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Jeff Neuman, New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Co-Chair Cheryl Langdon-Orr, New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Co-Chair

<u>Subject:</u> ALAC Input on Scope of Upcoming New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Public Comment

Dear Cheryl and Jeff,

The ALAC has been informed of the deliberations within the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group on its planned upcoming additional call for public comments and we support the approach to release for public comment, a version of a draft report which includes all of the WG's final draft recommendations, instead of confining the same to a narrower scope.

In particular, we note the views of several PDP WG members in advancing this approach. We also note the <u>letter of November 18, 2019</u> from the Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) to you as the WG's Co-Chairs, confirming the GAC's position in favour of placing all draft final recommendations out for community input.

While we understand there may be challenges for the WG in having to deal with fresh public comments which may affect recommendations the WG were already able to develop from prior public comments, the ALAC believes that the benefit and importance of having the community consider all draft final recommendations outweigh the impact of such challenges.

In particular, we believe putting out for comment the full slate of draft final recommendations would be a prudent course of action by the WG. Doing so will allow the community to understand the entire context to the WG's work on Subsequent Procedures, including crucial connections between topics which would otherwise most likely be effectively severed in a more narrowly-scoped approach. Facilitating comprehensive understanding and consideration through a report containing all draft final recommendations leads the community in precursor work needed towards the WG's goal of presenting community-wide accepted Final Report recommendations.

The At-Large Community and the ALAC continue to hold considered views on aspects of Subsequent Procedures and we look forward to the opportunity to provide inputs to the WG's full set of draft final recommendations ahead of the finalization of your report.

Kind Regards, Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

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