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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALAC Statement on the ICANN Board's Closed Session on 23-June-2012 to
Adopt the Draft .com Renewal Agreement

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

Alan Greenberg, ALAC Liaison to the GNSO and At-Large member from the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO), composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large.

On 28 June 2012, this Statement was discussed in the [ALAC & Regional Leadership Wrap-up Meeting](#).

During that meeting, a call for comments on the draft Statement was sent to all present At-Large members, as well as those participating via Remote Participation. A second draft was produced after incorporating the comments and suggestions of all members.

The Chair of the ALAC then requested that ratification be held on the Statement.

Staff then confirmed that the vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 13 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

The statement was read by the Chair of the ALAC during the 28 June 2012 ICANN Prague Public Forum. The Chair then requested that the Statement be sent to the Chair of the ICANN Board, with a copy sent to the ICANN Board Secretary.

[End of Introduction]

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The At-Large Advisory Committee wishes to express its disappointment with the Board's decision to meet in a closed session on Saturday 23 June to adopt the draft .com renewal agreement:

<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-23jun12-en.htm#2>.

ICANN Staff had placed this topic on the Thursday 28 June public forum agenda some time ago, and the .com renewal item remains on the public forum topic list. Although we were aware that the .com agreement was on the Board's agenda, we were not aware of the intent to approve the agreement at its closed session.

This comment is not with regard to the merits of the Board's action nor on the content of the .com agreement. The process followed by the Board is objectionable at a time when ICANN is subject to increased scrutiny. To give the impression that the Board is interested in additional community comments, but then make a decision five days earlier is not appropriate. It is imperative that the Board hold itself to the highest standards of transparency and accountability that it is mandated to uphold.