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On 1 April 2021, there were two examples of anonymous proposals that were both racist and deeply disrespectful, thus violating policy. The Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) has accordingly removed these documents from the IETF website.

[1] https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7154.html
[2] https://www.ietf.org/about/groups/iesg/statements/anti-harassment-policy/