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**AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ALAC Statement on the ICANN Strategy Panels:**  
**Identifier Technology Innovation**

**Introduction**

Holly Raiche, ALAC member from the Asian, Australian and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO) and ALAC Leadership Team member, composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large and on the Mailing Lists.

On 30 April 2014, this Statement was posted on the [At-Large ICANN Strategy Panels Workspace](#).

On 02 May 2014, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, requested ICANN Policy Staff in support of the ALAC to send a Call for Comments on the Recommendations to all At-Large members via the [ALAC-Announce Mailing List](#).

On 08 May 2014, a version incorporating the comments received was posted on the aforementioned workspace and the Chair requested that Staff open an ALAC ratification vote on the proposed Statement on 09 May 2014 and close on 15 May 2014.

On that same day, the Chair requested that the Statement, referenced AL-ALAC-ST-0514-05-00-EN, be transmitted to the Public Comment process, copying the ICANN Staff member responsible for this Public Comment topic, with a note that the Statement was pending ALAC ratification.

On 16 May 2014, Staff confirmed that the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 14 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. You may review the result independently under: <https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=3897Mv3KfEPxzifKaluzmd4F>.

**Summary**

1. The ALAC strongly supports the report from the Panel on Identifier Technology Innovation. Indeed, the report provides valuable insights and recommendations for future identifier technology developments.
2. ALAC is surprised that the recommendations of the Panel do not include any acknowledgement or recommendations about the threats to the DNS.
3. A key missing recommendation should have been made that there should be a coordinated risk management program concerning the DNS itself.

## **ALAC Statement on the ICANN Strategy Panels: Identifier Technology Innovation**

The ALAC strongly supports the report from the Panel on Identifier Technology Innovation. Indeed, the report provides valuable insights and recommendations for future identifier technology developments.

However, the ALAC is surprised that the recommendations of the Panel do not include any acknowledgement or recommendations about the threats to the DNS apart from a Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attack. The foremost quality of the DNS being its stability, the ALAC would suggest that a chapter be drafted about innovative ways to enhance DNS stability, not only technically but also politically.

The ALAC believes that had the Panel had enough time to study the current status of Stability and Security of the DNS, a key missing recommendation should have been made that there should be a coordinated risk management program concerning the DNS itself. Indeed, the Board DNS Risk Management Framework only monitors the Risk to ICANN and not the Risk to the DNS nor to the Internet, if the DNS fails - whether technically or politically.