

Executive document for the process of transition of Mistica, drafted during the actual meeting in Juan Dolio, Dominican Republic, 6th to 10th December, 2004.

The actual meeting of the Mistica community held in Juan Dolio will be considered as the beginning of the new phase of Mistica and will be known from now on as M3.

As defined in the original design, the Mistica project was aimed at achieving the autonomy of the Virtual Community (VC) and consequently FUNREDES will cease to exert the functions of sponsoring and promoting the virtual community as of January 2005.

In this context, the challenge that must confront the VC consists of equipping itself with the necessary organizational and financial resources for independent management, oriented towards institutional decentralization. In this sense, the phase of transition has as its bottom line the task of guaranteeing the continuity and planning the growth of the VC.

During the process towards the autonomy called M2 a considerable volume of documents and exchanges between the members of the VC has been generated. These were the materials that, in the end, were put on the table of Juan Dolio to make decisions pertinent to the new stage of development of Mistica.

Finally, after an examination of the situation of the VC today, the real possibilities of guaranteeing its continuity in the conditions found currently in the region and the world, the needs that will have to be met in the next stage, and the commitment of the membership, the group meeting in Juan Dolio reached the following agreements:

1. To choose **a Transition Team (TT)**, comprising at least nine people, who will lead the process during a year that would have to end at the organization of Mystic like independent being. For the configuration of the **TT** the following profile of its members has been defined:

- Professional involvement in development activity
- Origin in the field of ICT for Development
- At least one year's membership of the Mistica VC
- Equity between sexes, geographic origin and sector of activity

2. Based on the stated criteria it was approved to propose to the following people present at the meeting to make up the **TT**:

- Adrián Rozengardt
- Bibiana Apolonia Del Brutto
- Holanda Castro
- Miguel Ángel Pérez Álvarez

- A representative of ACCESO
- A representative of RITS

Also invited to form part of the **TT** were the following people who were not present in Juan Dolio:

- Deirdre Williams
- Rafael Capurro
- Raisa Urribarri

The invitation will be made to them by email sent by Funredes as coordinating organization of this process.

3. The **TT** will keep to this **Mandate**, to which it will have to address itself to regulate all its actions and on the understanding that the Mistica VC will exert the final control of its activity.

4. The work of the members of the **TT** will adhere to a practice that respects the values and specific principles of Mistica contained in the original documents of the VC and others produced in the course of the time, and guarantees the continuity of its work during the transition phase.

5. The tasks of the **TT** will be as follows:

5.1 To develop and to implement a plan of management of members.

5.2 To identify products and services, to detect needs and to look for alliances with people, groups and institutions in order to guarantee the minimum necessary function for the VC during the period of transition within the principles and values of Mistica.

5.3 To redesign the organisational model of Mistica for a viable future.

5.4 To create and to project the image of Mistica according to the plan for management of members, on the one hand, and, on the other, to the planned external activity.

5.5 To produce financial feasibility studies for the unfolding of a later stage of Mystic, defined as M4.

5.6 To create, coordinate and monitor as many **Units of Management (UM)** as are necessary to complete the tasks set out in this mandate.

5.6.1 The **UM** will be made up in a transparent and voluntary manner of members of the VC, unpaid and expressly committed to the agreed work plans.

6. The **TT** will rely on the external advising of Funredes to facilitate its tasks during the phase of transition and take advantage of its years of accumulated experience.

7. For the implementation of the transition period, the following norms of operation have been defined:

7.1 The **Mandate** and all the activities of **the TT** will be published in a zone of the VC's website dedicated to **M3** for the information of the membership and the general public.

7.2 The members of the VC, either in the main list or in a sub-list, will discuss and contribute new energy on the decisions that are taken, always from the perspective of **the Mandate** granted to **the TT**.

7.3 It is responsibility of **the TT** and of the moderator to inform to the members of any new publication in the **M3 website**.

7.4 If it considers it advisable to improve its operation, at any time **the TT**, in consultation with the members, will be able to co-opt new members for **the UM**

7.5 **The TT**, in consultation with the members of the VC, will define the functions of **the new UM**, that, logically will have to agree with **the Mandate**, inviting members to constitute them, and will decide on the advisability of extending or to reducing these teams, always based on a criteria of efficiency and fulfillment of the objectives for which they were created.

8. The members of the **TT** have the responsibility to lead the process of transition from M3 to M4, and it is the members of the VC who, according to the mechanisms of participation for membership, will have to watch and to keep abreast of the performance of the **TT** and to encourage and to contribute to them to make the fulfillment of the present mandate possible.

This document, put to a vote, was approved by a majority.

Ayes:

Bibiana del Brutto, Argentina
Susana Finquelevich, Argentina
Adrián Rozengardt, Argentina
Paulo Lima, Brasil
Sam Lanfranco, Canadá
Angélica Ospina, Canadá
Ricardo Gómez, Colombia
Javier Pinzón, Colombia
Kemly Camacho, Costa Rica
Luis Ángel Fernández, España
Senaïda Jansen, República Dominicana
Margarita Jiménez, República Dominicana
Inmaculada Madera, República Dominicana
Lucie Philippeau, República Dominicana
Daniel Pimienta, República Dominicana
Ramón Rodríguez, República Dominicana
Holanda Castro, Venezuela
Pablo Liendo, Venezuela
Luis Germán Rodríguez L., Venezuela

Abstentions:

Michel Menou, Francia

Miguel Ángel Pérez Álvarez
México Erick Iriarte, Perú

Not present in the vote:

Taran Rampersad, Trinidad yTobago

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