Subject: Appeal against the last call consensus determination on the Proposal "Policy Compliance Dashboard- AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02"

a. Brief description of the topic under appeal

Dear Appeal Committee, please find this appeal against confirmation of consensus on the proposal "Policy Compliance Dashboard- AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02" made by the PDWG co-chairs at the end of the last call on the Jan 14 2022.

b. Date of the appeal.

January 14 2022

c. Name and email address of complainant.

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d. Names of three (3) persons, other than the complainant, who support the appeal and who participated in the discussions

1.Rachel Tubog
2.Oluwabunmi Egbeyemi
3.Elvis Ibeanusi

e. Date of the decision made by the co-chairs

January 14 2022

f. Reference to an announcement of decision which is being appealed
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014136.html

g. Evidence of a failed attempt to resolve the disagreement through discussion:

The following links to the emails in the RPD archives demonstrate a strong chain of arguments

from multiple community members showing opposition to this policy, which are considered valid objections for declaring non-consensus in this proposal, both before and after the decision.

1.Mathanya Ramaboea

i. (Wednesday January 5 21:03:24 UTC 2022)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014073.html

ii. (Wednesday January 5 22:24:06 UTC 2022)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014078.html

2.Oluwabunmi Egbeyemi

i. (Mon Dec 20 13:21:41 UTC 2021)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/014062.html

3. Elvis Ibeanusi

i. (Wed Jan 5 15:18:41 UTC 2022)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014066.html

4. Rachel Tubog

i. (Wed Jan 5 23:41:38 UTC 2022)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014079.html

5. Cheken Chetty

i. (Friday, Nov 12 15:30:16 UTC 2021)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/013903.html

ii. (Saturday, Nov 20 10:22:36 UTC 2021)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/014031.html

6. Paul Hjul

i. (Tuesday, Nov 16 08:06:10 UTC 2021)
https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/013977.html

h. Detailed appeal submission

Despite the declaration of co-chairs, no consensus actually exists within the community. According to the CPM, if consensus is not reached, the concerned policy cannot be ratified. Despite the failure to address numerous concerns and multiple attempts to hand-wave these objections away, nothing has been done to substantively address them by updating the actual policy proposal. Below are the issues that have not been fully addressed:

1) Even if the dashboard is created, there is no guarantee that the members will actually check it. It is a fact that a large number of members are not even aware of AFRINIC's latest policy development - they may just ignore the dashboard as they are not obliged to check it per the RSA they have signed with AFRINIC.

2) AFRINIC is already doing the same job with the dashboard. Hence, there's no necessity to have this dashboard and the author failed to explain what extra merits it can bring to the community.

3) The data in the system can be mishandled and may cause data breach and invade users' privacy.

4) The policy subjects resource members to the monitoring of AFRINIC. The Policy Compliance Dashboard is an act of surveillance by AFRINIC. This is a direct invasion of privacy that disregards the confidentiality of businesses between resource members and AFRINIC.

5) The policy proposal doesn't reinforce the question of what information ought to be maintained by Afrinic, only that a dashboard to empower members and to reduce uncertainty of when the organization will initiate an investigation.

i. evidence of attempting to resolve the issue:
An email has been sent to the co-chairs as an attempt to resolve the issue on Jan 10, 2022.
Also, despite the chairs' announcement of consensus in the meeting, myself and several other community members have raised new concerns whereas the chairs simply regarded them as "old concerns". The concerns have been mentioned by the author/chair indeed, but they are not fully resolved nor addressed. An evidence of this is the continuous disagreement on the proposal during and after the last call period. This shouldn't have appeared if the issues had really been resolved.

List of additional materials the complainant will rely on, if any

All necessary evidence and supporting documentation are presented above.
We humbly ask you to find that the above objections and concerns raised during both the discussion, and the last call, as well as those coming after the erroneous declaration of consensus:

1.Are valid
2.Have not been fully addressed
3.Require changes in the policy proposal to be addressed

Assuming that you agree with us on the above three points, we believe there is no valid choice other than to vacate the consensus declaration and return the proposal to the list for further discussion and refinement.

Respectfully submitted,

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