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CHAPTER I

INCORPORATION

ARTICLE 1: (Name and Address)

A non-government organization is established under the name of Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry. This organization shall be headquartered in the department of Montevideo and shall be governed by these Bylaws and by the applicable rules and regulations.

**** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 24 April 2003.***

ARTICLE 2: (Purpose)

The organization has the following goals:

1. To manage the IP address space and related resources for the benefit of the Internet community of the region of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).
2. To provide registry services for IP addresses, ASNs, reverse resolution and related resources, for the purpose of allowing and facilitating communications over computer networks.
3. To represent and promote the points of view and interests of the region before international organizations, within its area of competence.
4. To contribute to the growth of the Internet in the region.
5. To help the Latin-American and Caribbean community develop procedures, mechanisms and standards for the efficient assignment of Internet resources.
6. To promote educational opportunities for its members in the technical and policy fields within its competence.
7. To propose and develop public policies within its area of competence.

In order to achieve its goals, LACNIC may:

- a. Organize all the services needed to achieve its goals of managing the IP address space and related resources for the region of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC);
- b. Organize courses, conferences, symposiums, congresses, contests and any other type of event aimed at disseminating, teaching and perfecting the goals of LACNIC;

- c. Produce, edit, publish, and disseminate communication materials using any available technology;
- d. Create documentation centers;
- e. Conclude agreements with individuals, companies and public or private institutions, whether national or international;
- f. Organize and sponsor trips for its members to study, research or disseminate LACNIC's goals;
- g. Network with other national or international entities having similar goals in order to organize conferences and common activities;
- h. Cooperate with national, state and municipal authorities, as well as with public and private entities in relation to LACNIC's goals.

CHAPTER II

LEGAL CAPACITY, NET WORTH AND RESOURCES

ARTICLE 3:

LACNIC has the legal capacity to acquire assets and incur obligations and can therefore operate with public and private banking and financial institutions.

ARTICLE 4:

LACNIC's net worth comprises the assets it currently possesses and those it may acquire henceforth in any capacity, as well as the resources obtained as follows:

- 1. Ordinary and extraordinary fees paid by its members;
- 2. Any income generated by its assets;
- 3. Donations, inheritances, legacies and grants;
- 4. Any income it may obtain as a result of activities that are within the framework of its goals;
- 5. Any other income it may legally obtain in concordance with the non-profit nature of the institution.

ARTICLE 5:

The structure of LACNIC comprises the following elements:

- a. Members, who hold the power within the institution;
- b. The Assembly, which is the organization's sovereign body;

- c. The Board of Directors, which manages and administers the institution;
- d. The Fiscal Commission, which oversees the operation of the institution and the actions of the Board of Directors;
- e. The Electoral Commission, which is responsible for organizing elections;
- f. The Committees, which execute the various actions of the institution.

**** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 29 May 2008.***

CHAPTER III

MEMBERS: CATEGORIES, ADMISSION CRITERIA AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 6:

LACNIC shall have the following member categories:

1. Active Members:
 - Active “A” Members: Those who receive IP address space directly from LACNIC, those who receive IP address space indirectly through a national registry under the agreements signed between LACNIC and such registries, or those who received address space from ARIN that is now part of the address space distributed to LACNIC, and who apply for admission.
 - Active Founding Members: The following organizations: AHCNET (Hispano-American Association of Research Centers and Telecommunications Companies), CABASE (Argentine Chamber of Databases and Online Services), CGI-Br (Brazilian Internet Steering Committee), eCOMLAC (Latin American and Caribbean Internet and e-Commerce Federation), ENRED (Network Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean) and NIC-Mx (NIC Mexico).
2. Adhering Members: Those who agree with LACNIC's goals, apply to for admission and are included in one of the following categories:
 - Organizations based in the LAC region or that conduct their activities mainly in Latin America and the Caribbean, which are involved in Internet development and/or comprised of Internet service providers, make a relevant contribution to Internet-related policies in the region, agree with the goals of LACNIC and apply for admission.
 - Organizations that manage IP addresses that are not part of the address space distributed to LAC and are geographically located in the LAC region.
 - Any person, company or institution designated as such by decision of LACNIC's Member Assembly in recognition of their activities in furtherance of LACNIC's goals.
 - Those persons or legal entities that contribute significantly to LACNIC's financial support.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003 and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 7:

Members shall have the following rights:

1. Active "A" Members:

- I. To use the various services available to members.
- II. To present before the Board of Directors any initiative that will favor the improvement of the institution in any respect.
- III. To request the summoning of an Extraordinary Member Assembly (Article 14).
- IV. To participate in the assemblies with full voting and speaking privileges and to be elected to the organization's internal bodies.

2. Founding Members:

- I. To use the various services available to members.
- II. To present before the Board of Directors any initiative that will favor the improvement of the institution in any respect.
- III. To request the summoning of an Extraordinary Member Assembly (Article 14).
- IV. To participate in the assemblies with full voting and speaking privileges and to be elected to the organization's internal bodies.

3. Adhering Members:

- I. To use the various services available to members, except those relating to Internet resources.
- II. To present before the Board of Directors any initiative that will favor the improvement of the institution in any respect.
- III. To participate in the General Assembly with speaking privileges but without the right to vote.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 31 March 2004 and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 8:

Members shall have the following obligations:

1. To pay the ordinary and extraordinary fees established by the Assembly;
2. To comply with all other obligations under these Bylaws, regulations and resolutions of the Member Assembly and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9:

Members who no longer fulfill the conditions required by these Bylaws shall lose their member status. Members who fall behind on payment of their membership fees or any other established contribution shall have their member status automatically suspended. Should such late payment of these membership fees or any other established contribution continue beyond the deadlines established in the LACNIC policies, the defaulting member shall automatically lose their member status. Before requesting their readmission, suspended members must proceed to pay the outstanding balance of their membership fees or other contributions owed to the organization on the date of their suspension. Member status shall also be lost in case of resignation or expulsion.

**** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 10:

The Board of Directors may apply the following penalties against members:

- a. Warning;
- b. Suspension for a maximum period of one year;
- c. Expulsion, to be adjusted depending on the seriousness of the offense and the circumstances of each case, for the following reasons:
 1. Failure to comply with the obligations arising from these Bylaws, regulations, or resolutions of the Member Assembly and the Board of Directors;
 2. Notorious misconduct;
 3. Voluntarily causing damage to LACNIC, causing serious disruptions within the organization, or adopting a behavior that is notoriously detrimental to the interests of the organization.

ARTICLE 11:

The penalties referred to in the preceding article shall be decided by the Board of Directors once the party involved has presented their defense. In all cases, within thirty days of being notified of the Board of Director's resolution, the affected party may file an appeal before the first Member Assembly to be held. The filing of an appeal shall have suspensive effect. As for their rights as a member, in the event that the member who receives a penalty holds a position within the administrative or control bodies, said body may suspend them in this capacity until the corresponding Assembly has decided their case.

CHAPTER IV

ASSEMBLIES

ARTICLE 12:

The General Assembly, acting in concordance with these Bylaws, is the sovereign body of the organization. It is made up by all the members that have the right to participate and shall decide on any matter of interest to the members in compliance with the Bylaws of the organization and any applicable legal and regulatory standards.

ARTICLE 13:

There are two types of General Member Assemblies: Ordinary and Extraordinary. Ordinary Member Assemblies shall be held once a year, within the first six months following the closing of the fiscal year, the date for which has been set as 31 December. These Assemblies shall:

1. Consider, approve or modify the annual report, general balance sheet, inventory, expense and income account, and report presented by the Fiscal Commission;

2. Establish the membership fees and determine procedures for their update when necessary. These procedures, including payment terms, transitional arrangements in case of modifications to membership fees, as well as discounts, benefits, rebates, fines in case of failure to pay such membership fees, and financing of membership fees, shall be implemented by the Board of Directors;
3. Consider any other matters included in the agenda, provided that they fall within the competence of the Ordinary Member Assembly; and
4. Consider any matter proposed by no less than 20% of the members and submitted to the Board of Directors no later than thirty days after the closing of the fiscal year.

All other matters, including modifications to the Bylaws, shall be addressed during Extraordinary Member Assemblies.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, 06 May 2014, 03 May 2016, and 23 May 2017.***

ARTICLE 14:

Extraordinary Member Assemblies shall be convened whenever the Board of Directors deems it necessary or when the Fiscal Commission, the Electoral Committee or 20% of voting members submit a request to the Board of Directors. Such requests shall be decided by the Board of Directors within ten days and the Assembly must be held within a period of forty-five days. Should the Board of Directors decide to reject or dismiss a request, the reasons for such rejection or dismissal must be submitted to the Assembly in writing. Should 20% of voting members decide to persist in their request, they may submit such request to the Fiscal Commission under the same terms and following identical procedure, in which case the Fiscal Commission shall convene the Extraordinary Member Assembly.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 29 May 2008 and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 15:

Member Assemblies shall be convened by circulars sent to members' postal or email addresses thirty days in advance. The Annual Report, General Balance Sheet, Inventory, Expense and Income Account, Fiscal Commission Report and any other documents to be considered under the agenda items shall be submitted to members fifteen days in advance for their consideration. When modifications to the Bylaws or regulations are submitted for the consideration of the Assembly, such proposed modifications shall also be submitted to members fifteen days in advance. Assemblies may not consider matters other than those expressly included in the agenda, unless full membership is present and the inclusion of the matter is approved by unanimous vote.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 16:

Assemblies require the presence of the absolute majority of voting members. However, an hour after the time specified in the notice convening the meeting, Member Assemblies shall be valid regardless of the number of members present, even in the event of amendment of the Bylaws and liquidation of the organization. They shall be chaired by the President of the organization, or, failing that, by the person appointed by the Assembly by simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the person acting as chair shall cast the decisive vote.

ARTICLE 17:

Resolutions shall be adopted by absolute majority of votes cast, except in those cases where these Bylaws require 2/3 of votes cast and those where these Bylaws expressly refer to other majorities. Members of the Board of Directors and of the Fiscal Commission may not vote on matters relating to their administration. Members who join the Assembly once it has begun may only vote on matters that have not yet been decided. Decisions affecting the requirements and conditions for the membership categories established in Article 6 must be approved by the absolute majority of Active Members present. These requirements complement those specifically established for amending the Bylaws.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 18:

With the anticipation set forth in Article 15, the voters' registry shall be made available to all members, who may submit any claims up to five days prior to the election. Such claims must be settled within the following two days. Those members who are behind in their membership fees but have not lost their member status shall not be excluded from the voters' registry, although they may be prevented from participating in the Assembly if they do not settle their outstanding balance before the date of the Assembly.

ARTICLE 19:

Assembly discussions shall be conducted in the spirit of constantly seeking consensual agreements.

Should voting become necessary, Founding Members shall be entitled to one vote; Active "A" Members shall be entitled to 1 to 11 votes, depending on the address space they have been assigned, such that those managing the largest number of IP addresses shall have the highest number of votes.

This classification shall be made under the following criteria:

- LEVEL 1: Active A Members who manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block smaller than a /22 that are part of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC shall be entitled to one vote.
- LEVEL 2: Active A Members who manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /22 and smaller than a /20 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC shall be entitled to two votes.
- LEVEL 3: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /20 and smaller than a /18 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or smaller than a /32 of the address space allocated to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC shall be entitled to three votes.
- LEVEL 4: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a

block equal to or larger than a /18 and smaller than a /16 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block larger than a /32 and smaller than a /30 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to four votes.

- LEVEL 5: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /16 and smaller than a /14 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /30 and smaller than a /28 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to five votes.

- LEVEL 6: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /14 and smaller than a /12 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /28 and smaller than a /26 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to six votes.

- LEVEL 7: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /12 and smaller than a /10 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /26 and smaller than a /24 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to seven votes.

- LEVEL 8: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /10 and smaller than a /9 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /24 and smaller than a /22 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to eight votes.

- LEVEL 9: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /9 and smaller than a /8 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /22 and smaller than a /20 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to nine votes.

- LEVEL 10: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /8 and smaller than a /7 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /20 and smaller than a /19 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to ten votes.

- LEVEL 11: Active A Members who (i) manage a number of IPv4 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /7 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, or (ii) manage a number of IPv6 addresses equivalent to a block equal to or larger than a /19 of the address space distributed to Latin America and the

Caribbean and managed by LACNIC, shall be entitled to eleven votes.

Whenever technical advances require the use of new criteria or new terminology for the assignment of IP address space, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing the equivalences between the new address blocks and the levels established herein, respecting the special majority set forth in Article 23 and always preserving the spirit of assigning more votes to those members who manage larger address spaces.

The votes of members who qualify for more than one category shall not be cumulative. Therefore, such members shall be entitled to the number of votes corresponding to the category with the highest number of votes.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 31 March 2004, 03 May 2016, and 23 May 2017.***

CHAPTER V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ELECTORAL COMMISSION AND FISCAL COMMISSION

ARTICLE 20:

LACNIC shall be managed and administered by a Board of Directors comprised of seven members elected among the citizens of the countries or territories that are part of the LACNIC service region. The Board of Directors shall assign to these members the following positions: president, vice president, secretary, deputy secretary, treasurer, deputy treasurer, and regular member. Directors shall each serve a three-year term, except in case of permanent vacancy as described in Article 21. Directors shall be eligible for reelection provided that they continue to meet the eligibility criteria. Each year, they shall be partially renewed in groups of two or three (as appropriate). LACNIC's Executive Director/CEO shall participate in Board meetings with rights equal to those of a director, except for the right to vote.

1. Not more than two directors may be citizens of the same country or territory. Should a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors have more than one citizenship, all such citizenships shall be considered when evaluating any alleged incompatibility. Any new citizenship acquired by a Director after their election shall not be considered grounds for incompatibility.
2. Not more than one Director may have employment, consultancy or advisory relationships with the same Company or Organization and/or with one of its Related Companies, whether established in the same country or not.

In order to determine whether this incompatibility exists, the following criteria shall be considered: whether the relationship is in a paid or honorary capacity; the influence that the Company or Organization may exert in relation to the candidate's election and the background that makes the candidate eligible; the position held by the candidate within the Company or Organization; and the degree of influence that the Company or Organization may have over the individual once they occupy the position, or that the individual may have over the Director of said Company or Organization, or vice versa, for reasons of hierarchy or control.

When determining whether this incompatibility exists, membership of global or regional Internet organizations (ISOC, ICANN, etc.) and/or of organizations having no relation to the activities carried out by LACNIC (sports clubs, academic clubs, etc.) shall not be taken into consideration.

These incompatibilities shall be analyzed under the theory of reality, according to which material reality prevails over formalities.

Based on the principles established herein, the Board of Directors shall establish objective, detailed criteria to regulate the grounds for incompatibility as well as borderline or doubtful cases. These regulations and any successive modifications thereto may only be implemented if they are approved prior to an election.

Should any of the incompatibilities described in the paragraphs above occur once a Director is already in office, different solutions shall be adopted depending on whether the grounds for the incompatibility are due to a change in the Director's citizenship or employment relationship.

In the case of a Director who caused the incompatibility due to a change of citizenship, such Director may continue to hold office until the end of their term, after which, should the incompatibility persist, such Director may not run for reelection.

In the case of a Director who caused the incompatibility due to a change in their employment relationship with another Organization and/or Company already represented on the Board by another Director, the matter shall be referred to the Electoral Commission which, in exercise of its faculties, shall determine whether or not such incompatibility exists and, if so, shall remove the Director from their position, which shall remain vacant until the following election. In the event that the incompatibility is not attributable to any of the Directors involved, all the Directors involved shall resign or be removed from their position, and a special election shall be held under Article 22 of these Bylaws solely to determine which of the resigning or removed Directors shall continue to serve on the Board.

Members of the Board serve in an individual capacity, not as representatives of any member organization to which they may belong. Likewise, Directors shall refrain from participating in discussions and voting on matters that may present a potential conflict of interest, both personally and because of their participation in entities or companies to which they are related.

The seven Directors shall be elected according to the provisions of Articles 24 and 25. Each year, after the renewal of its members, the Board of Directors shall decide the position in which each member will serve.

LACNIC shall have a Fiscal Commission composed of three members. Members of the Fiscal Commission shall each serve a three-year term, with partial renewal of one or two positions each year, as applicable, and shall be eligible for reelection provided that they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Members of the Fiscal Commission shall be subject to the following incompatibilities:

1. Not more than one member with the same citizenship may be elected. Should a candidate for a position on the Fiscal Commission have more than one citizenship, all such citizenships shall be considered when evaluating any alleged incompatibility. Any new citizenship acquired by a member of the Fiscal Commission after their election shall not be considered grounds for incompatibility.
2. Not more than one member of the Fiscal Commission may have employment, consultancy or advisory relationships with the same Company or Organization and/or with one of its Related Companies, whether established in the same country or not.

In order to determine whether this incompatibility exists, the following criteria shall be considered: whether the relationship is in a paid or honorary capacity; the influence that the Company or Organization may exert in relation to the candidate's election and the background that makes the candidate eligible; the position held by the candidate within the Company or Organization; and the degree of influence that the Company or Organization may have over the individual once they occupy the position, or that the individual may have over the Director of said Company or Organization, or vice versa, for reasons of hierarchy or control.

When determining whether this incompatibility exists, membership of global or regional Internet organizations (ISOC, ICANN, etc.) and/or of organizations having no relation to the activities carried out by LACNIC (sports clubs, academic clubs, etc.) shall not be taken into consideration.

These incompatibilities shall be analyzed under the theory of reality, according to which material reality prevails over formalities.

Based on the principles established herein, the Board of Directors shall establish objective, detailed criteria to regulate the grounds for incompatibility as well as borderline or doubtful cases. These regulations and any successive modifications thereto may only be implemented if they are approved prior to an election.

Should any of the incompatibilities described in the paragraphs above occur once a member of the Fiscal Commission is already in office, different solutions shall be adopted depending on whether the grounds for the incompatibility are due to a change in the member's citizenship or employment relationship.

In the case of a member of the Fiscal Commission who caused the incompatibility due to a change of citizenship, such member may continue to hold office until the end of their term, after which, should the incompatibility persist, they may not run for reelection.

In the case of a member of the Fiscal Commission who caused the incompatibility due to a change in their employment relationship with another Organization and/or Company already represented on the Board by another member, the matter shall be referred to the Electoral Commission which, in exercise of its faculties, shall determine whether or not such incompatibility exists and, if so, shall remove the member from their position, which shall remain vacant until the following election. In the event that the incompatibility is not attributable to any of the members of the Fiscal Commission involved, all the members involved shall resign or be removed from their position, and a special election shall be held under Article 22 of these Bylaws solely to determine which of the resigning or removed members shall continue to serve on the Fiscal Commission.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 31 March 2004, 29 June 2005, 29 May 2008, 28 May 2009, 03 May 2016, and 23 May 2017.***

ARTICLE 21:

Should for any reason an elected position (member of the Board of Directors, member of the Fiscal Commission or member of the Electoral Commission) become permanently vacant, such vacancy shall be filled during the following election, in which case the winning candidate shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the person who caused the permanent vacancy was elected and shall take office immediately after all the stages of the election process have been completed.

The same procedure shall be used in case an elected candidate is unable to take office.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 06 May 2014, and 03 May 2016.***

ARTICLE 22:

Should the number of members of the Board of Directors, the Fiscal Commission or the Electoral Commission fall below the absolute majority of each of these bodies, the Board of Directors or the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary Election within thirty days of the fact in order to complete the corresponding body. In the event of total vacancy of the Board of Directors, the Extraordinary Election shall be convened by the Fiscal Commission, notwithstanding the responsibilities pertaining to resigning members of the Board of Directors. In both cases, the body that convenes the election shall have all the attributions inherent to such election.

This same Extraordinary Election procedure shall be used in the event that a position on the Board of Directors, the Fiscal Commission or the Electoral Commission becomes permanently vacant more than three months prior to the start of the following election process.

In the event that the Fiscal Commission or the Electoral Commission: a) is reduced to two or four members as the case may be, and must decide on a matter on which its members disagree thus creating a tie due to the body's lack of a chairperson with the authority to break the tie; or b) becomes vacant or loses a majority of its members and must act or decide and there is no deadline for convening an Extraordinary Election, the vacant or reduced Fiscal or Electoral Commission shall be completed with the members of the remaining Commission, either Fiscal or Electoral (as the case may be). Those members of the remaining Commission who do not incur in any of the incompatibilities set forth in these Bylaws shall be given priority when completing a vacant or reduced Commission. Should more than one member of the remaining Commission not incur in any incompatibility, the new composition of the vacant or reduced Commission shall be decided by lot under the supervision of the President of the Board of Directors, and, in case of the latter's incompatibility or impossibility, under the supervision of the person appointed by the Board of Directors.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, 06 May 2014, 03 May 2016, and 23 May 2017.***

ARTICLE 23:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every three months, on the date and at time decided during their first annual meeting. The Board of Directors may also meet at such times as it is summoned by the President, at the request of the Fiscal Commission, or at the request of two members of the Board of Directors, in which case the meeting shall be held within fifteen days of the request. Meetings shall be convened ten days in advance using the means and procedures established by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be valid with the presence of the absolute majority of its designated members. Decisions require the vote of the absolute majority of the members present, except for those decisions that require a special majority under paragraphs 10 to 17 of Article 26 of these Bylaws, in which case at least the vote of the absolute majority plus one of the designated Members of the Board of Directors shall be required.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, 03 May***

2016, and 23 May 2017.

ARTICLE 24:

The Electoral Commission shall be composed of five members. This commission shall be responsible for overseeing and certifying the election processes for the bodies established under these Bylaws, including contesting or limiting the positions at stake, candidacies or current positions due to incompatibilities (with the authority to eliminate and/or limit the candidacy of one or more contested candidates and/or candidates investigated at the Electoral Commission's own initiative), as well for as counting the votes and determining election results and winning candidates. The Electoral Commission may act based on third-party accusations or on its own initiative and has the authority to convene an Extraordinary Assembly in case of serious irregularities in an election. Members of the Electoral Commission shall each serve a three-year term, with partial renewal of one or two positions each year, as applicable, and shall be eligible for reelection provided that they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

In case of third-party accusations, the Electoral Commission shall also have the authority to investigate and decide on alleged incompatibilities of the members of the Board of Directors and of the Fiscal Commission.

Members of the Electoral Commission shall be subject to the following incompatibilities:

1. Not more than one member with the same citizenship may be elected. Should a candidate for a position on the Electoral Commission have more than one citizenship, all such citizenships shall be considered when evaluating an alleged incompatibility. Any new citizenship acquired by a member of the Electoral Commission after their election shall not be considered grounds for incompatibility.
2. Not more than one member of the Electoral Commission may have employment, consultancy or advisory relationships with the same Company or Organization and/or with one of its Related Companies, whether established in the same country or not.

In order to determine whether this incompatibility exists, the following criteria shall be considered: whether the relationship is in a paid or honorary capacity; the influence that the Company or Organization may exert in relation to the candidate's election and the background that makes the candidate eligible; the position held by the candidate within the Company or Organization; and the degree of influence that the Company or Organization may have over the individual once they occupy the position, or that the individual may have over the Director of said Company or Organization, or vice versa, for reasons of hierarchy or control.

When determining whether this incompatibility exists, membership of global or regional Internet organizations (ISOC, ICANN, etc.) and/or of organizations having no relation to the activities carried out by LACNIC (sports clubs, academic clubs, etc.) shall not be taken into consideration.

These incompatibilities shall be analyzed under the theory of reality, according to which material reality prevails over formalities.

Based on the principles established herein, the Board of Directors shall establish objective, detailed criteria for regulating the grounds for incompatibility as well as for borderline or doubtful cases. These regulations and any successive modifications thereto may only be implemented if they are approved prior to an election.

Should any of the incompatibilities described in the paragraphs above occur once a member of the Electoral Commission is already in office, different solutions shall be adopted depending on whether the grounds for the incompatibility are due to a change in the member's citizenship or employment relationship.

In the case of a member of the Electoral Commission who caused the incompatibility due to a change of citizenship, such member may continue to hold office until the end of their term, after which, should the incompatibility continue, they may not run for reelection.

In the case of a member of the Electoral Commission who caused the incompatibility due to a change in their employment relationship with another Organization and/or Company already represented on this Commission by another member, the matter shall be referred to the Fiscal Commission/Board of Directors which, in exercise of its faculties, shall determine whether or not such incompatibility exists and, if so, shall remove the member from their position, which shall remain vacant until the following election. In the event that the incompatibility is not attributable to any of the members of the Electoral Commission involved, all the members involved shall resign or be removed from their position, and a special election shall be held under Article 22 of these Bylaws solely to determine which of the resigning or removed members shall continue to serve on the Electoral Commission.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 31 March 2004, 29 June 2005, 29 May 2008, and 23 May 2017.***

ARTICLE 25:

Elections

Elections to appoint members of the Board of Directors shall be held within one hundred and eighty days of the Ordinary Member Assembly. Elections to appoint members of the Fiscal and Electoral Commissions shall be held within ninety days of the Ordinary Member Assembly.

Should vacant seats remain after these elections, new elections shall be held within thirty days, as many times as necessary until all vacant seats are filled.

Voting shall be secret and may be conducted through physical or electronic mechanisms that will guarantee the voter's identity and the secrecy of their vote.

Each member may exercise their right to vote as established in Articles 7 and 19 as many times as positions are being elected, but may only award to one candidate the number of votes established in said article. Candidates shall be voted individually among those nominated in due time and form. Candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected, and the number of elected candidates shall be equal to the number of positions to be filled. In case of a tie in the number of votes for one or more of the positions to be filled, a run-off vote shall be held among those candidates who received the same highest number of votes.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, and 06 May 2014.***

ARTICLE 26:

The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To execute Assembly decisions, to comply with and enforce these Bylaws and regulations, interpreting them in case of doubt and with the obligation of reporting this to the following Assembly;
2. To undertake the administration of LACNIC;
3. To convene Member Assemblies;
4. To decide the admittance of those requesting membership. The Board of Directors may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
5. To expel or penalize members;
6. To designate the staff needed to fulfill the objectives of the organization, set their salaries, determine their obligations, penalize and fire them. The Board of Directors may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
7. To present the Annual Report, General Balance Sheet, Inventory, Expense and Income Account, and Fiscal Commission Report before the Ordinary General Assembly. These documents must be made available to the members with the anticipation required by Article 15 for convening an Ordinary Member Assembly;
8. To issue the internal regulations needed to fulfill the objectives of the organization, which must be approved by the Assembly. Regulations not having statutory content are exempted;
9. To ratify resource management and assignment policies for the Internet resources under LACNIC's responsibility;
10. To propose modifications to the Bylaws and convene the corresponding Extraordinary Member Assembly for their discussion and approval;
11. To hire the Executive Director;
12. To approve the annual budget;
13. To approve the General Balance Sheet to be submitted before the Ordinary Member Assembly;
14. To approve the purchase and sale of real estate property;
15. To implement payment terms and the transitional arrangements in case of modifications to membership fees, as well as discounts, benefits, rebates, fines in case of failure to pay such membership fees, and financing of membership fees;
16. To establish objective, detailed criteria for determining the grounds for incompatibility of LACNIC's elective members, as well as borderline or doubtful cases;
17. To exercise the power established in the final paragraph of Article 19, establishing the equivalences of the new address ranges should technical advances require the use of new criteria or new terminology in the assignment of IP address space.

**** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003, 29 May 2008, 03 May 2016, and 23 May 2017.***

ARTICLE 27:

The Fiscal Commission shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To control all accounting books and documentation that supports bookkeeping entries, overseeing management, controlling the state of the cash flow and the existence of funds, bonds and stock, in accordance with the laws and the Bylaws in force;

- b. To present suggestions to the Board of Directors regarding the duties detailed in the item above;
- c. To rule on the Annual Report, Inventory, General Balance Sheet, and Expenses and Income Account submitted by the Board of Directors for the consideration of the Ordinary Member Assembly at the end of each fiscal year;
- d. To convene an Ordinary Member Assembly should the Board of Directors fail to do so, with prior reliable notice to the Board of Directors fifteen days in advance;
- e. To request that an Extraordinary Member Assembly be convened when it is deemed necessary, justifying the request before *Dirección General de Registros, Asociaciones Civiles y Fundaciones* (General Directorate of Registries, Civil Associations and Foundations) should the Board of Directors refuse to comply with the request;
- f. To convene an Extraordinary Member Assembly, informing the Control Organ, when members unsuccessfully submit a request for such an Assembly before the Board of Directors under Article 14;
- g. To oversee the operations for the liquidation of LACNIC. The Fiscal Commission shall fulfill its functions without interfering with the regular administration of the organization;
- h. In case of third-party accusations, to investigate and decide on any alleged incompatibilities of members of the Electoral Commission.

**** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 24 April 2003 (to solve an observation formulated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).***

**** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 29 May 2008.***

CHAPTER VI

ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 28:

The President of the Board or whoever replaces the President of the Board under these Bylaws shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To represent LACNIC together with its Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer;
2. To convene Member Assemblies as well as to summon and chair Board meetings;
3. During Board meetings, he/she shall have voting rights equivalent to those of the other Board members; in the event of a tie, he/she shall vote once again to break the tie;
4. To sign correspondence as well as the minutes of Board meetings and Member assemblies jointly with the Secretary;
5. To authorize expenditure accounts jointly with the Treasurer, signing receipts and other Treasury documents in accordance with the decisions of the Board, a function the President may delegate to the LACNIC staff. The President shall not allow social funds to be invested

in anything other than what is specified in these Bylaws;

6. To lead discussions as well as to suspend and terminate Board meetings and Assemblies when the order is disrupted and disrespect is shown;
7. To oversee the evolution and administration of LACNIC, complying with and enforcing the Bylaws, regulations and the resolutions of the Assemblies and the Board of Directors;

To penalize employees who do not fulfill their obligations and to adopt resolutions in unforeseen circumstances. In both cases, such decisions shall be adopted *ad referendum* of the next Board meeting. The President may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff

*** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 03 May 2016.**

CHAPTER VII

ABOUT THE SECRETARY

ARTICLE 29:

The Secretary or whoever replaces the Secretary under these Bylaws shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To attend Assemblies and Board meetings and draft the corresponding minutes, which will be recorded in the appropriate register and signed jointly with the President;
- b. To sign LACNIC's correspondence and documents jointly with the President;
- c. To summon Board meeting according to the provisions of Article23;
- d. To maintain the Book of Minutes and the Members' Registry, the latter jointly with the Treasurer.

CHAPTER VIII

ABOUT THE TREASURER

ARTICLE 30:

The Treasurer or whoever replaces the Treasurer under these Bylaws shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

1. To attend Board meetings and Member Assemblies;
2. To serve as liaison between the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Commission, including the latter's annual meeting with LACNIC staff;
3. To accompany the financial management of the organization;
4. To present their opinion on the financial reports before LACNIC's Ordinary Member Assembly;
5. To maintain the Members' Registry jointly with the Secretary, and to be responsible for all things relating to the collection of membership fees. The Treasurer may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
6. To keep the accounting books. The Treasurer may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff

7. To present monthly balance sheets to the Board and annually prepare the General Balance Sheet, Statement of Resources and Expenses, and Inventory, which, once approved by the Board, shall be submitted to the Ordinary Member Assembly. The Treasurer may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
8. To sign receipts and other treasury documents jointly with the President, executing the payments decided by the Board. The Treasurer may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
9. To deposit all funds collected by the organization in a banking institution under the name of LACNIC and requiring the joint signature of the President and the Treasurer, with the ability to maintain in such banking institution funds up to the amount authorized by the Board. The Treasurer may delegate this function to the LACNIC staff;
10. To report on the financial status of the organization to the Board and to the Fiscal Commission as required. The Treasurer may delegate this function to LACNIC staff.

** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 29 May 2008 and 03 May 2016.*

CHAPTER IX

ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPUTY TREASURER AND REGULAR MEMBER

ARTICLE 31:

The Vice President shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To attend Assemblies and Board of Director meetings, with full voting and speaking privileges.
- b. To undertake assignments and tasks entrusted by the Board of Directors;
- c. To fulfill the functions of the President of the Board should the President give notice of their absence or resignation;

The Deputy Secretary shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To attend Assemblies and Board of Director meetings, with full voting and speaking privileges.
- b. To undertake assignments and tasks entrusted by the Board of Directors;
- c. To fulfill the functions of the Secretary should the Secretary give notice of their absence or resignation;

The Deputy Treasurer shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To attend Assemblies and Board of Director meetings, with full voting and speaking privileges.
- b. To undertake assignments and tasks entrusted by the Board of Directors;
- c. To fulfill the functions of the Treasurer should the Treasurer give notice of their absence or resignation;

The Regular Member shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- a. To attend Assemblies and Board of Director meetings, with full voting and speaking privileges.
- b. To undertake the assignments and tasks entrusted by the Board of Directors;
- c. To fulfill the functions that the Board of Directors may entrust them should one of the Directors give notice of their absence or resignation.

** Article modified by the Member Assemblies held on 24 April 2003 and 28 May 2009.*

CHAPTER X

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

ARTICLE 32:

The Assembly may not decree the dissolution of LACNIC as long as there is a number of members willing to support the organization and ensure the proper functioning of the organization's internal bodies. Should dissolution become effective, liquidators will be appointed. These liquidators may be the Board itself or any other member committee that the Assembly may appoint. The Fiscal Commission shall oversee the operations for the liquidation of LACNIC. Once debts are paid in full, the remaining assets will be assigned to a legally incorporated charity domiciled in the country and exempted from all national, state and municipal taxes. The recipient of such remaining assets shall be designated by the Assembly deciding the dissolution.

** Article modified by the Member Assembly held on 29 May 2008.*