Brief Statement for ALAC Position

I am writing to express my sincere interest in representing North America within ICANN's At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). With a strong background in the telecommunications sector and a deep understanding of Internet governance issues, I am eager to contribute to the advancement of the global Internet community through active participation in ALAC.

I hold a Master of Engineering degree in Networks from Toronto Metropolitan University and am certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP). Throughout my professional journey, I have gained valuable insights into the complexities of the telecommunications industry, including drafting technical documentation, managing DNS infrastructure, and overseeing networking projects. These experiences directly align with ICANN's mission to ensure the resilience of the Internet and act for the benefit of global Internet end-users.

Beyond my professional capacity, I am actively engaged in Internet governance discussions as a member of organizations such as NARALO, NASIG, ARIN, ITU, IETF, IEEE Toronto section and the Internet Society Canada Chapter, among others. These engagements have deepened my understanding of policy frameworks and stakeholder models, preparing me to contribute meaningfully to ALAC's work.

While I am a new individual member of NARALO and have not yet been directly involved in ICANN's policy development process, I am making efforts to be involved in policy discussions. My active participation in conversations within At-Large, CPWG, NARALO, and UASG meetings has motivated me to take a leading role as an ALAC member. This is evidenced by my understanding and subsequent expression of opinions on String Similarity Review Guidelines through public comment. Additionally, I am a volunteer member of the UA working group for North America, and I am keen to leverage ICANN's multistakeholder approach to policymaking to ensure an open, safe, and accessible Internet for all.

In conclusion, I believe my unique blend of technical expertise, policy understanding, and passion for Internet governance equips me to serve as an effective ALAC representative for North America. I am committed to collaborating with all stakeholders to address the challenges facing our global Internet infrastructure and advocate for the interests of end-users.

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