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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At-Large Statement on the .ASIA One and Two Character Allocation Proposal

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

Rinalia Abdul Rahim, ALAC Executive Committee member from the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO), originally composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large.

On 12 December, this Statement was posted on the [At-Large .ASIA One and Two Character Allocation Proposal Workspace](#).

On that same day, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested At-Large Staff to send a three-day call for comments on the draft Statement to all At-Large members via the ALAC-Announce Mailing List.

On December 15, the Chair of the ALAC requested that Staff open a five-day ALAC ratification on the Statement. The Chair also requested that the Statement be transmitted to the public comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this public comment topic, along with a note saying that the document was currently undergoing ALAC ratification with a vote to start shortly.

[End of Introduction]

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At-Large Statement on the .ASIA One and Two Character Allocation Proposal

The ALAC network of 138 At-Large Structures around the world reaches vast numbers of Internet Users across 63 countries and territories. This extensive network includes those where IDN single and double characters are desired, particularly in the Asia Pacific region.

On 10th May 2010, the At-Large Advisory Committee submitted the [ALAC Statement on IDN Issues](#). In this statement, we expressed our belief that "every culture and language is unique" and "IDNs are complex issues that vary from language to language, culture to culture".

On 3 January 2011, the At-Large Advisory Committee submitted the [ALAC Statement on Draft Final Report on Policy Aspects Regarding Introduction of Single Character IDN TLDs](#). In this statement we "support the recommendation that Single Character and Two Characters IDNs at the Top Level and Second Level should not be restricted in general and be reviewed on a case-by-case basis."

Consistent with our previous statements on IDN issues, we re-emphasize our recommendation that Single Character and Two Characters IDNs at the Top Level and Second Level should not be restricted in general and be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.