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The Statement of Motivation

I would like to express my interest in the position as an ALAC Member.

In March, I completed the ICANN79 Fellowship program, which I found extremely enriching. The opportunity to participate in the Community Forum and interact with members of various structures and communities sparked my interest in getting more involved in this environment. Since then, I have participated in numerous EURALO and At-Large calls and have become even more compelled to engage meaningfully.

Even though my experience with ICANN and ALAC might not be relatively long, for years I have been involved in initiatives related to their work, particularly advocating for end users' rights. Since 2017, I have been active in projects with the goal of supporting privacy rights, a multi-stakeholder approach, and the inclusion of minorities.

Two topics closest to my heart are youth representation in Internet governance and cybersecurity of individuals. For this reason, in 2020, along with two colleagues, I founded Youth IGF Poland with the goal of promoting the idea of Internet governance and empowering the next generation of Internet leaders in my country. At my current position at NASK as a senior cybersecurity policy analyst, I have the opportunity to take actions in my second field of interest, such as spreading the knowledge about best practices in protecting one's privacy and safety in the digital environment.

Moreover, I believe my knowledge and expertise as a lawyer specializing in the new technology regulations, with a particular focus on cybersecurity, could be useful for ALAC's work. However, what I especially intend to bring to the table is the fresh perspective and ideas on how to improve the community building around the organization's initiatives. I have skills and experience in this area – as an example, I have led the Project Youth Summit, that gathered over 100 volunteers to prepare policy papers presenting youth views on the various fields of Internet Governance. I believe that youth participation is crucial because of the unique perspective young people present and their role in ensuring the continuity of operation of each organization. For these reasons, I am confident that I could contribute to ALAC by developing strategies to attract more youth to its community.