



## AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### **ALAC Statement**

Regarding the Current Situation in Egypt

#### **Introduction**

By the Staff of ICANN

The attached Statement constitutes the official position of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) on the Internet shutdown in Egypt. The Statement was initially drafted by Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, with the assistance of the members of the ALAC Executive Committee, after calls from several At-Large Structures (ALSes) for a statement to be released by the ALAC.

The draft Statement was sent to the ALAC Working list for comments on 1 February. Many comments were received resulting in consensus on this statement, but divergence on whether a more strongly worded, wider statement should be supported.

The situation in Egypt was also intensely discussed by the members of the Regional At-Large Organisations (RALOs) and reflected the different views held in the At-Large community with its rich and diverse historical, legal and cultural traditions.

A final call for objections to this statement yielded no reply and on 2 February 2011, the Chair of the ALAC submitted the attached Statement to the ICANN Board of Directors.

[End of Introduction]

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## **Statement of the ALAC regarding current situation in Egypt**

The ALAC is concerned by the impact of developments in Egypt on the Internet end-user. In the light of ICANN's responsibility for Internet Protocol (IP) address and Autonomous System (AS) number policy, and its core value of 'preserving and enhancing the operational stability, reliability, security, and global interoperability of the Internet', we endorse the ISOC statement and Q&A as expressed at <http://isoc.org/wp/newsletter/?p=3100>

Signed: The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)