I would remove this paragraph – this sentence – on the Wiki page. The ALSes should be given notice of this change and should have an opportunity to appeal this change of status. The next document will be duly regulated in LACRALO Rules of Procedure. That is the end of the

document. if you agree, I will send it right away for the review, and then have it sent for translation and then submitted to consideration to our colleagues in the region and then [inaudible] voting.

HAMZAH HAJI: I agree.

ALBERTO SOTO: Let me answer Carlton's question, or let me address Carlton's question. Carlton, that is the minimum requirement. In the metrics, we are measuring the compliance with the minimum criteria. For others case, if we are asking about LACRALO working groups, for instance, LACRALO, ALAC, ICANN working groups, cross-community working groups, webinars – any of them – are events considered within these metrics and they will be recorded as such. So, these are the minimum requirements that ALSes have to comply with in order to be able to attend. Carlton has more experience than me and he knows that all ALAC members need between 40 and 60 monthly hours in order to deal with all of our activities, and that will depend on how many working groups we have joined.

So, this requirement is kept at a minimal level because we are not even talking about 15 hours in a year for an ALS, and at the same time, we are allowing them not only to have one member participating, but also several members. All of them can put together the level of compliance with the minimum requirements. I see that Silvia is translating the question posted by Carlton.

So, they need to be sure that the ALS is declared inactive after the due process before any sanctions or punishment is decided.

Please, Maritza, take note of this, what I have just said. Since we don't have a [inaudible] document, a suggestion should be made and collaboration should be requested to make sure that all of them register with their name and with the ALS acronym by the side of the name. That is one way of doing the registration. All the actions will be registered. In [inaudible] procedures, the LACRALO leadership will have to keep in contact with ALS to make sure a whole year does not go by with non-compliance. So, if the ALS has not participated in any activities for the [third] time, there must be a contact. I did that when I was a Chair. I kept a record of that. I was able to contact the ALS, and out of nine or seven or eight members, then we were able to increase that number to 30 members in a meeting. That work has to be done on a constant basis. So, if we see that two or three of the members are not attending those activities, then the Chair and the Secretary will have to keep in contact with them to make sure that they know what is going on.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Carlton, would you like to add anything? It seems that he doesn't have any comments, so right now I'm going to e-mail this document to you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sergio, I'm sorry to interrupt you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Sorry, Sergio, for the interruption. I asked for the floor a few minutes ago.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm sorry, I didn't see your request for the floor. Perhaps that's a problem with my AC. But, of course, you can have the floor.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Sergio. I just wanted to make sure that you know that I wanted to take the floor.

As far as the text is concerned, I think this is quite an elaborate text where in the section that refers to the responsibility of the Chair and the Secretary, I would also like to add a phrase there saying with the support of the staff because the staff is going to keep a record of attendance and participation. The Chair and the Secretary will not necessarily be present in all the working group meetings or in some calls. Perhaps they will be there, but there may be some exceptions and perhaps they are not there, so we should add a phrase referring to that responsibility with the support of the staff.

Please, the staff should send us a record of the request received for ALSes to confirm their names. I don't know if there is any criterion that has been adopted for that. I think this is quite an elaborate, clear, and agreed-on proposal but I would like to review it again and to see it on paper and make sure that I look into this proposal and that all the important points are covered and that everything is there that should be there.

Sometimes, in practice, it is difficult to maintain commission with ALSes, so it is very important for us to state things very clearly here to make sure that there is no misunderstanding from [inaudible].

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Maritza, for your contribution. I take note of your comments and I'm including this in the document. I'm going to give the floor to Alberto again, but before doing that, let me make sure that I understand. You are asking for the support of the staff and this will be included in the Rules of Procedure. We are going to take note of this. Everything that has to do with the way that attendance is going to be checked or the registration with the names of the organizations of each person will be described in the Rules of Procedure. That will be the second document that will be showed by the group. We will have a first document that will be on metrics. The second one that will be on operating principles. That is almost finished. Then we will have to work on the third document that is the Rules of Procedure. There, we will have to go into further detail because we will have to discuss the rules for the region to operate.

Alberto has the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: The request to identify the acronyms of the ALS, I think that it is quite cumbersome to go through that. I've been in meetings and it was quite cumbersome to say that. If you look at the monthly meetings, some people include the name of the ALS next to their name. That was because someone said there are a lot of people that I don't know here,

so I suggest that we do not impose any standards, but rather make a suggestion that from now onwards, all the members should identify themselves with their names and with the acronym of the ALS.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Alberto. Right now I'm sending this document to you. Please make sure that you get it. Let me know if you receive it. Once you have received this e-mail, let me know. We have a few minutes to discuss another topic, but because we still have to discuss some issues relating to operating principles, the systemization work – unfortunately Vanda is not with us today, but we have to resume the work initially done by Dev on Google Docs, so I need some help with that in order to systemize all the points of agreement that we have reached because we have several of them. We still have some that are outstanding, like the LACRALO Board, how to set up a board which will be the applicable criteria, who should be the members of that board.

I see that Silvia has typed the link of the Google Doc where you will find the document. If you go in there, you will find the document in Spanish and in English, and that is very helpful, especially for our English-speaking colleagues because they can make contributions there. I think it is very important for us to be actively engaged over these last few days of work in order to finalize some issues and make progress with some others.

We still have almost 15 or 16 minutes left on this call. If you agree, we can start the discussion on the LACRALO Board. I think it will be

important to start making some progress in this direction. If you agree, we can start with that discussion.

MARITZA AGUERO: I apologize, Sergio, for the interruption, but sometimes I cannot ask for the floor when I want it. Can I make a comment?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, of course.

MARITZA AGUERO: What Alberto has suggested about the ALS [name] is reasonable, but since there may be some tracking option that could be useful, but I think it is reasonable to include that topic in the Rules of Procedure. I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Marita, for your contribution. We will take note of that. I think that the Rules of Procedure will require some work. Although in the operating principles we will have some foundations, in the Rules of Procedure we will have more details for better describing the work that should be done in the region. So, with the Rules of Procedure, we will be able to work more systemically, and therefore have better outcomes.

With regard to the board discussion, I think that we can approach this quite simply. We can include this in our operating principles. I believe that we should only say that we are going to have a board. I think that

the big discussion will take place when we look at the Rules of Procedure. Although we can describe who could be members of this board.

In my opinion, in addition to the region officials and the ALAC representatives, we should have on the board those who Chair the various LACRALO working groups. I would even say that we should also have some alternate members for the Chair and Secretary position. I still remember those cases in which Alberto could not be there because of some problem with his son. At a certain point somebody had to be both in the Chair and the Secretary position. And I recall that Carlton and Alberto also helped each other in previous terms. These positions do not mean that these individuals will have to travel. They do not imply an additional cost for ICANN. It does imply more work and more responsibility within the region. They also aim at relieving the burden for the Chair and the Secretary. Alberto says now they are working 40 hours a month.

Well, if that is the case, perhaps we can go back to that old rule of working 20 hours a month. So, at the minimum I will say that there will be a board. At the most, I would include these two or three characteristics for the board. It will be a dynamic board. At a given point we said that it could be made up of five or six members. We may have working groups working actively on different topics, so perhaps instead of having just five members on the board we may have eight because we would also include the Chair of the working group. That is an interesting option.

Can anyone translate for me what Carlton is writing there instead of reading myself?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

As part of the discussion about the board [inaudible] have an agreement on its size and role, and [inaudible] you just said. So, it's between five and eight members.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Yes, Carlton, that's how it is. I think that the board should be dynamic in those terms. We already have four members who on a regular basis are working and who might agree [inaudible] within the region, which are the Chair, the Secretary, and the ALAC members. So, the issue is when you have the Chairs of working groups or those responsible for specific tasks within a region, I think in that case we can expand. If I take the working groups that are operational in LACRALO with six or seven people, that will be enough. But, I'd really like to have more working groups. This is a personal comment. This comment will then give the floor to Alberto. I've always thought that a good chance for the Latin American and Caribbean region is to work on overarching themes of ALAC and to have a common position. We have to work on that. And it doesn't mean that an individual will take a position, but a group of people who are a group of experts in the region.

With that, we might be increasing the group by one or two people. I don't know. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

With regard to Carlton's words, I agree with Carlton. I think we have to move forward towards something at least within our group. I volunteered to draft a proposal. Give me a few days. Sometime next week I can send you a proposal. There was a proposal. I couldn't find it. If I'm not wrong, it was a proposal by Fatima Cambroneo that can be brought up to date with the experience in the RALOs and in ALAC. I guess that Vice Chair and Vice Secretary are absolutely necessary. In APRALO, in Asia-Pacific, they have the Vice Chair who was extremely active and he was also traveling. He was not paid by LACRALO, but through other funding sources, and he was very active. Together with the then Chair, she did not – came to the end of her term and the Vice Chair who has been very active took over. He has now been reelected. The RALO did not suffer from the replacement of a Chair. So, I'm volunteering to draft a proposal to make to the working group for the next week.

So, the meetings that we're already having with Chairs, Secretariat, and the three ALAC members, last week I have sent a proposal – a suggestion – which is the following. ALAC members, we do not only know about the ALAC issues by talking with amongst ourselves as we are members of various working groups. We learn issues that in the future will be submitted for consideration and went out to public comment.

So, my proposal is that the three ALAC members should take these obligations that any issue, any topic, where we identify that LACRALO will be bound to give an opinion, or maybe a statement, we should submit or bring it to the consideration of the Chair as soon as possible and if it is necessary to do any specific training or webinar, we will have

sufficient time for that. Otherwise, our people have to give an opinion on things they absolutely ignore. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I'm being told that Sergio's call has disconnected and he's being called back.

MARITZA AGUERO: Can I take the floor, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: While the dial-out goes out Sergio, go ahead.

MARITZA AGUERO: About the coordination of the [inaudible] of the issues, it's absolutely essential because that will enable the active participation of the community that we are already perceiving, but now when it comes to a realization, well I think it's essential. I want to express my full support. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Maritza. I don't know if, Claudia, you can let me know if Sergio has been dialed out. Please call him right away.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: He is being called now.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. He is back.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. I don't know what Alberto said at the end, but the issue of the board, I submitted this for consideration in the [inaudible] Internet. I think it was 2010. Fatima was the author of that proposal. Then we resubmitted on several other occasions. I have a draft of that proposal and also a draft submitted in the last session about the operating principles. We should take the dust off this proposal. At that time, however, we're being over-ambitious on the number of the people who should be on that call, but we might trim it down and work on it.

Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: If you agree, I will take over this, if you are so kind to forward it to me. I couldn't find it in the LACRALO Wiki. If you forward it to me, I agree, I take the responsibility to take the dust off it and make it as simple as possible. I think we should make simple statements with few words. I think that's all the time we have. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you. I understand we have three minutes. I see Carlton is typing something. I'd like to read it before closing.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I can read it in Spanish, Sergio, if you allow me. Carlton says the original and the revised draft for the board did not consider the existing with the LACRALO imminent person's group.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: That is the new council. Sure, of course.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, that is something different.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, Carlton, you are right. That is why this should be revised. What I suggest [inaudible] revision, I think we should go to the previous operating principles. There was a [inaudible] between what we should do, and this is something that I learned from Carlton. I suggest we separate the operating principles that will make simple statements of things that will be afterwards details in the rules of operations. So, let's make simple statements and we will just avoid conflict in what we submit and then in the final work, in the final Rules of Procedure, we can go deeper in the debate to be, I don't know, five, six, ten people according to our skills and experiences in the region. This new council, well, we should see if a person from the council should not be also in the board, so now it's no longer eight. It may be nine or ten people.

But, let's put it on hold for the discussion on the Rules of Procedure. Let's say that for now the board will have more than the four members that are the current LACRALO representatives and leaders.

I think that with this we can make a significant push forward in areas where we could reach consensus. So, if you agree with this, we can move forward with other things.

Alberto, you have the floor while I wait for Carlton. We are already on the top of the hour. Silvia, before Alberto, will you please read what Carlton is saying? Then, Alberto, if you want to say the final remark and then we close.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I made a comment before of agreement with Carlton's. I said that I thought that were two [inaudible] boarders, so we should make sure that there is no overlapping. Carlton replies, "Yes, Silvia, that is my concern. The roles must be determined for each so that there is no duplication [in the result]." That is what he says.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Jose, we're closing, so we say hello and goodbye, and if there's no one else who wants to take the floor, we will close this meeting.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you and good evening, good afternoon.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Before you leave, our next meeting will be next Thursday at the same time. How are we doing in our next week?

SILVIA VIVANCO: That's exactly what I wanted to say. Next week all At-Large policy staff, we will have a retreat in Los Angeles. It's our annual group retreat, so next week unfortunately it will not be possible because there will be no staff available. So, it could be the following.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So, 15 days, within 15 days.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Unless you want to continue working certainly over the mailing list, or you could have something more informal over Skype.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Silvia and the rest, I don't know if there's anyone here, but I will say it anyway. Let's work on the mailing list, but please, Silvia, within 15 days, we will have a meeting of the working group at the same time. So, no Doodle this time. Let's make this announcement that in 15 days we have a meeting and we will be

working by e-mail or perhaps some informal Skype chat to close some specific issues.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. It's January 25th, the same time.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Correct. Thank you and thanks to the rest.

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