

6th of January 2013

**NOTE**  
**to the ALAC ATRT2 Endorsement Sub-Committee**

**1. Why do you believe that you are in a position to fairly assess ICANN's mechanisms for accountability, transparency and public input?**

*I would bring to ATRT2 a high-level experience, gained both within and outside ICANN, in assessing ICANN's mechanisms for accountability, transparency and public input.*

*Within ICANN. As a member of the Board of Directors of ICANN (2007-10), I chose to be involved in a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which provided me with an overview of the processes, mechanisms and structures within ICANN.*

- *Accountability & Transparency. As a member of the President's Strategy Committee involved in drafting "Improving Institutional Confidence: the way forward" ( <http://www.icann.org/en/jpa/iic/iic-the-way-forward-31may09-en.pdf> ), I took an active part in the debate on accountability and transparency. Some of the conclusions in this document were later taken up in the Affirmation of Commitments.*
- *Oversight of ICANN's obligations. I took part in the Board debate on the transition from the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) to the Affirmation of Commitments (AoC) between ICANN and the US Department of Commerce (DoC), a landmark in the evolution of ICANN.*
- *Public input. I set up and was the first Chair of the Board's Public Participation Committee (PPC), with the aim of "Assisting the Board in improving Public Participation in ICANN's policy development activities" ( <http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/participation/charter> ).*
- *Reviews. I was active in several Reviews conducted by the ICANN Board, including of the ALAC (I supported the attribution of a voting seat on the Board to a person designated by ALAC), and of the ccNSO (as Chair).*
- *A combination of ICANN perspectives. In addition to my experience on the Board, I have the benefit of service on the ALAC (2010-12, re-appointed for a second term 2012-14).*

*Outside of ICANN, I held positions of responsibility requiring the highest standards of trust, reliability and effectiveness. As a diplomat, including ten consecutive years as an Ambassador, I worked with –and often led– teams from various cultural, linguistic and professional backgrounds, in tasks ranging from the formulation of public policy to the evaluation of development projects, from oversight of top*

*management to auditing the effectiveness of budget allocations.*

## **2. Why do you believe you are in a position to assess ICANN's focus on the global public interest?**

*Both on the ICANN Board and as a member of ALAC, I have steadfastly promoted the notion that, even within the bounds of ICANN's technical remit, the global public interest is of paramount importance. In ICANN Public Fora, I have often defended this view. Outside of ICANN, I have made statements to the same effect in several IGFs, and spoken on this theme in conferences (e.g. GIGA1 in Hyderabad, universities in China...). I also initiated and co-authored public statements or open letters in defense of the global public interest, e.g. in the process for the selection of ICANN's CEO, [http://www.circleid.com/posts/selecting\\_icanns\\_next\\_ceo\\_a\\_letter\\_to\\_the\\_chair\\_of\\_the\\_board/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/selecting_icanns_next_ceo_a_letter_to_the_chair_of_the_board/).*

*Shortly after being appointed as a member of ALAC, I proposed setting up its "Future Challenges Working Group" (FCWG). With my Co-Chair Evan Leibovitch, we initiated an analysis of the larger challenges facing the Internet and ICANN, which led to a team of 6 co-authors drafting a document entitled "Making ICANN Relevant, Responsive and Respected" (R3), unanimously adopted by the ALAC as a White Paper <https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/At-Large+Future+Challenges+WG+-R3+White+Paper>. In its recommendations, this White Paper calls for a clearer view of, and wider support for, the global public interest throughout ICANN. R3 was presented in a recent webinar, and will be the basis of a public debate at the ICANN-46 meeting in Beijing.*

*In each of the Reviews of which I was a member, the global public interest was always one of my criteria in determining the value of a proposal or result.*

## **3. Why do you believe that you will be able to do the above from the perspective of the ALAC and the global ICANN At-Large Community?**

*I will be able to discharge these duties from our common perspective for at least three reasons:*

- Having been a member of the ICANN Board and now a second-term member of the ALAC, I have the benefit of a dual perspective within ICANN: the constraints of decision-making, as well as the concerns of the general Internet user.*
- Throughout my life, I have worked with people from various cultural, linguistic and professional backgrounds, and this has given me a vibrant sense of the global public interest. My working languages are French, English, Chinese, Japanese (and Finnish passively).*
- I have no conflict of interest in any ICANN-related matter.*