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Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair

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Decision whether to support ALAC Community Reconsideration Request

9 July 2025

Dear Jonathan,

Although not required under Annex D section 4.4 (b) (i), I am writing on behalf of the ccNSO Council to inform you that the ccNSO does NOT support ALAC's Community Reconsideration Request.

As stated before in <u>our letter</u> to the Board, we observe a concerning pattern in the cycle of Bylaw mandated reviews. This cycle begins with the launch of a review, followed by prolonged intervals of execution, consideration of the recommendations by the Board and implementation. In many cases, the next review is initiated (late) before the outcomes of the previous one have been fully addressed. This cycle is getting worse over time.

We strongly believe that breaking this vicious cycle can only be achieved if the community pauses and critically assesses the current review system. Specifically, the community should evaluate the breadth and number of reviews by looking at purpose, scope, frequency and associated workload of all ICANN Bylaw mandated reviews (a review of reviews), before embarking again on an Accountability and Transparency Review, or any other Bylaw mandated review.

While we do not agree with the Request for the reasons I've set out above, the ccNSO Council wants to express its appreciation to ALAC for exercising its right as a Decisional Participant to request Community Reconsideration of a Board decision. We recognize the importance of the process and value its use when considered necessary.

Best regards,

Alejandra Reynoso ccNSO Council Chair