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ICANN/SO-AC LEADERS Brainstorming Collaboration

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Dear David,

The At-Large Community has discussed the outcome of the ICANN/SO-AC Leaders Collaborative Brainstorming Conference Call and the proposals for the Buenos Aires meeting which have been suggested on the SO/AC mailing list. We issued a formal call for comments to our members and received a comprehensive response.

On the whole, our community welcomed the SO/AC cross-constituency session on Monday afternoon. As a supporter of "breaking down the silos", the ALAC can only applaud the reinstatement of such a session, noting that it has issued Statements in the past that have asked precisely for its reinstatement. Some members were not too keen on the selection of subjects, especially the "policy vs. implementation" topic which is already the subject of a GNSO working group. The "Public Interest Commitment (PIC) issues" was more welcome – with the ALAC having already expressed its position strongly on this topic.

Our community has not been as welcoming for moving the public forum to Thursday morning. It was indeed understood that moving the public forum forward will only serve to make the ICANN week even

shorter than it currently is. It has been customary for the ALAC to hold its wrap-up meeting on Thursday morning in order to finalise any Statement or declaration it wished to present at the afternoon Public Forum. The bringing forward of the Forum will require the ALAC to find an alternative time to work and this will undeniably affect our whole week of work.

This additional shortening of the ICANN week is therefore most unwelcome. The ALAC has advocated the return of Fridays due to its community having to crunch too much work in too little time. This proposal does exactly the opposite and will trigger earlier and earlier departures thus shortening the week even further.

Several ALAC members taking part in the Meetings Strategy Working Group also expressed their surprise at having been sidelined for this brainstorming call which has given rise to a proposal for Buenos Aires. Does this mean that the work that the Meetings Strategy Working Group undertook on this topic is void?

Kind regards,

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