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Statement of the ALAC on the Joint Applicant Support Second Milestone Report

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

A [wiki workspace](#) containing an initial version of the Joint Applicant Support Second Milestone Report, as it was received by the ALAC and the GNSO Council Chairs on 7 May 2011, was created and announced by At-Large staff on 8 May 2011. A call for comments from the At-Large Community was included in that announcement.

The ALAC and the ALAC Executive Committee felt that, in addition to reformatting the original JAS Second Milestone Report and cleaning up its typos, it needed to release a statement specifying the ALAC's own comments regarding the Report.

Alan Greenberg, ALAC Liaison to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO), originally composed this statement based on conversations with a number of ALAC members and on comments received via the workspace. This statement was verified by the ALAC Executive Committee as being a fair evaluation of the comments made by ALAC members.

On 13 May 2011, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested the At-Large Staff to begin a five day ALAC vote on this statement starting 14 May 2011.

On 13 May 2011, the statement was transmitted to the Secretary of the ICANN Board, for distribution to all Board members, with a note saying that the document was currently undergoing ALAC ratification.

[End of Introduction]

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The ALAC thanks the JAS WG and acknowledges the magnitude of the work it has undertaken, the lack of resources at its disposal, and the tight time constraints.

In light of the above, the ALAC believes that the report should be reviewed at a macro level, with the understanding that it still needs refinement to ensure that the communities that need additional support can receive it in a timely manner for the initial launch of the new gTLD program, and that the rules are sufficiently tight as to prevent gaming.

The ALAC believes that it is essential that the applicant support process be in place to aid applicants for the initial round of new gTLD applications, and it welcomes thoughts on how this can be done without jeopardizing the entire gTLD program timing. In particular, it is concerned with how the process can be refined during the initial rollout of the new gTLD program, but still be available to help applicants in need, prior to their application submission.

The ALAC believes that for the JAS WG to effectively complete its work, it would be useful for it to receive substantive feedback from the Board, as well as from other concerned parties, regarding the perceived ability to implement the recommendations and how they might be modified to make them more effective.