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ALAC Statement

On the Proposed ICANN Meeting Dates 2014 – 2016

Introduction
By the Staff of ICANN

The attached Statement of the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) on the Proposed ICANN Meeting Dates 2014 – 2016 was drafted by Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Chair of the ALAC, and Cheryl Landon-Orr, Vice-Chair of the ALAC.

The Statement is based on comments received from the Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs). On 3 March, the At-Large Staff sent a call for regional comments on the Proposed Meeting Dates to the regional At-Large members.

On 9 March, the enclosed statement was submitted to the public consultation process on the Proposed Meeting Dates 2014 – 2016 with a copy going to the Secretary of the ICANN Board of Directors.

[End of Introduction]

ALAC Comment on the Proposed ICANN Meeting Dates 2014 - 2016

Our regions have reviewed the proposed timetable of meetings and found it to be entirely agreeable with the exception of:

- In Finland and Sweden, Midsummer is a major holiday. In 2014, Midsummer celebrations fall on June 20-22 and in 2015, on June 19-21. Midsummer is celebrated in other Northern countries too, although the dates may slightly vary. In the case of Finland and Sweden, it is always geared to Friday-Sunday. In some other countries, it is a fixed date.

- In general, caution must be exercised in the months of January and early February, when most of the Asia Pacific region is subject to holiday periods including the run-up to Chinese New Year. The proposed dates in February 2015 might therefore not be ideal for this region, although the current schedule appears to show few suitable alternatives.

The dates for meeting No. 47, 14-19 July 2013 (outside the current call for consultation), may conflict with summer holidays in several European countries. We are therefore pleased to note that the summer dates covered by the consultation period 2014-2016 all take into account the European Holiday period and avoid both the month of July and August.