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ALAC Statement on the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper

Introduction

Eduardo Diaz, ALAC member of the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO), with the assistance from Carlton Samuels, member of the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), developed an initial draft of the ALAC Statement.

On 30 September 2015, the first draft of the Statement was posted on the [At-Large New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper Workspace](#).

On that same day, 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 10 October 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 15 October 2015, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 14 votes in favor, 0 vote against, and 1 abstention. You may view the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=51307xqR7qcPnAVuMVLjDHjd>.

ALAC Statement on the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper

The ALAC is in general accordance with the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Discussion Paper. We believe that the approach of creating a drafting team to develop a charter for a Cross-Community Working Group on the new gTLD Auction Proceeds is the right one.

We recommend that the drafting team is made up of at least 2 persons per chartering SO/AC and with representation from all SO/ACs that indicate an interest.

The ALAC further recommends that any charter reported broadly: 1) affirms the principles of openness and transparency in allocation of funds, 2) embraces the concept that the use of the auction proceeds should be in tune with the ICANN Strategic Plan; and 3) must favour extending the global public interest in concrete ways and endowing the Affirmation of Commitments, especially as they converge on consumer trust and confidence in the Domain Name System.