AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALAC Statement on the Proposed implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D

Introduction

Holly Raiche, ALAC member of the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) and ALAC Leadership Team (ALT) member, developed an initial draft of the ALAC Statement.

On 20 November 2015, the first draft of the Statement was posted on the At-Large Proposed implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D Workspace.

On that same date, Alan Greenberg, Chair of the ALAC, requested ICANN Policy Staff in support of the ALAC to send a Call for Comments on the Statement to all At-Large members via the ALAC-Announce Mailing List.

On 30 November 2015, a version incorporating the comments received was posted on the aforementioned workspace and the Chair requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote on the proposed Statement.

On 07 December 2015, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 11 votes in favor, 0 vote against, and 0 abstention. You may view the result independently under: https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=5259BSwQHgWvWZNPR3sySV2s.

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The ALAC supports the Report of the Implementation of the GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations of the IRTP-D. However, in discussions in the original WG and the Implementation WG, the ALAC stressed the need for clear and accessible information on both the transfer process itself and the dispute resolution mechanisms for non-compliant transfers. Specifically, the recommendations are:

Recommendation #11.The WG recommends that ICANN take the necessary steps to display information relevant to disputing non-compliant transfers prominently on its website and assure the information is presented in a simple and clear manner and is easily accessible for registrants.

Recommendation #12. The WG recommends that ICANN create and maintain a user-friendly, one-stop website containing all relevant information concerning disputed transfers and potential remedies to registrants. Such a website should be clearly accessible from or integrated into the ICANN Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities page or similar.

That information is not currently on the ICANN website in a place or format that would be easily accessible and understood by registrants. We therefore urge the GNSO to ensure that such information is provided on the ICANN website in clear, simple language as soon as possible.