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Statement of the Committee

Related to the Draft Topic Paper for Policy on the Introduction of IDN ccTLD

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

The ALAC Statement on the Draft Topic Paper for Policy on the Introduction of IDN ccTLD was originally drafted by James Seng, Chair of the At-Large working group on IDN Policy. The original text was made available for At-Large community feedback on November 25th 2009.

This text was further discussed during a teleconference of the At-Large Working Group on IDN Policy that took place on December 3rd 2009.

The first revision of this document (the present version) was prepared by James Seng and incorporates comments received from the At-Large community on the original version.

The Chair of the ALAC asked the At-Large Staff to submit the Statement to the Public Consultation Process on the Draft Topic Paper for Policy on the Introduction of IDN ccTLD on December 4th with a note indicating that the document is currently undergoing the ALAC ratification process. The online vote on this Statement ends on December 9th at which point it will be re-sent to the Staff person responsible for this Public Consultation with a copy going to the ICANN Board of Directors.

[End of Introduction]

ALAC Statement on Draft Topic Paper for Policy on the Introduction of IDN ccTLD

ALAC is please to see ccNSO undertaking the enormous and challenging task of developing the policy for IDN ccTLD.

ALAC has reviewed the Draft Topic Paper for Policy on the Introduction of IDN ccTLDs.

We would like to propose the following questions for ccNSO IDN PDP WG1 considerations.

1) How does one select IDN ccTLD operator for a territory? Can a third party be an IDN ccTLD operator? If so, what is the criteria and process for the selection of IDN ccTLD operator? If there is more than one IDN ccTLD strings for a territory, can it go to different operators?

2) Additional to Topic 2: Should the IDN ccTLD string be related to the territory name?

3) Additional to Topic 3: Should there be a limited on the numbers of IDN ccTLD string per territory? Or should there be limited on how many IDN ccTLD string a territory can apply per year?

4) Additional to Topic 3: Should IDN ccTLD string be delegated per language or per script?

5) Additional to Topic 5: Should there be a technical requirement to implement IPv6 and DNSSEC?

6) Additional to Topic 8: Who select or delegate the group that has the "rights" to a particular script of the IDN ccTLD?

7) Additional to Topic 12: If a territory is granted multiple IDN ccTLD strings in different scripts but in the same language, e.g. variants of the same IDN ccTLD, should it be allowed to charge registrants multiple times for each IDN ccTLD strings in different scripts?

ALAC would like to thank ccNSO for giving the public the opportunity to provide feedback to its considerations.

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