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Procedures for Handling Liaison Statements to and from the IETF

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IAB Processes for Management of IETF Liaison Relationships

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Why?

- Some information or described processes are not fully up to date
- Explain better what liaison management means and why we do it, e.g.
  - When does it make sense to create a formal liaison relationship? Are there specific requirements? What is the process?
  - How to send a liaison statement and where? Who should send or reply to it? What approval or consensus is needed? When should we reply?
  - Current documents are not always fully clear/could be more clear given what we know now
- Focus on requirement and high-level guidance
  - Remove low level details on tooling and process and give more room to dynamically adopt

How?

- These are BCPs produced by the IAB
- The following process applies
  - IAB process: call for community input, then IAB adoption and consensus
  - Then move to IESG (AD-sponsored) and IETF last call for IETF consensus
- We would like to make sure that
  - Experts from the community are involved
  - Community is aware that this is an ongoing effort
  - Ensure documents and processes are (more) clear to the community when new RFCs are published (+ follow-up activities to provide training)

Overview of Changes from RFC4052

- Revises RFC4052 and obsoletes RFC4691
- Alignment with current practices
- Additional clarifications on the purposes and exceptions for establishing liaison relationships
    - Emphasis that there are no formal requirements in the IETF process that require a formal liaison relationship for participating in the IETF
    - More clearly explains the role of and preference for informal collaborations.
- The role of the Liaison Representative in RFC4052 was removed since this role is not used in practice.
- The Liaison Manager Responsibilities were clarified and re-focused on good, productive, and timely (formal and informal) communication.
    - Guidance on "speaking for the IETF" from RFC4691 integrated
- The section "Approval and Transmission of Liaison Statements" in RFC4052 was moved to 4053bis.

Overview of Changes from RFC4053

- Removal of all tooling details - new focuses on guidance and requirements with mayor editorial rework/restructure
  - multiple section completely removed, plus large parts of the intro, most of the security consideration and the whole appendix
- Practical requirements on the content of a liaison statement and its metadata retained
  - Simplified contact information model (To; To-Contact; To-Liaison-Contact; From, From-Contact; From-Liaison-Contact)
  - Removal the "For Comment" purpose
- New consideration on the relation with the IRTF
- Approval requirements from RFC4052
- Clarifications and strong emphasis on the (needed) consensus level of statements
- Addition of consideration on publicly recording liaison statements
- Clarifications that there is no "special standing" in the IETF process for received statements, other then providing an easy-to-find, public recording.

Next Steps

- No open issues
- Community feedback session right after this session:

Tuesday, July 21, 11:00-12:30, IAB Office (Park Suite 9)

- Then, IAB approval and hand-over to IESG & IETF Last Call