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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposed Update to Recommendation 7 by the New gTLD Auction Proceeds

Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP)

This correspondence by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is in response to the letter to the SO/AC Chairs dated 2 March 2024 from ICANN Board's Chair Tripti Sinha, regarding the Proposed Update to Recommendation 7 by the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP).

The letter was discussed by the members of the At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG) on 21 March 2024 and 28 March 2024. The following OFB-WG members volunteered to be penholders in the statement Alan Greenberg, Judith Hellerstein, Harold Arcos, Claire Craig, and Murial Alapini.

The OFB-WG discussed the draft response summarizing the position of the membership on this matter.

The draft text of this ALAC correspondence was ratified by the ALAC by vote held between 05 and 09 April 2024.

ALAC Correspondence on the Proposed Update to Recommendation 7 by the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP)

The ALAC, as one of the Chartering Organization of the gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP), confirms that the Board's interpretation of the CCWG-AP Recommendation is correct.

Removing the phrase "from the Independent Project Applications Evaluation Panel" from recommendation 7 is entirely in line with both the intent and the understanding of the recommendation that the ALAC had when it accepted and ratified the Final Report of the new gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross Community Working Group (ALAC Document AL-ALAC-ST-0720-05-01-EN dated 31 July 2020 - https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/143458359/AL-ALAC-ST-0720-05-01-EN.pdf).

On behalf of the ALAC, I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter on the "Proposed Update to Recommendation 7 by the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG-AP)

Sincerely,

Jonathan Zuck,

ALAC Chair