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ALAC Statement on the Draft Final Report of the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

Carlton Samuels, ALAC member from the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large.

On 12 November, 2011 this Statement was posted on [At-Large Draft Final Report of the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group Workspace](#).

On that same day, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested At-Large Staff to send a five-day call for comments on the draft Statement to all At-Large members via the ALAC-Announce Mailing List.

On November 17, 2011 the Chair of the ALAC requested that At-Large Staff start a five-day ALAC vote on the Statement. The Chair also requested that the Statement be transmitted to the public comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this public comment topic, along with a note saying that the document was currently undergoing ALAC ratification with a vote to start shortly.

On November 25, 2011 Staff confirmed that the vote was quorate with 14 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. You may independently review the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=2952JhBViwUhSNG3hw6XTUuC>

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The ALAC endorses the three (3) recommendations of the WG and adopt them to our framework of principles intended to promote and safeguard the public interest. These recommendations reinforce our own commitment to support mechanisms that nourish accountability at every level of the Internet ecosystem, specifically those which provide some measure of assurance that all actors in the internet ecosystem can be addressed for redress of grievance.

The ALAC is on record for support of a WHOIS dataset and management protocol that is fit to purpose. In this context, we have consistently supported the implementation of a WHOIS service within the spirit, if not the letter, of the existing Registrar Accreditation Agreement. Coming on the increasing numbers of users from places and cultures whose ordinary language for communication use non-ASCII characters, we are emphatic that these users be relieved of any perceived disability and offered the same protections we seek for traditional ASCII-based scripts and Latinized languages on the Internet. Established standards are extremely important to furtherance of this vision.

In our view, the recommendations below are eminently sensible and deserve our full support:

***“Recommendation 1:** ICANN staff should develop, in consultation with the community, a data model for domain registration data. The data model should specify the elements of the registration data, the data flow, and a formal data schema that incorporates the standards that the working group has agreed on for internationalizing various registration data elements. This data model should also include tagging information for language/scripts.*

***Recommendation 2:** The GNSO council and the SSAC should request a common Issue Report on translation and transliteration of contact information. The Issue Report should consider whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script. It should also consider who should bear the burden and who is in the best position to address these issues. The Issue Report should consider policy questions raised in this document and should also recommend whether to start a policy development process (PDP).*

***Recommendation 3:** ICANN staff should work with the community to identify a DNRD Access Protocol that meets the needs of internationalization, including but not limited to the work products resulting from recommendations 1 and 2, and the requirements enumerated in this report.”*

