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Abstract

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1. Introduction

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2. Current Prefix Information Option flags

Currently, the NDP Prefix Information Option contains the following one-bit flags defined in published RFCs:

```

    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
    +---+---+---+---+
    |L|A|R|Reserved1|
    +---+---+---+---+

```

Figure 1

L - On-link Flag [RFC4861]

A - Autonomous Address Configuration Flag [RFC4861]

R - Router Address Agent Flag [RFC6275]

Reserved1 - Reserved

3. Updates to RFC4861

This document updates RFC4861 with the new IANA Considerations section specified below.

4. IANA Considerations

The IANA is requested to create a new registry for IPv6 ND Prefix Information Option flags. This should include the current flags in the PIO option. The format for the registry is:

| RA Option Bit | Description | Reference |
|---------------|---|-----------|
| 0 | L - On-link Flag | [RFC4861] |
| 1 | A - Autonomous Address Configuration Flag | [RFC4861] |
| 2 | R - Router Address Flag | [RFC6275] |

Figure 2

The assignment of new flags in the PIO option header require standards action or IESG approval.

The registry for these flags should be added to:
<http://www.iana.org/assignments/icmpv6-parameters>

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