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## AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### ALAC Statement on ccNSO Proposed Policy on the Retirement of ccTLDs

#### Introduction

On 22 November 2021, Public Comment opened for the [ccNSO Proposed Policy on the Retirement of ccTLDs](#). On the same day, an At-Large [workspace](#) was created for the statement. 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, and Hadia Elminiawi and Barrack Otieno, ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO, volunteered to form a small drafting team for the ALAC statement.

On 3 January 2022, the topics for At-Large consideration with regards to the Public Comment were presented to the CPWG. It was determined that the CPWG and ALAC would need more time to develop a statement on the topic.

On 10 January 2022, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, and CPWG Co-Chairs, requested an extension to submit an ALAC statement to the Public Comment. The extension request was granted, to 19 January 2022.

On [12 January 2022](#), Hadia Elminiawi presented the draft ALAC statement to the CPWG for feedback. ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community created a Google Doc for drafting purposes, and shared the draft statement to its [workspace](#) and on the weekly [CPWG agenda](#). ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community shared the draft statement on the CPWG and ALAC mailing lists for final comment.

On 14 January 2022, Hadia Elminiawi finalized the ALAC statement with input from Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Vice Chair for Policy and CPWG Co-Chair. The same day, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, requested that the statement be ratified by the ALAC before submission to ICANN Public Comment.

On 18 January 2022, staff confirmed the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 100% (15) of the 15 ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Carlos Aguirre, Dave Kissoondoyal, Gregory Shatan, Holly Raiche, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, Laura Margolis, Marita Moll, Matthias Hudobnik, Maureen Hilyard, Naveed Bin Rais, Pari Esfandiari, Raymond Mamattah, Sarah Kiden, and Sindy Obed. You may view the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=1344512cjUyMh2usXDQjkmQxdn7>

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The ALAC appreciates the opportunity to provide its input in relation to the ccNSO proposed policy on the retirement of ccTLDs to the ICANN Board.

In general, the ALAC supports the approach, definition and process descriptions. However, we would like to highlight the importance of:

- Assessing the impact of the retirement of a ccTLD on national interests and registrants.
- Having a clear review process for the two issues that could trigger a review mechanism.

Finally, we do not have any concerns pertaining to the proposed ccNSO retirement process of ccTLDs, but would like to ensure a transparent and smooth process that considers all stakeholders in its implementation.

In particular, the ALAC would like to see a more formal impact assessment performed on the ccTLD, prior to its retirement. In the past, the implications for registrants have varied considerably and coming up with a more formalized process for notification and relocation, seems prudent. In addition, details of the communication plan that advises registrants of the ccTLD need to ensure that both the interests of the registrants, and the national interests of the country are taken into consideration.