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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALAC STATEMENT ON PROPOSED CONSENSUS POLICY ON PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT NAMES IN ALL GENERIC TOP-LEVEL DOMAINS

Introduction

On 21 November 2018, public comment opened for the [Proposed Consensus Policy on Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains](#). The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) decided it would be in the interest of ALAC to develop a statement on behalf of Internet end users, and Justine Chew, member of the Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Regional Organization (APRALO) volunteered to become penholder of the statement.

On 12 December 2018, Justine drafted an initial statement on behalf of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). ICANN policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for comments on the statement to the At-Large community via the ALAC work mailing list. Brief comments from the At-Large community and ALAC Members were posted on the statement's [At-Large workspace](#).

On 14 December 2018, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, requested that the statement be transmitted to the ICANN public comment process, copying the ICANN staff member responsible for this topic, with a note that the statement is pending ALAC ratification.

On 17 December 2018, staff confirmed that the online vote results in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 14 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 93.33% (14) of the 15 ALAC Members participated in the poll. The ALAC Members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Bartlett Morgan, Bastiaan Goslings, Hadia Elminiawi, Holly Raiche, Humberto Carrasco, Javier Rua-Jovet, John Laprise, Kaili Kan, Marita Moll, Maureen Hilyard, Ricardo Holmquist, Sebastien Bachollet, Seun Ojedeji and Tijani Ben Jemaa. One ALAC Member, Joanna Kulesza, did not vote. You may view the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=1336305Tbh3XX8aBCdTzVdkZVGG>.

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The ALAC appreciates the work of the Reconvened Working Group for Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains (Reconvened WG) and the opportunity to comment on its recommendations as contained in the **Final Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains Policy Amendment Process** dated 05 August 2018.

The ALAC continues to take the position that as a humanitarian organization, and one that has been regularly the target of those seeking to fraudulently attract donations, the Red Cross should be afforded the courtesy of having its various identifiers protected at the second level in gTLD domain names. Following our statement of support for the Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs – Policy Amendment Process of 20 June 2018, (ref: [AL-ALAC-ST-0731-01-01-EN](#)), the ALAC:

- Supports the Reconvened WG's recommendations to the GNSO Council's proposed amendments (i.e. Recommendations #1, #2 and #3) as these provide clarity to the protection, exception and correction/modification mechanisms for the existing and agreed finite list of the full names of the 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies vis a vis Specification 5 of the Base Registry Agreement; and
- Also supports the Reconvened WG's recommendations in addition to the proposed amendments (i.e. Recommendations #4, #5 and #6) as these provide clarity to the criteria and process to be used (including suggesting that any future changes to the finite list be proposed only by official representatives of the Red Cross Movement, as well as the involvement of the GAC and the GNSO Council) in the consideration of such proposed changes.