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ALAC Statement **On ICANN Volunteer Travel Support Guidelines**

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

The attached statement on ICANN Volunteer Travel Support Guidelines was drafted by Alan Greenberg, Vice Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Adam Peake, member of the ALAC.

On May 13th, [Alan submitted the draft statement](#) for review to the members of the ALAC, the leaders of the regional At-Large Organisations and the ALAC liaisons.

On May 14th, the Chair of the ALAC asked the Staff to start a five-day online vote on the ALAC Statement on the GNSO Communications and Coordination Work Team (CCT).

The online vote ended on May 19th and resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 14-0. You may review the result independently under:

<https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=nKrBcJHDis5DaVKxBgzW>

On May 21st the Statement was submitted to Kevin Wilson, ICANN Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the ALAC.

[End of Introduction]

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ALAC Statement on ICANN Volunteer Travel Support Guidelines

The ALAC appreciates ICANN's continued funding of ALAC and RALO leadership travel to ICANN meetings, as well as the discretion to use such funding for other regional meetings.

We still believe that full engagement of RALOs and ALS members requires additional funding for regional meetings. Such engagement is one of the key issues raised in the recent review of the ALAC. As such, we will be addressing this need through the normal ICANN planning and budget process.

The guidelines provide information about travel policies and support for all members of the ICANN community except the Board. In the interests of consistency and transparency, Board member's travel should be detailed in the same way as other community volunteers: cost of airfare, expenses and accommodation as well as information about policies that apply to such travel. In addition to information about expenses in attending the three annual meetings, expenses incurred attending Board retreats and any travel undertaken by Board members on ICANN matters and paid for by ICANN should also be provided.

We acknowledge ICANN's wish to keep overall costs for travel as low as possible and to make the process of arranging travel for a large number of volunteers efficient and manageable; however, after reviewing the fares of travellers to recent meetings, and from our own experiences attempting to suggest cheaper tickets than those bought by ICANN's agent BCD Travel, we are concerned that the program is not as efficient as it could be. We recommend ICANN review costs to date, and begin a process of obtaining quotes from other agents.

Regarding the specific guidelines for the Brussels ICANN meeting, we are pleased that At-Large attendees are now allowed to attend the full ICANN meeting and are no longer required to leave before the meeting ends. We look forward to similar flexibility related to arrivals, where some of our attendees are not given the "luxury" of a reasonable amount of sleep prior to the start of meetings. We also look forward to refining the air travel reservation process to fully address the needs of both ICANN and attendees.

Full and open dialogue with ICANN over travel issues has provided a number of improvements, and we hope that continued dialogue will lead to further benefits allowing At-Large to better carry out its mandate of representing the needs of Internet users within the ICANN multi-stakeholder processes.