AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALAC Statement on the
Verisign Request to Implement Redemption Grace Period (RGP) for .name

Introduction
By the Staff of ICANN

Alan Greenberg, ALAC Liaison to the GNSO and At-Large member from the North American Regional At- Large Organization (NARALO) originally composed this Statement after discussion of the topic on the mailing lists.

On 11 April 2012, a draft of the Statement was posted on the *At-Large Statement on the Verisign Request to Implement Redemption Grace Period (RGP) for .name Workspace*. On that same day, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested At-Large Staff to send a call for comments on the draft Statement to all At- Large members via the ALAC-Announce Mailing List.

On 17 April 2012, the Chair of the ALAC opened the matter for discussion on the ALAC Monthly Teleconference and then proposed holding a vote to ratify the Statement. This was seconded by several ALAC members and the vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 10 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstention. The results may be confirmed on the Motions webpage from the Teleconference.

On that same day, 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.

[End of Introduction]

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The ALAC supports the Verisign request to implement the Redemption Grace Period (RGP) for .name at the 2nd and 3rd level as well as for e-mail forwarding.

We note that the request states that the RGP is voluntary. This is currently correct, but once the Board approved Post Expiration Domain Name Recovery PDP recommendations are implemented, it would be mandatory for .name. For most TLDs, the RGP only applies to 2nd level registrations, and PEDNR was silent as to whether it should also apply at any other levels.

The ALAC applauds Verisign for taking the initiative to begin implementation of the RGP for .name prior to it being formally required, and is particularly pleased that they have chosen to implement it at all levels at which registrations are made.