

# **LACRALO document on the draft declaration on the ALAC Review Working Group draft Geographic Regions**

## **Introduction**

This work was done by the working group formed within the LACRALO for order of recommendations from the ALAC President, Mr. Olivier Crepin Leblond, on December 14, 2011, it was composed of the following representatives ALS that make up the RALO and voluntarily joined to work toward a document produced from the region.

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## **LACRALO Document on the Draft ALAC statement about the review of the proposed geographic**

The LACRALO want to give general support to the ALAC draft Statement on the review of geographic regions.

But we want to make some additions and comments that we think are important in order to index and monitor the process, that ALAC has maintained leadership in this area.

We understand the term "Mother Countries" should not be used in geographic regions documents or if it will use must put it in quotes, since it can be taken as offensive by some countries in the region.

With regard to the geographical division from the actual RIR's, we want to make clear that the report no explains why it considers an advantageous the RIRS division. We agree with the vision of the ALAC on this point.

We see an advantage to be given the opportunity to those countries united by language, culture and ethnicity, the possibility that these sub-components migrate like blocks according to their common values and in order not to break with its identity. This flexibility would result in better work and productivity within ICANN and better management of resources.

We understand that the work of geographical regions must not contain any reference to terms of representation or participation in some regions, overcoming the above are in their domestic law.

Some of the most important aspects of the current division reside in the affinity of cultures and legal regimes. You need clarity on what are the criteria to weigh when making a future geographical division.

Recommend too altering the ALAC statement to add an additional reason to those listed under "If the actual framework is not perfect, the one proposed is not better for the following reasons:" divides the special and unique identity of the Caribbean into two

regions"

We would be a good opportunity to bring to the team of Geographic Regions an geographer to help design and feasibility of this topic.

We understand that a good practice would be incorporated into the next work cycle the GAC, which would have incorporated the voice of the States.