

ALAC - January 2011 - Statement on the ATRT Final Recommendations

Draft ALAC Statement: (prepared by C. Langdon-Orr with assistance by staff).

We, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), very much appreciate the work of the Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) in preparing their Final Recommendations. The thoroughness in their approach to the review is evident in the Final Recommendations.

However, we would like to request feedback on how the following sections of the Affirmation of Commitments (Affirmation) paragraph 9.1 will be addressed in the context of the ATRT's Final Recommendations. In addition, the ALAC also seeks assurance from the ICANN Board that the matters raised in the following sections will be a priority of the following Accountability and Transparency Review Team's activities:

- *(d) continually assessing the extent to which ICANN's decisions are embraced, supported and accepted by the public and the Internet community; and*
- *(e) assessing the policy development process to facilitate enhanced cross community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development. ICANN will organize a review of its execution of the above commitments no less frequently than every three years, with the first such review concluding no later than December 31, 2010. The review will be performed by volunteer community members and the review team will be constituted and published for public comment, and will include the following (or their designated nominees): the Chair of the GAC, the Chair of the Board of ICANN, the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the DOC, representatives of the relevant ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations and independent experts. Composition of the review team will be agreed jointly by the Chair of the GAC (in consultation with GAC members) and the Chair of the Board of ICANN. Resulting recommendations of the reviews will be provided to the Board and posted for public comment. The Board will take action within six months of receipt of the recommendations. Each of the foregoing reviews shall consider the extent to which the assessments and actions undertaken by ICANN have been successful in ensuring that ICANN is acting transparently, is accountable for its decision-making, and acts in the public interest. Integral to the foregoing reviews will be assessments of the extent to which the Board and staff have implemented the recommendations arising out of the other commitment reviews enumerated below.*

This Statement was reviewed by the At-Large Improvements Work Team A on 27 January 2011. They approved the above text.