

Global policy proposal for the allocation  
of IPv4 blocks to  
Regional Internet Registries

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# Problem Statement

- Current global policy on IPv4 does not cover reclaimed address space
- RIRs have no mechanism / policy to transfer address space among themselves

# Introduction

- This is a Global Policy Proposal to govern allocation from the IANA to the RIRs
- Performance requirements to be defined separately after ratification

# Definitions

- Recovered address space
  - Reclaimed space
  - Returned space
  - Excluding freshly reclaimed space after termination of contracts
- IPv4 address holdings
  - $\langle \text{unallocated space} \rangle$  minus  $\langle \text{reserved space} \rangle$

# Implementation

- Phase 1: Pre-Depletion
  - IANA sets up “recovered IPv4 pool”
  - Recovery of IPv4 address space by RIRs
  - Return to IANA every 3 months
    - In aggregated blocks of /24 or larger
- Phase 2: Post-Depletion
  - After ratification and announcement of IANA depletion
  - Rescind ASO-001-02
  - Allocation by IANA under this global policy commences

# IANA Allocations in Phase 2

- Definition “Allocation Period”
  - 6 months following 1 March & 1 September
- Determination of “IPv4 Allocation Unit”
  - 1/10 of IANA IPv4 address pool, rounded down to the next CIDR (power-of-2) boundary
- Allocation to RIRs
  - One allocation per RIR per allocation period, if RIR is eligible
  - One allocation unit (smallest number of blocks)

# Eligibility

- RIR must not yet have received an allocation during the current allocation period
- RIR holdings are less than 50 % of current allocation unit
- New RIRs: One allocation unit on RIR recognition, or asap



# Reporting

- IANA keeps
  - Log of returned IPv4 address space
  - Log of allocated IPv4 address space
  - Public registry of all IPv4 address space
- IANA may make public announcements of transactions under this policy

# Odds & Ends

- Timeline
  - Implementation immediately after ratification
- Advantages
  - Defines mechanism for distribution of reclaimed address space
- Disadvantages?
- No change to allocation relationships between APNIC and members or NIRs

# Status in other RIRs' regions

Proposal will be submitted in all RIRs' regions in order to become global policy according to ASO MoU.

# Questions / Discussion