

To: The AFRINIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT CO-CHAIRS

RE: IPv4 Soft Landing Bis

I, the undersigned, representing myself as a concerned community member hereby wish to state my clear and unambiguous opposition to the IPv4 Soft Landing BIS proposal, AFPUB-2016-V4-001-DRAFT-07

I oppose this policy because I believe that the policy in its current form is harmful to the industry and the Internet; and regardless of the motives of the authors, will have the effect of limiting the growth of Internet penetration in Africa.

I further believe that to lock space up in a manner that ensures that it will still be unused after the rest of the world has moved to V6, thereby wasting a precious African resource until such a point as it will be worthless is completely contrary to the interests of the African industry, the African people, and the Internet as a whole.

Finally, I believe that this policy and its implementation are in direct conflict with section 3.4.ii of the AFRINIC bylaws, which reads (with particular emphasis on relevant wording indicated):

(Under Types and Objects of the company)

3.4 The Company shall have, both within and outside the Republic of Mauritius, full capacity to carry and/or undertake any business or activity, including, but not limited to, the following objects:

3.4.i To provide the service of allocating and registering Internet resources for the purpose of enabling communications via open system network protocols **and to assist in the development and growth of the Internet in the African region.**

As such - I oppose this policy and oppose any further tightening of restrictions in the context of this, or future, soft landing policies.

DATE: ___1 December, 2017_____

NAME: ___Owen DeLong___

POSITION: ___Citizen of the Internet___

SIGNED:  _____