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ALAC Statement on the Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains

Introduction

Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Member of the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) and the ALAC Liaison to the ccNSO, developed an initial draft of the Statement on behalf of the ALAC.

On 20 April 2017, the first draft of the Statement was posted on the [At-Large Workspace: Interim Paper Cross-Community Working Group on Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains](#).

On that same date, ICANN Policy Staff in support of the At-Large Community sent a Call for Comments on the Statement to the At-Large Community via the [ALAC Announce Mailing List](#).

On 25 April 2017, a version incorporating the comments received was posted on the aforementioned workspace and the Chair requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote.

In the interest of time, the ALAC Chair requested that the Statement be transmitted to the ICANN public comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this topic, with a note that the Statement is pending ALAC ratification.

Once ratified, this Statement will be resubmitted incorporating updated ratification information in the introduction section.

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The ALAC appreciates the difficulties experienced by the Cross-Community Working on the Use of Names of Countries and Territories as Top Level Domains (CWG-UCTN) in attempting to fulfil its objective to "develop a consistent and uniform definitional framework that could be applicable across the respective SOs and ACs". We make the following comments with regards to the recommendations posed in the CWG-UCTN report.

The ALAC supports Recommendations 1, 2 and 4.

With regard to Recommendation 3, the ALAC supports option 3(c). Any work going forward must be both inclusive and will require a process which accommodates both the ccNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) as well as the GNSO PDP governed by the ICANN Bylaws Appendix A coupled with the GNSO PDP Manual. Whether this will include a CWG or some other form of group(s) will need to be decided jointly by the ccNSO and the GNSO prior to work proceeding.