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ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project: Status Update

A. Introduction

This Status Update on the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project outlines the significant progress made by the At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce toward the implementation of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Recommendations.

Specifically, this Status Update shows the current status of the ALAC/At-Large Recommendations as outlined in the Final Report of the ALAC Review Working Group on ALAC Improvements (9 June 2009) and further defined in the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan (7 June 2010). The Update also provides the status of the series of Action Items aimed at implementing each of the Recommendations as developed by the four At-Large Improvements Working Teams between September 2010 and March 2011.

As illustrated in the table below in Section F, and more fully in the appendix, the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project is well on its way to completion with the majority of Recommendations and Action Items either fully or substantially completed.

The At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce is on track to submit the final report of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project by the 44th ICANN Meeting.

B. Background of ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project

On 9 June 2009, the Final Report of the ALAC Review Working Group on ALAC Improvements was published, incorporating input from two public-comment periods. In its 13 Recommendations, the Final Report identified key areas of needed improvement, focusing on At-Large's organization, effectiveness, participation, and relationship to other ICANN entities.

On 26 June 2009, the ICANN Board resolved to direct ICANN Staff to assist the At-Large community in developing a proposed implementation plan and timeline for the Recommendations in the ALAC Review Final Report (excluding the Recommendation to provide At-Large with voting seats) and to submit these to the Structural Improvements Committee (SIC) for review and Board approval.

At its 19 June 2010 meeting, the SIC acknowledged receipt from Staff and the At-Large community of the implementation plan and timeline, entitled "ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan," dated 7 June 2010, and resolved to recommend it to the ICANN Board for consideration.

At its 25 June 2010 Meeting, the Board resolved to direct ICANN's President and CEO to provide the Board with a summary of the "ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan" dated 7 June 2010, for consideration at the next Board meeting, if practicable.

At its 5 August 2010 Meeting, the Board resolved to approve the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project Plan and directed ICANN's President and CEO to take action according to the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan and report back on the progress at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

On 10 December 2010, during ICANN's 2010 Annual General Meeting, the Chair of the ALAC provided an update on the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan in her Chair's Report, prepared in collaboration with Staff.

At its 23 October 2011 Meeting, the SIC acknowledged receipt from Staff of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project Milestone Report dated 9 October 2011, which provided an update on the

implementation of the Recommendations in the ALAC Review Final Report and transmitted it to the ICANN Board.

During the Board Meeting of October 28, 2011, the Board resolved to acknowledge receipt of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Project Milestone Report and recognized the substantial amount of work done thus far by the ALAC and At-Large community toward implementing the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Recommendations.

C. Activity of the At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce between ICANN's 42nd and 43rd Meetings

The At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce was established by the ALAC during the 42nd ICANN Meeting in Dakar. This Taskforce consists of members from each of the five At-Large Regional At-Large Organizations.

Since November 2011, the Taskforce has held weekly meetings in which it has systematically reviewed the remaining Recommendations and Action Items for their implementation identified by the At-Large Improvements Work Teams. The Taskforce has assigned the remaining Action Items to already-existing At-Large Working Groups and established timelines for their completion.

D. Planned Activities of the At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce during the 43rd ICANN Meeting

During the 43rd ICANN Meeting scheduled to take place in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 11-16 March 2012, the At-Large Improvements Taskforce will hold a half-day workshop as well as meet with the members of the SIC.

The At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce Workshop will be a half-day meeting focusing on the drafting of the ALAC Vision Statement, review of remaining At-Large Improvements Implementation activities, and outlining steps to ensure that both the RALOs and their individual At-Large Structures as well as the At-Large Working Groups are fully integrated into the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project and any ongoing monitoring activities.

The members of the At-Large Improvements Implementation Taskforce will meet with the members of the SIC to discuss the status of the At-Large Improvements Implementation and steps toward the completion of the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project.

E. Proposed Next Steps for the Completion of the ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Project

The next steps of the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project will be determined primarily by the action items deriving from the At-Large Improvements half-day workshop to be held during the 43rd ICANN Meeting in Costa Rica.

It is expected that these action items will include informing the ALAC Executive Committee, At-Large Working Groups and Regional At-Large Organizations and their individual At-Large Structures of the tasks that they have been asked to implement or monitor.

A final report will be prepared for submission to the SIC during the 44th ICANN Meeting scheduled for 24-29 June in Prague.

F. ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation: Status of Recommendations

ALAC/At-Large Improvements Implementation Status of Recommendations

Recommendation	Status (% completed)			
	25%	50%	75%	100%
1: ICANN bylaws				100%
2: Board member				100%
3: RALO-ALAC structure				100%
4: Education/engagement			75%	
5: Strategic/operational plans			75%	
6: Cost models				100%
7: Communication tools				100%
8: Public comment period		50%		
9: Translation processes				100%
10: Home of individual users				100%
11: Board statement re Rec 10				100%
12: Input from consumer reps			75%	
13: Policy advice mechanisms			75%	

Appendix

The appendix, which forms an integral part of this Status Update, includes tables of each of the 13 Recommendations as outlined in the Final Report of the ALAC Review Working Group on ALAC Improvements (9 June 2009) and further defined in the At-Large Improvements Implementation Project Plan (7 June 2010). The Recommendations are listed individually in the order of the ALAC Review Final Report recommendations.

Each Recommendation table consists of the following information:

- The number of the Recommendation;
- A summary of the Recommendations within the ALAC Review Final Report;
- The Action Items developed by each of the At-Large Improvements Working Team in order to implement that specific Recommendation;
- The status of each Recommendation and Action Item – that is, the extent to which they have already been implemented by the ALAC and At-Large;
- Notes that further clarify how the Recommendation or Action Item has been implemented and any next steps required.

The appendix has been designed to be primarily wiki-based. However, the tables have also been included in a separate document.