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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALAC Statement on IANA Naming Function Review: Recommendation for an IANA Naming Function Contract Amendment

Introduction

On 10 February 2021, Public Comment opened for <u>IANA Naming Function Review</u>: <u>Recommendation for an IANA Naming Function Contract Amendment</u>. On the same day, an At-Large <u>workspace</u> was created for the statement. The At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG), decided it would be in the interest of end users to potentially develop an ALAC statement on the Public Comment.

On <u>24 February 2021</u>, Amy Creamer, ICANN Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) Sr. Project Manager and staff contact for the Public Comment, presented to the OFB-WG on the topic. In her presentation, she reviewed the recent <u>IANA Function Review Team Webinar</u>. After her presentation, the OFB-WG decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop an ALAC statement on the Public Comment, and Ricardo Holmquist, former Chair of the OFB-WG, volunteered to draft the ALAC statement.

On <u>03 March 2021</u>, Ricardo Holmquist presented to the OFB-WG a draft statement, generally in support of the contract amendment. The OFB-WG provided input on the At-Large points of consensus, and ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community posted the draft statement to its <u>workspace</u>. A final call for comments was issued to the OFB-WG and ALAC mailing lists.

On 16 March 2021, comments from Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) ALAC Member Justine Chew were incorporated into the final statement.

On 17 March 2021, Ricardo Holmquist finalized the ALAC statement. The ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, requested that the statement be ratified by the ALAC before submission to ICANN Public Comment.

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The ALAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the IANA Naming Function Review: Recommendation for IANA Naming Function Contact Amendment as drafted by the IANA Naming Function Review Team.

The ALAC encouraged the ICANN Board to fulfil their initial report recommendations in our <u>response to the IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Initial Report</u>, and as this Contract Amendment is recommendation #4 of the report, we support it.

Please note that ALAC support for this proposed contract amendment is premised on our acceptance of the IFRT's rationale that it seeks to remove a now operational impracticality arising from a legacy statement from the NTIA contract (i.e., to eliminate redundancy).