ALAC Statement on the Proposal for Limited Scope of the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) Review

During the ALAC Monthly Meeting on 20 December 2016, the proposed limited scope of the ATRT3 Review has been discussed. After consultation with ALAC Members who have participated in ATRT2, closely tracked ATRT2, and/or actively engaged in the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), the ALAC has reached agreement on the following:

The ALAC supports the CCWG-Accountability proposal of convening a narrowly-scoped ATRT3 Review Team as soon as possible, which is tasked with assessing the implementation of ARTR2 recommendations only as per the message from Mathieu Weill dated 02 December 2016. The ALAC also supports the proposal of requesting ICANN Staff to do a ?self-assessment? triage report on ATRT2 recommendations and their implementation, which will facilitate the completion of the ATRT3 work in an efficient manner. Should this go forward, the ALAC will encourage At-Large Community members who participated in previous ATRT Review Teams to apply for the ATRT3 Review Team and contribute to its Charter development process.

Nevertheless, the ALAC stresses that the proposed limited scope of ATRT3 should be considered exceptional. Future ATRT rounds should have the original full scope to cover accountability and transparency topics and make recommendations, as per requirements in the original Affirmation of Commitments (AoC) Reviews. Furthermore, the fourth ATRT should convene sooner before the maximum five years.

Lastly, the ALAC is concerned that the evaluation of the overall composition and balance of stakeholder representation in ICANN?s Multistakeholder Model is long overdue, an issue raised during the Second At-Large Summit. This review should either be addressed under ATRT4, or by a special review convened by the ICANN Board ensuring that appropriate consideration is given to all views from all stakeholders, proportionally to their scope, relevance, and decision-making requirements in ICANN.

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