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**[ALAC-Internal] ICANN 80 Travel Roster**

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Dear Jonathan and team,

Under the model and statutes in which we are accustomed to working, the ALAC is understood as a Committee that must coordinate actions, create policy proposals and not eliminate access to the global participation of users within the ecosystem.

When I expressed my joy at the creation of a new group to propose new travel policies, I also expressed that I had cases of people in the region that I would like to be able to participate in person based on their contributions but that they did not have an official Slot assigned by positions and that it would be appropriate to have more possibilities for regional participation. That did not mean that I agreed that we would take away Assigned Slots from other colleagues so that other regions can have more resources for in-person participation. The issue of resources should be an issue that Ican exposes openly and if it is severely cut in resources, submit its need to save resources to the consideration of the global community. It is not understandable that we should create proposals for strange cuts based on criteria not yet defined on procedures that are outside what is established in our daily practice.

Although the votes requested for this purpose have already been cast and disastrous results were obtained for the due processes to which we are accustomed, it is pertinent to know that an action that is outside the established procedures is *de facto* irrational by nature. Independent from which legal doctrine you look at it. Innovation also has its procedures as established in our bottom-up practice within the multistakeholder model on the five continents.

I share a summary of some of the points shared in our region and coincidentally they have also been considered in the emails presented by Haida and Seun:

- Under the argument that this Criteria essay is in the process of being prepared as a way to solve a participation problem, we should not accept that it is intended to solve a participation problem by generating another participation problem. That is, eliminate the possibility of in-person participation of the authorities who have been elected by the members of the five continents.
- All ALAC creation and Review processes have times for Preparation, Approach, Discussion, Production, Consultation, Review of Contributions, Incorporation of regional comments and submission to consensus or voting. It is not coherent that a decision of global scope is produced with just a few months of express shortening.
- One of the criteria for assigning a place among the Alac Regional Members of the five continents is the numerical basis of how many meetings they have attended and it was assigned to whoever attended the greatest number of them. This Basic Call Assistance Criterion has always existed, and while the ALAC Metrics working group remained active it was known that it is a difficult or non-existent metric to read since it carries the subjective burden of the other components; as well as significant contributions and other forms of participation in Alac-Icann. The ALAC Metrics group led by Alan Greenberg remained inactive for quite some time, among other pending tasks was defining better ways to record and read metrics in a way that is useful for decision-making processes. In the midst of this very brief process of proposing new travel criteria, suddenly a single metric type and number is being unexpectedly taken to validate the assignment of a single (1) travel slot among the three (3) Alac members who were elected from each of the world's regional organizations.
- Among other aspects, and no less important, one of the justifications of Alac's statement indicates that this process of new assignments for in-person participation is a request from the Ombudsman. This represents a serious nonsense precedent, as processes affecting the entire atlarge community have been debated in all Atlarge Periodic Review processes, Ican and the Multistakeholder Model. So it cannot be understood that "a request" from the ombudsman represents an irrevocable direct order for an entity like the ALAC that has historically raised the flag of construction and discussion from the bottom up.

I apologize in advance because I am on my way to work and I will not be able to write as fast as I would like, but I

remain attentive to our discussion.

Warm regards

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