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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collisions

Ratification

On 19 January 2024, the Public Comment proceeding opened for the [Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collisions](#). On 19 January 2024, an At-Large [workspace](#) was created for their Public Comment submission. On 21 February 2024, the Draft NCAP Study 2 report was discussed during the CPWG call. The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) decided it would be in the interest of end users to develop and submit an ALAC Public Comment Statement. Carlton Samuels and Greg Shatan volunteered to draft the ALAC statement.

On 23 February 2024, the CPWG finalized the At-Large Public Comment Statement. The ALAC Chair, Jonathan Zuck, requested that the Public Comment Statement be ratified by the ALAC before submission to the ICANN Public Comment feature.

On 28 February 2024, staff confirmed the online vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the statement with 14 out of 15 votes in favor. 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions. Please note 93% of ALAC members participated in the poll. The ALAC members who participated in the poll are (alphabetical order by first name): Aziz Hilali, Bill Jouris, Claire Craig, Eduardo Diaz, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, Justine Chew, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Marcelo Rodriguez, Pari Esfandiari, Raihanath Gbadamassi, Satish Babu, Shah Zahidur Rahman, Tommi Karttaavi. You may view the results here: <https://tally.icann.org/cgi/results?e=3a43e628225>

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft NCAP Study 2 Report and Responses to Questions Regarding Name Collisions, which is a matter of significant interest to end-users.

ALAC Support of NCAP Study 2 Findings and Recommendations

The ALAC supports the recommendations and findings provided in the Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP) Discussion Group's study 2 report and the detailed responses to the Board's questions regarding name collisions. The ALAC agrees that NCAP study 3 should not proceed at this time. Furthermore, the ALAC agrees with the overarching assertion that name collision is a risk management issue and supports the NCAP DG's call for an independent and neutral Technical Review Team. Additionally, the ALAC agrees that the best available data should be available to the Technical Review Team when strings are being assessed.

The ALAC notes that though the completion of NCAP Study 2 should no longer be an impediment to the opening of the Next Round Program, there are significant recommendations stemming from this study, such as the establishment of a Technical Review Team and the development and documentation of an emergency change process, that, if adopted by the ICANN Board, must be implemented expeditiously as to not delay the next round of new gTLDs.