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From: AFRINIC Policy Development Working Group Co-Chairs

To: The Chair, AFRINIC Board of Directors

Subject: Ratification of Policy Proposal "AF PUB-2016-V4-003-DRAFT03" (IPv4 Resource Transfer within the AFRINIC region)

In line with the AFRINIC region Policy Development Process, we would like to inform you that the above mentioned policy proposal reached consensus at the last face-to-face meeting held in Mauritius on November 29, 2016 during AFRINIC25.

The last call period was concluded on 16 February 2017 with an observation related to modifications needed to align some discordant content of the AFRINIC Registration Services Agreement (RSA) with the proposal AF PUB-2016-V4-003-DRAFT03.

We believe that the AFRINIC Board of Directors will appropriately advise the staff and legal advisor to take care of this discordance.

The latest version of the proposal (version 3) is available at:

<http://afrinic.net/en/community/policy-development/policy-proposals/1969-ipv4-resources-transfer-within-the-afrinic-region>

For your easy reference, the table below shows the milestones in the policy proposal progress:

Date	Milestone/Activity	Comments
24-May-2016	Version 01 posted to rpd list	
22-Jul-2016	Version 02 posted to rpd list	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of Acknowledgement section (5.0)• Amendment of the policy's numbering• Modification of section 3.2.2 which becomes 3.4.2
29-Nov-2016	Version 02 presented at AFRINIC-25 Public Policy Meeting, Mauritius.	Consensus achieved; Moved to last call with authors tasked to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarify how Legacy IPv4 resource holders are impacted - since in principle, no policy applies to them.• Instead of activating in Phase 2 of Soft Landing, policy should take effect immediately, since AFRINIC is already projected to hit Soft Landing around Q1 2017.• Condition about the source of a transfer being an AFRINIC member should be clearly reworded to also include an option that provides for Legacy Resource Holders to be able to transfer their resources.

23-Dec-2016	Version 03 posted to rpd list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formatted for direct insertion to CPM • Rewording of 3.1 [currently 5.7.1]: The policy proposal is no more subject to phase 2 of the current IPv4 Soft Landing policy • Rewording of 3.2 [currently 5.7.2]: The policy proposal accommodates IPv4 Legacy resources • Removal of old 3.4.2: The statement is already covered by 3.4.1 [currently 5.7.4.1] • Rewording of old 3.4.3 that become 3.4.2 [currently 5.7.4.2]: Fix membership condition of recipient following rewording of 3.2 [currently 5.7.2] • Addition of new 3.4.3 [currently 5.7.4.3]: About the change of the status of transferred IPv4 legacy space • Removal of old 3.4.4; No need for the requirement on recipients of the transfer to demonstrate a need up to 12-month supply of IPv4 address space. Justification based on policies in force. • Removal of 6.0 (References)
29-Dec-2016	Last Call announced/initiated for version 03 by co-chairs	
16-Feb-2017	End of Last Call declared by co-chairs.	<p>A concern was raised during last call about a conflict between the proposal and Sec 4(c) of the RSA – which prohibits transfers and mandates members to return any unused space to AFRINIC.</p> <p>AFRINIC legal adviser and staff clarified that as part of the implementation process, the RSA will have to be revised to remove this conflict upon ratification of the proposal by Board.</p>

We recommend the immediate ratification of Policy Proposal "AFPUB-2016-V4-003-DRAFT03" (IPv4 Resource Transfer within the AFRINIC region) at the Board's earliest convenience.

Sami Salih, Dewole Ajao
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