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HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Exactly. I will speak in Spanish and we will make use of the translation and interpretation services. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to the remote participation. We will begin with the session for the LACRALO members who are present here in this ICANN57 Meeting in Hyderabad. I would like to welcome you all and thank you for your participation in this meeting.

The objective of this meeting is to make the most of this opportunity and to discuss some topics that are of importance for the region. At the same time, the idea is to coordinate different ALAC members – the secretary, the Chair or other people working in the different working groups – so that we can establish a joint participation mechanism so as to achieve joint results in the future.

As you already know, today, there is a survey that is circulating carried out by a third party who is assessing the functioning of At-Large as a whole. I would kindly ask you to reply to that survey. It's really important. I know it's quite long and

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sometimes it might be difficult, but it is really necessary for you to answer the survey. After we end with that survey, we will be circulating another survey by request of Alejandro Pisanty.

This survey was modified to be circulated, and the idea of this survey is to identify LACRALO priorities. Our idea is that, according to the results of the survey, we might determine three topics for LACRALO to focus on and perhaps we can provide some input for ICANN Policy Development Process.

These are the most relevant topics. There are some other issues that we have been discussing, but I won't speak about that because they are detailed in the agenda that we have for today. Maritza, please, if you could kindly read the agenda for today.

MARTIZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much. After the introduction, we will now proceed with the report about the mediation process. That report will be delivered by our mediator, David Plumb. He will be connected through the online platform so that he can provide his update. We are being told that he's already online so we will be giving the floor to him shortly.

There is also a report that had been circulated in different languages so that we can make a draft. The mediator will be providing the update. He would also be giving some proposals

for the community members. You can provide your input in this meeting.

After that, we will have a presentation and a report on the ALSes, the status. We will be speaking about statistics. We will be reporting about the amount of ALS applications that have been submitted during this period. We will also have a presentation by Rodrigo De La Parra in relation to the mitigation plan.

We also will be having a proposal for the newsletter and a capacity building webinar. We will have the Rodrigo Salcedo's presentation. I don't know if he's in the room. Then we will have a Q&A session. That is the agenda for today, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Maritza. Okay. We have given an order to the agenda but we were requested you to start with the mediation process. I would like to welcome David Plumb. I don't know if David is listening to us. David, welcome to this session. Thank you very much for your participation. I know that you're in Santiago de Chile and that is 5:40 in the morning. Thank you very much for your effort to be here with us. David, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

DAVID PLUMB: Good morning, good afternoon, everyone. Can everyone hear me okay?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Very well. Go ahead, please.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you very much for the opportunity of participating in your session. This is very early in the morning for me. I apologize because perhaps I'm a little bit confused. But a week ago, we circulated a report, this initial report. It is a draft report regarding this mediation process that we're carrying out in LACRALO. We circulated that information in Spanish, in English and also in Portuguese and in French so as to make the most of this opportunity and to reach as many LACRALO members as possible.

If there is someone who have not received the e-mail, please let me know or let Humberto or Maritza know. They will be able to forward that e-mail to you. We have been talking. We had interviews with approximately 15 people in LACRALO. We also interviewed the ICANN staff working for the region.

Based on those conversations, we created a report. The report contains some preliminary conclusions on what is going on in

LACRALO and how we can move forward towards more effectiveness in the region.

I'm not going to delve into the content of the report. I'm just going to mention it. I'm going to mention in general terms. We will be speaking about issues that are common for all the respondents. This is, for example, frustration feelings, feelings that it is a pity that we are not working together in a better way. We also discuss some topics that are controversial for the region.

Based on that, we draw some conclusions, as I said before. We find out some processes to help LACRALO to find a common goal and to think about how you would like to invest time in LACRALO so as to be one voice within ICANN representing the region.

During the last week of January and the beginning of February, we will be holding a face-to-face event in order to address these particular topics. One would be how to recognize our past and be ready to think about the future. Second, how we could create and strengthen a common purpose or goal in LACRALO and to have internal processes so that we can work together in an effective way. Third, how we could improve our governance system in order to have a more exclusive and less controversial activity. That would be the agenda for that face-to-face meeting that we are organizing for the end of January or early February.

We would like to invite you all, all the LACRALO members, to read this report. It's quite brief. It's only an eight-page report. It's a quick reading. There is a survey with three questions which is online. You can see the links on the e-mail that have been circulated to you. We invite you all to reply to those three questions. These are basic questions. We ask if this report clearly reflects the feelings that you have within LACRALO regarding the current situation in LACRALO.

I will leave this here. If you have any question or any comment, I would kindly ask those questions. Humberto, Maritza, I will give you the floor. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, David. I think it's quite clear what you have said. I would like to add some other comments as well. We interviewed 17 – [remember] you said 15 – but in fact there were 16.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay, sorry for that.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: It was just a point of clarification. These are the people coming to this event at the end of January. This meeting would be the

equivalent of a general assembly. The idea is to make decisions. As David said before, the questions to be dealt with are not minor issues because the idea is to pave the way for working in a better way.

There is one question which is very relevant and that will have an impact on the governance in system for LACRALO. I have a question, David. Are you going to present any proposal or any idea? Do you believe that the future governance proposal would come out of this meeting that we will be holding in January or February?

DAVID PLUMB:

Well, I doubt that we as a team, leading this conversation process, might be able to have a proposal before the meeting. We have been discussing certain principles and ideas so as to how to change that governance to be more inclusive and comprehensive. This does not mean we will be creating a proposal. But perhaps we will be providing certain guidelines to guide the discussions in that meeting that will be held in January.

I don't want to create expectations that, in that meeting, decisions will be made regarding the future. I believe that that meeting will be suitable for discussing the topics I mentioned.

Perhaps we might be able to create a process within the LACRALO community in order to ensure that whatever happens in that face-to-face meeting would be supported by everybody.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, David. Now, I will give you the floor. I will give the participants in the room the floor just in case you have any question for David or any comment. Raitme, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

RAITME CITTERIO: My question regarding the mediation process is this. What process parameters are being determined to implement the process to mitigate the problem that we have? Because I believe that, beyond the interviews, the important thing to be taken into account when making proposals for the community would be to determine the impact and to solve the problem, not just to have a mitigation of the problem and having the problem still. That would be my concern. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Please, Raitme, thank you very much for your comment and turn your mic off please. David, I give you the floor. Would you like to answer that question?

DAVID PLUMB: Let me see if I understood the question correctly. You said that one thing is to go and speak to people and to speak about the topic on the possible conflicts and the other thing is to solve that problem and how we will solve that. Is my understanding correct?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: He says yes. That is his question.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay, great. Well, one thing of course is to listen to people and talk to them about the challenges in the region. Some other thing is to solve those issues. Our methodology in this regards and our methodology to approach this first step is to have a document or this report. With this document, we can clearly see the topics, the problems that we are facing and the guidelines that we may use for the future in terms of ideas. With that diagnosis, you can build conversation so as to approach frustration, past frustrations, but also to build new elements for LACRALO for the LACRALO of the future.

Of course, this is our methodology. Those conversations that make it possible to approach the situation, approach those

issues that people have, and to create or build among all of us these LACRALO of the future in order to work in a better way and to fulfil our commitment in ICANN and to be a voice for the region.

So in January, we will have a face-to-face meeting. We will be leading those conversations and using this methodology. If I may, I can say that we can use this and the idea is to create among all a diagnosis and an assessment to start talking about our future on the future for LACRALO. I hope I have answered your question.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, David. I believe it is quite clear. We have a new question. Leon Sanchez, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Humberto. My question is, based on the experience that this team has – and we know it's quite a lot – and without wanting to have conclusions right now, what is your opinion? What do you think about the probability of success that we may have after this mediation process? I mean, the opinion of the mediation team is that the answers or the replies will pave

the way for a solution for the region? Or what is the diagnosis that you may have?

Of course, I do understand that this is bound to many other factors and the face-to-face meeting would be quite important to determine the next steps. But I believe it would be good for us to understand where we are standing right now in the process and see if it is possible to find a solution.

DAVID PLUMB:

Thank you for the question. When we spoke about many of you – and I'm going to make a small parenthesis on why we selected these people – we had an initial list that we had with staff, people that were key within the LACRALO group to express different expectations. When we ended the interview, we asked: who else do we need to talk to to ensure that we have listened to this range of perspective within LACRALO?

Going back to your question now, one of the things that caught our attention when we had those discussions was, first, almost universally, among all of them, there is a frustration that this organization, LACRALO, is not really complying with its functions. This common purpose is not being met. There is a shared frustration that is giving us a relevant important position to go forward.

The optimism we and our colleague have is high. I do see there is a will to go forward, to progress to a LACRALO that could be a strong area to express the voice and the voices of a region in the world. This purpose is right there. We need to work on it. There is a shared wish to continue forward.

This, of course, does not imply ignoring all the frustrations that are coming from the past and all the challenges that may be related to governance and how we're going to work together. But I do feel very strongly that there is a need for opportunity.

Together with my colleagues, I am very enthusiastic to get into the next phase that will be more of a face-to-face space to work on these issues very hardly. I'm sorry, Humberto, can you give me just one more minute? I would like to invite everybody to read these seven pages and to answer the three questions at the end to ensure that we are progressing to a shared assessment.

I would like to invite you all to read this very quickly and to try to answer the three questions to see if, as a region, we can have a shared assessment of what is happening and what may happen in the future.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Now Vanda has the floor and then Alberto Soto. You may speak, Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: My question is related to, if you have opportunity to evaluate with the other RALOs, how they are performing and which kind of solution they may have for similar problems or similar situation, just to compare and try to find the solutions that are working for others.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Vanda. David, please answer the question.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay. Thank you, Vanda. No problem speaking in English on this line. Correct? I can go ahead in English?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Proceed. Yes, you can.

DAVID PLUMB: Okay, thanks. Great. Vanda, we have not yet had in-depth conversations with other RALOs. However, as we've been advancing on this conversation, people have brought up their experience about looking at other RALOs in what they've been doing around these challenges. I believe, over the next month or

so, we will spend a little more time looking at other RALOs as points of reference and potential things for you to look at.

My guess is the solution for LACRALO, in the end, will be invented by you all in LACRALO. However, the other RALOs certainly have interesting experience to share, and we should have that there for our meeting in person in late January. Thanks, Humberto.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, David. The last question is for Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is not a remark, actually. Humberto, you said that, if a decision is made instead of a meeting as a sort of a general assembly, we need to recall that we will not even have the minimal quorum to start a session. We need to see what the procedure will be like. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: That question is for me. It's actually for financial purposes but not for other purposes.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is for legal purposes because, if we cannot comply with the rules, it would not be valid.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: When I said that, I said this is for financial purposes because it is not applied for LACRALO regulations. This question was not for you, David.

DEVANAND TEELUCKSINGH: David and to the rest of the mediators, thanks for putting together the initial report. It was probably hard to try to summarize the issues. I thought a good attempt has been made here. You mentioned something actually in the phrase that you say in the end.

But I guess my question is, what happens if we are unable to proceed forward after January if there is still deadlock or whatever? Is there some sort of deadline or an ultimate outcome? I use the reference of what has happened with the IANA transition because there was a deadline of, I believe, end of August 2016 to have a transition plan in place and so on. People spent a huge amount of effort and time and energy and so on to get a plan that was ultimately approved by the US Government. I

was wondering if there's something similar. Are there consequences if we are unable solve our challenges?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Dev. David, please, could you answer the question?

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Dev. I am unaware from our end of some looming deadline that could be a motivating force for this work. From our perspective, there is not unlimited time and funding to have us involved. So there is a limit around that.

I think the driving force for this process is more about how to seize the opportunity for something that's been quite frustrating for a number of you. I know there have been previous attempts in addressing some of these issues. Those previous attempts haven't seemed to really provide the pathway forward that you've sought.

My sense is the pressing urgency that might come from a deadline is something that we'll all just have to feel, given our shared collective frustration about the status quo. That is, as I understand it, what would be a deadline.

However, if either the leadership of LACRALO now or staff have a different view on that, I welcome that. But from our perspective, we're going to put a lot of our effort into trying to make the two or three days we'll be together in January, early February to make that count, to really focus, to put a lot of focus in those days and a lot of good preparation in methodology into those days so that we're able to achieve something that feels like a big step forward.

So I would encourage everyone to think about the importance of putting all of our shared energy into that in our collective time together into this effort. That's a lot of shared effort and time. We're very hopeful to make the very best of it.

Dev, that's the best answer I have for you right now. But again, if LACRALO leadership or staff have another thought around the idea of deadline, please chime in.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I'm going to shift to Spanish. Thank you very much for participating. We know you woke up at 5:00 in the morning in Chile to be involved in this meeting. We now release you. You can go back to bed or to work so that we can go on with our meeting. Thank you very much, David.

We only have 15 minutes so let's now go to the explanation of the mitigation plan. We have invited Rodrigo De La Parra. Rodrigo, you now have the floor. We don't really have a lot of time, so please give us a brief summary on what this is about so people can have a clear idea.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thank you very much, Humberto, for this invitation. Good afternoon to you all. It's a pleasure to be able to come and talk to you about different issues. First of all, let me congratulate you for the openness and participation you have been having with the previous issue on mediation. I think this is very important.

Without your engagement and your flexibility, it will not be possible to have a good end. To add to what David was saying, by the end of the fiscal year, we will be able to see the results. Our idea is that you should be able to read the document and answer any calls with the mediators so that you can have a good exercise.

I have come here to talk about the mitigation plan. The reason why we are implementing a mitigation plan here is that meetings for Panama, which were transferred to Helsinki and then one in Puerto Rico, were transferred. Even though it's a North American meeting, it's a meeting that is near our region.

After talking to many of the regional organizations, including, of course, LACRALO but also including LACTLD and LACNIC, that were effective in their outreach strategies due to the fact that the venues have been moved, we have designed a mitigation plan consisting of different actions. One of them was having a much stronger presence of the executive team in ICANN in our region in the past months.

Of course, we started with the presence of our new President and CEO in the Caribbean in Santo Domingo there, in the Dominican Republic. He was there in our third LAC DNS forum, which you probably know was the first time there was a LAC DNS forum outside an ICANN meeting. So it was an interesting experiment that was very successful and it was very well served.

The DNS forum also had people from the Global Domain Divisions, the GGD. Cyrus Namazi was there. He provided us with the report on a health index on the DNS at some of the global level. We also had the participation of a member of the Policy team, Marika Konings. She is a Senior Director who deals with GNSO issues. She was also there to talk about Policy Development Processes.

We also had John Crain there. He is also one of the senior executives in ICANN who is in-charge on civility and resiliency of the DNS. He was with us at the DNS home in Uruguay and gave

us a talk on civility and resiliency and flexibility with particular emphasis on the issues we're dealing with right now.

Most recently, we had Sally Costerton in Asuncion in Paraguay. She inaugurated the Internet Entrepreneurship Center, the CEI LAC. I'm sure you heard about it. This was an important part of it.

The second important part was to try to help bring more people from our region to this Hyderabad meeting. I'm not sure if you realize, but usually the fellows have four slots per region. Now there were three additional ones for Latin American and the Caribbean. So we had seven people or more who attended representing our region.

Then, of course, we also supported another part of the mitigation part so that people from the different groups could be engaged in other key meetings. There was the ALAC DNS Forum for the Dominican Republic. There was a slot for each of the interest groups; one for LACRALO, one for LACTLD and one for LACNIC and one for ALAC and one for the GNSO; the people who at least were involved in the GNSO. So there was LACNIC, Costa Rica and the IGF that we're going to attend now in Guadalajara. This is still an ongoing process within the organization to choose the representative.

Then one other thing is we're trying to create summaries of these two meetings, ICANN56 and 57, to provide the most important activities. We also have a video by the end of ICANN56 in Helsinki highlighting interviews with you, the members of this region, who told us which were the most important issues dealt with in that meeting. We also provided in transcriptions and other documents.

This has been a very important effort. I believe has also given us very good results. We try to adjust the change in ICANN meetings these years. This is my summary. I now open the floor for questions.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I now open the floor for questions again. I can give you the floor if you'd like to ask questions for Rodrigo De La Parra in connection with the mitigation plan. Okay, so if there are no questions – I'm sorry. Ricardo?

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: I just wanted to thank Rodrigo publicly because I was one of the fellows for this meeting. Thank you very much for the mitigation plan.

RAITME CITTERIO: I would also like to thank Rodrigo. I am also part of the plan. Thank you very much.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Rodrigo, your plan is working then. We have two members here that, otherwise, we wouldn't have them. In connection with this, before you go, Rodrigo, we would like to announce a new format that concerns us in our region. Unfortunately, Rodrigo Salcedo is not feeling well so he couldn't really come here.

A couple days ago, if I'm not mistaken – I think that was in Friday or Saturday – we had a discussion with Rodrigo Salcedo and Rodrigo De La Parra. We were concerned that our capacity building was not very successful in terms of attendees. We've said that this was understandable because sometimes it was difficult to even have a good attendance in monthly meetings. But we, in general, agreed with that because, out of 16 ALSes in the past meetings, we had 30 people who attended those meetings.

So in spite of the mediation process, people still do attend. We are happy for this. We had the brainstorming with Rodrigo. We agreed that probably the best thing is to try to integrate our capacity building members each two months in our meetings.

This is a way to ensure that the same people who are part of the assembly will also be a part of the [strength] sessions.

Would you like to add something more about this, Rodrigo? You now have the floor.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Well, yes. We have been talking about this. Let me tell you a little bit about how this idea was evolving because this is also part of the strategic plan that we have for the region. There is a component of the strategic plan that has to do with capacity building for the different groups participating within ICANN. Of course, LACRALO is a very important element.

Together with Alberto and Humberto, we created an interesting plan for one year with monthly trainings on very basic topics. There were basic content in relation to ICANN. For example, we talked about the DNS, how the different works within ICANN work and so on. That material is available right now.

We believe that, in order to have a more nourished and more efficient group and in order for these trainings to be more efficient, it would be good to have them together with the calls because you have the time assigned to that and of course to link these with other topics, current topics for a better impact.

Capacity building within the RALOs is something important for you because you will be able to have all the necessary tools to provide quality input and opinions and to impact on the ICANN policy processes. That is what we are looking for. That is what we are searching for.

This training program will have that focus. The last capacity building programs we have been offering together with the staff had to do with current topics. That would be useful for you to organize your internal work, if you will, with this information of course.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. I would like to add two comments very briefly. I know you have to leave. First of all, we will be establishing a system of award-winning prizes for the attendees. So we will be granting grants and certificates for the attendees participating in these courses.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Well, that's good to know because this has to do with the other project of the strategy. This is to create award winning system so that we can give to the attendees. The idea is to give an award to an attendee who has a high level of participation during perhaps a defined or a certain period of time so that that person may

travel to the house of Internet in Montevideo and talk to the people there or so that they can come to the office in LA to learn about ICANN. I hope this might be useful for promoting training and capacity building. I believe this is a well implemented program as a whole. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. I will give the floor to Ricardo Holmquist and then Alberto Soto. Please be brave in your comments.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: I don't have the card as Alberto has. I just wanted to say that I believe we have to agree upon two things. First of all, there is an ALAC working group who's working on capacity building. If we have one training delivered by ALAC and then the other training will be delivered by LACRALO, well, this does not make much sense. In ALAC, we have 12 training sessions per year. So if you see the attendees list for ALAC, I believe that I am participating 90% of the trainings.

In LACRALO, when it comes to LACRALO, well, I didn't take all the courses because I have already taken them in ALAC. We have simultaneous translation and, of course, language is not a problem. So I believe that we need to agree upon this.

My second comment is this. I believe that we shouldn't lose our perspective in the region, that it is important to join or that we should be part of public policies that are being discussed, not only in ALAC but also in ICANN. We are not discussing those topics that much.

We take 50 minutes discussing topics that are not related to public policy. In addition to that, if we say that we only meet every two months because there will be a meeting or decision with a training and some part of the session will be devoted to training, well, we end up working up to midnight. I think we have to agree upon our activities.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Well, thank you very much, Ricardo. If you pay attention to item number 5, you will see ALAC Coordination for upcoming months. That is what we wanted to do. We want to tell our ALAC members that we should agree so to avoid those situations because, if we organize webinars or sessions on a separate basis, we will be overlapping.

We said that we have monthly meetings but we said that we'll be adding 30 minutes of training in our sessions. But that is all we are going to do. Sylvia, would you like to add a comment?

SYLVIA LEITE HERLEIN: You are right. That's right. We need to coordinate at an ALAC level. We have an ALAC capacity building working group. There is one webinar per month. If you see what LACRALO has been doing together with [Jesse] and Rodrigo, we had a regional approach. For example, there was a webinar on Geographical Recommendations focused on LACRALO. We are also looking on Rodrigo to bring people from the LACRALO community. So we are providing a very regional perspective to our webinars. That is how we differentiate from ALAC.

But, of course, you're right. We do not want to overwhelm people. That's why we want to coordinate with them and check with the ALAC global calendar and find different topics with regional perspectives. We can do that. I think we will be able to find good content without overlapping efforts. Of course, we will consider that from now on.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Ricardo. Alberto Soto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: In addition to what Humberto said, we have to take into account that, when we began with this long time ago, every RALO has a one hour meeting and we have one hour and a half assigned to

our sessions. We did that in order to not to take time from substantive discussions.

I would like to add the following. I would like to say that we may add because we had an agreement with the Columbian University. There are people who are looking for certifications or certifying that they have taken certain courses. What we did was to sign an agreement with that University. After three webinars, they will be delivering a certificate. That is already granted. That is already done. I think we have to make the most of this opportunity. Of course, we have to take into account the attendees for the webinars. That's my comment.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Okay. Thank you, Alberto. I mentioned that to Rodrigo De La Parra. We said that we are going to analyze to assess this and, of course, we will do our best to implement that. We have little time. I would like to say, Ricardo, that we fully agree with him. We are not dealing with substantive issues. We have to work on that.

We are also sending a survey to discuss those topics. We know that for RALOs it's very difficult to enter ICANN. I know that, Ricardo, you have been working with that for many years and you are still complaining. Once you get here, you realize there

are people who know really a lot but some other people who know nothing about ICANN. This is a gap we have to solve. Let's go now to the report. Sir, what's your name?

BARTLETT MORGAN:

This is Bartlett Morgan for the record, [inaudible], Barbados. Now, I'm listening to this conversation about this training and what have you. I think it's a well-intentioned idea. But I think we need to be careful that we don't lose sight of the actual value of what it is we're trying to do in implementing it.

Just speaking purely from a pedagogical perspective, if you had in the past an entire hour or more where you dedicate to the participants, delving into a particular topic and asking questions and that kind of a thing, back and forth and then now compressing it into maybe 25 minutes to half an hour, purely from a pedagogical perspective, that raises certain questions about the quality of what it is we're transmitting, especially the context where, for example, I'm hearing people may be getting certifications for attending. I think that is a consideration that needs to be taken onboard and actively considered if it is that we're going to proceed in that way. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. We take note of all that. We have five minutes to deal with the remaining topics. Rodrigo, thank you very much. We release you right now. I know you have a packed agenda.

Before going into the report, item number 5 on the agenda had to do with coordination. We're not going to solve this but I would like to tell ALAC members, and some other people working on the working groups, that in order to avoid doubling efforts or overlapping of activities, we need to organize ourselves. Perhaps we may have a conference call so that we can see how to move forward in these topics because I realize that there are certain things – I mean, I do not participate in every single meeting but perhaps we might be able to solve this issue quickly if we gather together. That's my comment. Leon, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

LEON FELIPE SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Humberto. Well, Humberto, first of all, I would like to thank the LACRALO members who are already participating in the Work Stream 2 for the CCWG on accountability. I know there are some members here present who have been working very actively. They have been participating in the conference calls and of course providing input to the working group.

I would like to reiterate the invitation to participate in this working group because, as you know, we are on a crucial stage for the ICANN. Although this might sound exaggerated, believe me, it is. I think it is of vital importance to receive your input and to participate, to have your active participation, not through ALAC members because ALAC members are participating to some extent. But we need your direct contribution.

We require your participation especially in the diversity, transparency and accountability SO and AC accountability working groups. These are three very important working groups, not only for the organization but particularly for the At-Large community and, of course, for the region.

I would like to renew to reiterate that invitation. Of course, if you have any doubt, I am totally at your disposal to help you with the understanding of the topics to ask you to be included in the e-mail list or in the working group calls. But if you are willing to make a difference and to show that you have a commitment not only with the region but also with the community and with the organization, this is the right time to do it.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Leon. Ricardo, you have the floor.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Well, there are many people working on those groups. I participate in the Transparency and Accountability working groups. In the Accountability working group, I have a very important professor who is in front of me. He is very knowledgeable. Of course, I am learning.

When it comes to the Transparency working group, there is no one from the region. We are only two people from Venezuela and I try to make my input there. But I feel that we were not able to discuss at the ALAC level what we want to say. It depends on us. I believe that we need to agree upon certain topics. That's what I said before: that it was important to discuss policy issues because we may have different opinions.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Leon, you have the floor.

LEON FELIPE SANCHEZ: Thank you, Ricardo. You are right. Now, I believe it is important to step back and see that, even though this should be discussed at an ALAC level at some point in time, the important thing here is that, from the region and from the ALSs, which are the soul, the core, of our organization, it is important that they participate because everything will depend on that.

Of course, we'll be taking the input of the ALAC and the ALSs, but the direct input would make the difference. The difference should be made within the working group. Of course, regardless, this is an ALAC topic, and the real difference will be made by the ALSs participating directly in the working groups.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Vanda and then Alberto.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Just a suggestion. I would think it would be very important, because we have active statistics in our region of whom is participating in each working group, that, whenever you have a doubt, please send an e-mail to the person participating in that working group so that it would be easier and more interesting to participate. In that way, we will be able to be more updated. This will improve our communication and our engagement and relationship. Perhaps we can provide input. Of course, this might help us to solve some of the issues in LACRALO.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Exactly. That was the objective of this item on the agenda. Alberto Soto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Well, I suggest not looking at the working group list but to verify who is participating because I participate in many working groups and I see many people listed, but there are very few of them participating. So we need to verify who is really participating.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Okay. Thank you very much, Alberto. I believe that will be done by sending an e-mail to the members listed and asking them if they are actively participating or not.

ALBERTO SOTO: We have rapporteurs, so you can send an e-mail to them.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: You can also check that by getting into the links of the meetings.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, I think it's that sometimes, they participate in one and not in others.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Yes, but you will see the information there.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Well, we will have to discuss about this situation and the best way to do that. We cannot delay. We cannot send more time on this issue. We are quite delayed. So we will do what Leon said. We will send an e-mail. In our next call, we will invite people to participate in the working groups. Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I just wanted to ask you – because you mentioned something about a newsletter.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Harold, you have the floor to answer that question, in 30 seconds, please.

HAROLD ARCOS: Very briefly, this was an initiative that started after the meeting in Marrakech. The idea is to create an ongoing newsletter for the participation of the community in LACRALO in order to update on the ways or means of participation. As Leon was saying, we are now on the working area too and participation is required there. Our input is necessary there.

So we need to be there. It is important for us to participate. We need to invite ALSs to participate. Let's take into account that these working groups are not exclusive for the people who are

knowledgeable about ICANN, the ICANN community. These are working groups that are open to everybody. Anyone who would like to participate should get in touch, should start reading and providing input. That is the objective of the newsletter. So the invitation is open for all of us to participate actively. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Harold. Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Who is in charge of gathering the information for the newsletter?

HAROLD ARCOS: That's correct, Vanda. It's an initiative between the LACRALO leaders and myself. We are preparing a draft to submit to the region. This is not done in the work group that I'm part of. Unfortunately, we will need to stop here because we have abused the interpreters and we have exceeded our time. The pending issues we will need to send by e-mail. Maritza, you can say this maybe.

MARITZA AGUERO: We wanted to include the statistics issue. You will be able to check your e-mails. You will be able to see what the number of

participants is in the monthly calls. It started in March. This is when we assumed this position.

This statistic will be sent by e-mail. It's just for you to see a detail of which ALSs are participating which are participating in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese channels. You'll be able to see the number of participations from since the time that we took office. We will send this by e-mail. Thank you very much. There's no more time.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I would like to thank the interpreters again. We are now going to adjourn this meeting. I know you're working more than you had to. So thank you very much.

Also, the techs are present here with us. They are also working overtime, so another round of applause for them. Thank you again. This meeting will now be adjourned and the pending issues will be sent by e-mail.

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