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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALAC Statement on the Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs – Policy Amendment Process

Introduction

Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Chair, developed an initial draft of the Statement on behalf of the ALAC.

On 17 July 2018, the first draft of the Statement was posted on its [At-Large workspace](#).

On 30 July 2018, an updated draft of the Statement was posted to the same workspace, and ICANN Policy Staff in support of the At-Large Community sent a Call for Comments on the Statement to the At-Large Community via the ALAC Work mailing list.

On 31 July 2018, the ALAC Chair submitted comment, and requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote.

In the interest of time, the ALAC Chair requested that the Statement be transmitted to the ICANN public comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this topic, with a note that the Statement is pending ALAC ratification.

On 06 August 2018, Staff confirmed that the online vote results in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 13 votes in favor, 0 vote against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 86% (13) of the 15 ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Alan Greenberg, Alberto Soto, Andrei Kolesnikov, Bartlett Morgan, Bastiaan Goslings, Hadia Elminiawi, Javier Rua-Jovet, John Laprise, Kaili Kan, Maureen Hilyard, Ricardo Holmquist, Sebastien Bachollet and Tijani Ben Jemaa. 2 ALAC Members, Holly Raiche and Seun Ojedeji, did not vote. You may view the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=1188414sDGdaXU2fEin9ZPI34Kj>.

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The ALAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the **Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs – Policy Amendment Process**.

The ALAC has always taken the position that as a humanitarian organization, and one that has been regularly the target of those seeking to fraudulently attract donations, the Red Cross should be afforded the courtesy of having its various identifiers protected at the second level in gTLD domain names.

The current process recommends additional protection in this area and the recommendations are supported by the ALAC.