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Initial IPv6 Sub-TLA ID Assignments

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1.0 Introduction

This document proposes initial assignments of IPv6 Sub-TLA Aggregation Identifiers (Sub-TLA ID) to the Address Registries and continued management of the IP6.INT domain. It is intended as input to the IANA from the IETF IP Next Generation (IPNG) and Next Generation Transition (NGTRANS) working groups as an aid in starting the process of allocating IPv6 addresses. It is not intended for any official IETF status.

The IAB and IESG have authorized the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) as the appropriate entity to have the responsibility for the management of the IPv6 address space as defined in [[ALLOC](#)].

The proposed initial assignment described in the document is consistent with:

- [RFC 2373](#), "IP Version 6 Addressing Architecture" [[ARCH](#)]
- [RFC 2374](#) "An Aggregatable Global Unicast Address Format" [[AGGR](#)]
- "Proposed TLA and NLA Assignment Rules" [[TLA-RULES](#)]

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC 2119](#)].

[2.0](#) Background

[[TLA-RULES](#)] specifies that TLA assignments will be done in two stages. The first stage is to allocate a Sub-TLA ID. This document specifies the initial assignments of Sub-TLA ID's to the Registries.

As defined in [[TLA-RULES](#)] [Section 5.1](#):

"Sub-TLA ID's are assigned out of TLA ID 0x0001 as follows. Note that use of the Reserved field to create the Sub-TLA field is specific to TLA ID 0x0001. It does not affect any other TLA.

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FP	TLA ID	Sub-TLA	NLA ID

where:

FP = 001 = Format Prefix

This is the Format Prefix used to identify aggregatable global unicast addresses.

TLA ID = 0x0001 = Top-Level Aggregation Identifier

This is the TLA ID assigned by the IANA for Sub-TLA allocation.

Sub-TLA ID = Sub-TLA Aggregation Identifier

The Sub-TLA ID field is used by the registries for initial allocations to organizations meeting the requirements in [Section 5.2](#) of this document. The IANA will assign small blocks (e.g., few hundred) of Sub-TLA ID's to registries. The registries will assign the Sub-TLA ID's to organizations meeting the requirements specified in [Section 5.2](#). When the registries have assigned all of their Sub-TLA ID's they can request that the IANA give them another block. The blocks do not have to be contiguous. The IANA may also assign Sub-TLA ID's to organizations directly. This includes the temporary TLA assignment for testing and experimental usage for activities such as the 6bone or new approaches like exchanges.

NLA ID = Next-Level Aggregation Identifier

Next-Level Aggregation ID's are used by organizations assigned a TLA ID to create an addressing hierarchy and to identify sites. The organization can assign the top part of the NLA ID in a manner to create an addressing hierarchy appropriate to its network."

[3.0](#) Initial Assignments

As specified in [\[TLA-RULES\]](#) assignments of Sub-TLA ID's will be done in blocks. The initial assignment of Sub-TLA ID's to registries will be in blocks of 64 Sub-TLA ID's. These assignments are as follows:

Binary	Range (Hex)	Assignment
0 0000 00XX XXXX	0x0000 - 0x003F	IANA
0 0000 01XX XXXX	0x0040 - 0x007F	APNIC
0 0000 10XX XXXX	0x0080 - 0x00BF	ARIN
0 0000 11XX XXXX	0x00C0 - 0x00FF	RIPE
0 0001 00XX XXXX	0x0100 - 0x013F	(future assignment)
0 0001 01XX XXXX	0x0140 - 0x017F	(future assignment)
0 0001 10XX XXXX	0x0180 - 0x01BF	(future assignment)

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0 0001 11XX XXXX 0x01C0 - 0x01FF (future assignment)
0 0010 00XX XXXX 0x0200 - 0x023F (future assignment)
. . .
. . .
1 1111 11XX XXXX 0x1FC0 - 0x1FFF (future assignment)
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Where "X" indicates "0" or "1".

When a registry has assigned all of the Sub-TLA ID's in their block they can request that the IANA provide another block. The blocks assigned to a registry do not have to be contiguous.

The block of Sub-TLA ID's assigned to the IANA (i.e., 0x0000 - 0x003F) is for assignment for testing and experimental usage to support activities such as the 6bone, and for new approaches like exchanges.

[4.0](#) IP6.INT DOMAIN Management

In [RFC-1886](#), "DNS Extensions to support IP version 6", a special domain is defined to look up a record given an address. The intent of this domain is to provide a way of mapping an IPv6 address to a host name, although it may be used for other purposes as well. The domain is rooted at IP6.INT.

The IP6.INT domain has been in use for the IPv6 "6bone" testbed network to provide mapping from IPv6 Test addresses to domain names under the special IPv6 Testing Address Allocation [[TST-ALLOC](#)] and has been managed by direction of the IANA at ISI.

The management of the IP6.INT domain will continue to be done in the same manner for the Sub-TLA ID's as they are assigned based on the assignment defined in this document.

[5.0](#) Acknowledgments

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[6.0](#) Security Considerations

IPv6 addressing documents do not have any direct impact on Internet infrastructure security. Authentication of IPv6 packets is defined in [[AUTH](#)]. Authentication of the ownership of prefixes to avoid "prefix stealing" is a related security issue but is beyond the scope of this document.

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