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TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Response of the ALAC to the Public Consultation Travel Support Guidelines for Community Members

Introductory Note
By the Staff of ICANN

This Statement was drafted by the Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee, Cheryl Langdon-Orr at the request of the ALAC, and follows on from the ALAC Statement on ALAC and At-Large Travel Support Requirements (AL.ALAC/ST.0309/4.Rev4) of 24th March 2009.[1]

The original draft of this document was posted for At-Large community consultation on 15th June 2009, closing on 21th June and a vote of the ALAC began on 30th June, ending on 6th July.

The results were announced on 7th July by the Staff, said result being that the Statement was endorsed by a vote of 11-0-0. The result may be verified under the following URL: https://www.bigpulse.com/pollresults?code=YzHbhb2iJekp7cIK9kF3

[End of Introduction]

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[1] Available at http://www.atlarge.icann.org/announcements/announcement-16apr09-en.htm.

The ALAC wishes to make clear the following in connection with the proposed Travel Procedures for FY2010:

In the draft, it is suggested that either RALO leaders may attend each of the three ICANN meetings, or the funding for those 10 persons may be used to support General Assemblies for the Regional At-Large Organisations ("RALOs") throughout the year.

The ALAC, and the Regional At-Large Organisations, must reiterate our previous points that this is not an "either/or" situation. There has been a very clear benefit to the RALO leadership attending ICANN meetings on many levels. At the same time, a chance for each RALO to meet face-to-face each year is also of enormous benefit.

We understand that there are many communities in ICANN that require travel assistance. While in an ideal world, it would be possible for each of the RALOs to attend an ICANN meeting each year, we understand that ideal is not always possible. We do therefore believe that the RALO GAs could be held in conjunction with existing regional meetings related to the Internet held each year, over a day or two, to keep costs down while ensuring that each region has the essential face-to-face meeting it needs, for all the reasons previously enumerated in our various statements on this subject over the course of time, which may be found at http://www.atlarge.icann.org/correspondence.