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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALAC Statement on Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement

Introduction

On 27 March 2019, public comment opened for the [Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement](#). The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop an ALAC statement on the public comment.

During the [CPWG meeting that week](#), members of the working group discussed the public comment, as well as the end user stance on the .asia Registry Agreement in relation to the other 3 Registry Agreements. Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair, volunteered as penholder for the statement.

On 08 April 2019, Maureen and At-Large community members began commenting on the At-Large [workspace](#) for the statement.

On 24 April 2019, a first draft of the ALAC statement was posted to its workspace, and presented on the CPWG call that week. ICANN policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for comments to the CPWG and ALAC mailing lists.

On 02 May 2019, Holly Raiche, ALAC Member of the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO), volunteered as co-penholder of the statement to help Maureen refine the statement according to community input on the CPWG call that day.

On 05 May 2019, a finalized statement was shared by Maureen and Holly. The ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, 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.

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The ALAC supports the proposed changes to the .asia (DotAsia) renewal agreement, with the following comments:

Universal Acceptance (UA): While Clause 1.2 of the proposed .asia (DotAsia) agreement encourages the adoption of Universal Acceptance (UA), it recognizes that registries may experience technical difficulties in its implementation. DotAsia already promotes UA within Asia and is a lead participant in the UASG, supported by the DotAsia Board. Therefore, the ALAC proposes that Clause 1.2 of the agreement be amended to read: ICANN encourages Universal Acceptance for all top level domain strings in contract with DotAsia.

Public Interest Commitments: The ALAC strongly supports clause 2.17 on Public Interest Commitments for DotAsia.

Fees to be paid to ICANN org: In respect of Section 6.1 of the proposed renewal agreement, the ALAC counsels for both the registry fixed fee (presently proposed at \$6,250 per calendar quarter) and the registry-level transaction fee (presently proposed at \$0.25 for each annual increment of an initial or renewal domain name registration) to be adjusted for inflation on an annual basis. This adjustment ought to also be adopted in the base Registry Agreement.