AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ALAC Statement

On ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD

Introduction
By the Staff of ICANN

The attached statement on the Report of Possible Process Options for Further Consideration of the ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD was drafted by Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) with the help of the members of the ALAC Executive Committee.

The draft statement was submitted for review to the wider At-Large community and discussed on the mailing lists and the monthly conference calls of the regional At-Large organizations (RALOs). The RALOs from North America and Asia, Australasia, and the Pacific Islands decided to submit individual regional statements, which have been appended to the ALAC Statement.

On April 29th, the Chair of the ALAC asked the Staff to start a five-day online vote on the ALAC Statement on the ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD.

The online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement unanimously. You may review the result independently under:
https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=2AzcTXhB8MGuGtJCA9Ru

On May 10th 2010, the statement was transmitted to the public consultation process on the Report of Possible Process Options for Further Consideration of the ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD with a copy going to the ICANN Board of Directors.

[End of Introduction]

Draft ALAC Statement on the Report of Possible Process Options for Further Consideration of the ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD

On the issue of Possible Process Options for Further Consideration of the ICM Application for the .XXX sTLD, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is concerned with the transparency and accountability of the processes being undertaken. We also note the considerable time taken in and thoroughness of the independent review of this matter and as such the ALAC supports that the process be carried out in an expedient, equitable, and defensible manner taking into account the decision of the independent review panel. We would like to see the issue settled quickly with the necessary transparency.

Regional Statements/Comments

AFRALO

AFRALO supports the ALAC Statement and decided not to submit a separate regional Statement on this consultation.(see email sent on April 24th)

APRALO

Statement drafted by Hong Xue and unanimously supported and endorsed as an APRALO Statement at the meeting of 27/04/2010

APRALO agrees with the statement made by ALAC The .XXX is primarily an issue of procedural justice. ICANN has to follow truthfully the procedures set up by itself. We support ICANN to be a transparent, neutral and effective coordinator of the Internet domain name system, rather than interfering with the issues that are not really in its mandate. However, we do not have an interest in supporting any specific TLD, which we believe is out of the mission of the At-Large community.

EURALO

During the April 20th conference call, EURALO decided to support the ALAC Statement not to submit a separate regional Statement on this consultation.

LACRALO

LACRALO supports the ALAC Statement and decided not to submit a separate regional Statement on this consultation.

NARALO

NARALO Statement drafted by Gareth Shearman

During our most recent NARALO conference call (April 12th, 2010) the consensus of the discussion was that, given the wide spread support for the domain when it was first proposed and that the legal process has now rejected the validity of ICANN's initial resolution of the matter, ICANN should just approve the request without further unwarranted process.

The consensus of the meeting was that this was a free speech issue and as such the establishment of the domain should not be refused.