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## **AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ALAC STATEMENT ON UPDATED OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC REVIEWS**

### **Introduction**

On 17 December 2018, public comment opened for [Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews](#). The At-Large Consolidated Working Group (CPWG) decided it would be in the interest of ALAC to develop a statement on behalf of Internet end users. During the [CPWG meeting that week](#), members of the working group discussed the comment, and initial penholders volunteered to draft the statement.

Jonathan Zuck, CPWG Co-Chair and member of the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO), along with Greg Shatan, member of the NARALO, volunteered as co-penholders for the ALAC statement.

On 11 February 2019, a first draft of the ALAC statement was posted by Jonathan onto the [At-Large workspace](#).

On 11 February 2019, ICANN policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for comments to the CPWG and ALAC mailing lists.

On 15 February 2019, the penholders presented the statement during the Special Purpose CPWG meeting.

On 20 February 2019, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, 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.

## **ALAC STATEMENT ON UPDATED OPERATING STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC REVIEWS**

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) appreciate the opportunity to participate in the public comment on Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews.

The ALAC understands that the specific reviews are a critical part of the accountability framework put in place as part of the IANA transition and that with some experience now behind us, it's important to carefully define the process and the roles of the various players including the ICANN community, ICANN Org and the ICANN Board. The ALAC appreciates the work that has gone into these updates and considers them essential for the health of these accountability mechanisms and ICANN itself.

While there are some concerns about the potential for too much process associated with these already challenging reviews, it is the view of the ALAC that this level of specificity is necessary to prevent misunderstandings and missteps by any of the parties involved in the review. Scope should be well defined within the confines of bylaws and review teams should be free to pursue their mandate within that scope.

Accordingly, the ALAC would like to voice our strong support for these updates to the Operating Standards for Specific Reviews.