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Amendments to the RIPE NCC Conflict Arbitration Procedure

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Update Since Last Amendments



- Seven arbitration cases in the last two years
- Arbitration meeting in May
- Proposed amendments:
 1. Availability of arbiters
 2. Timeframe for arbitration requests
 3. Legal support to arbiters
 4. Transparency

1. Availability of Arbiters



- Non-responsiveness
- Contact details outdated

Proposed Section B.2.1

***Arbiters must also commit to being responsive to the RIPE NCC and other arbiters regarding matters related to their function.
The RIPE NCC will contact the arbiters twice a year and request that they confirm their availability and engagement to their function***

Proposed Section B.2.3

If an arbiter fails in performing their tasks appropriately or there are doubts about the arbiter's performance or impartiality **or the arbiter is unresponsive for a period of one year**, this arbiter must either resign or the Executive Board will propose their dismissal at the GM.

2. Timeframe for Arbitration Requests

Current Section C.1

Dispute

**Submission of
Request for Arbitration form**



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1 year

Arbiters Secretariat
administrative check
(form not duly filled out)

Arbiters

2. Timeframe for Arbitration Requests

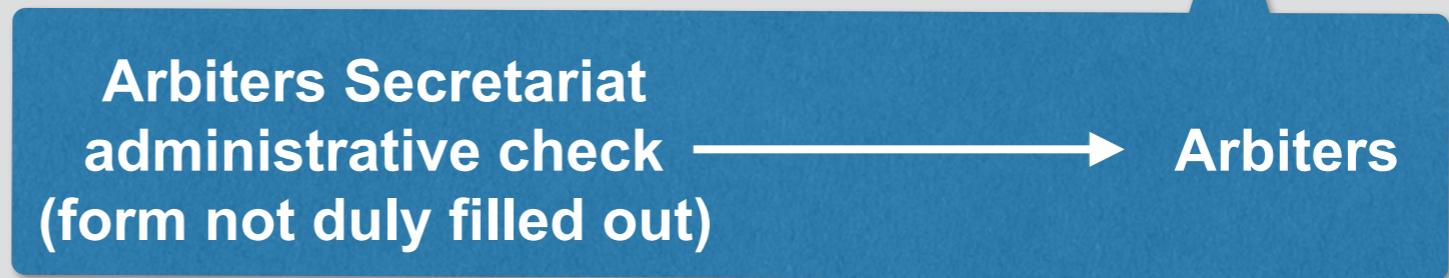
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1 year deadline?

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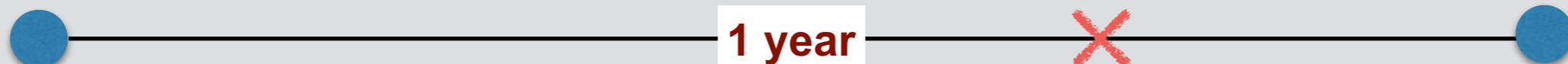


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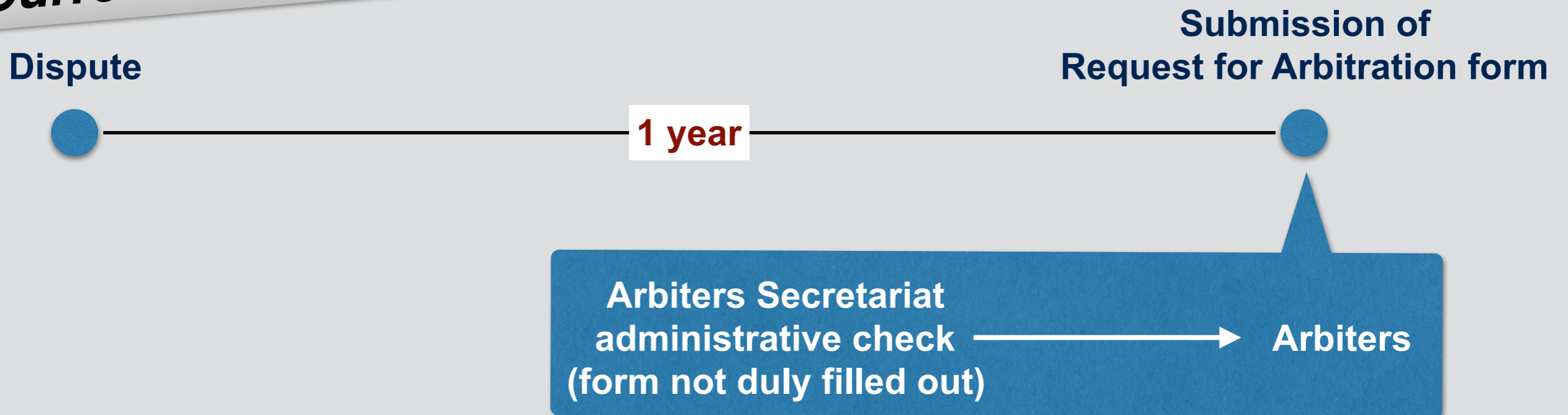
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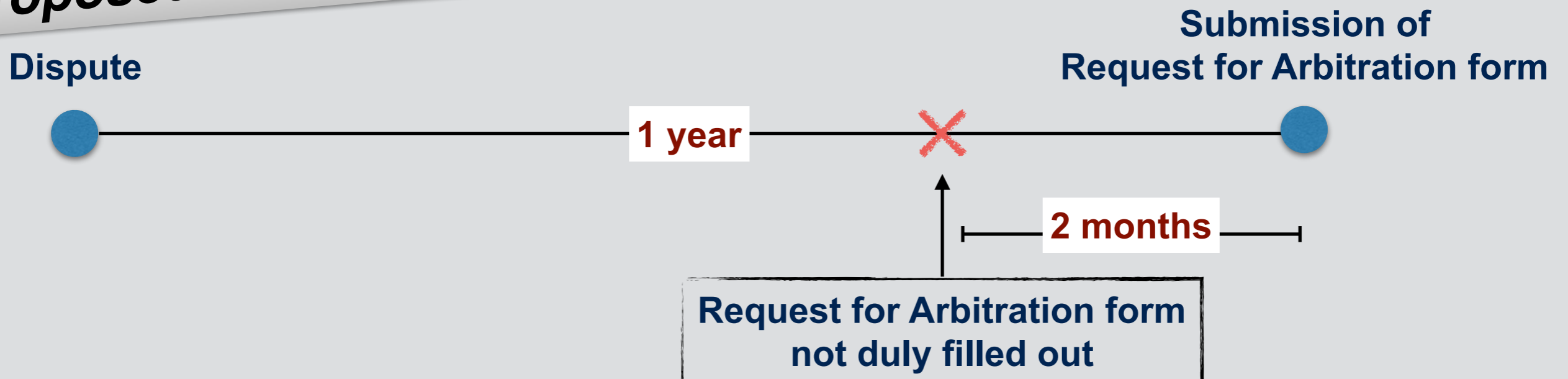
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3. Legal Support to Arbiters



- Arbitrator may request legal advice from the RIPE NCC
- If the RIPE NCC is one of the parties, legal advice comes from a third party
- But sometimes:
 - Advice on minor things
 - No conflict in asking legal advice from the RIPE NCC
 - Legal costs are disproportional (the losing party pays)

Proposed Section C.3

If the RIPE NCC is one of the parties involved in the conflict, legal support will be provided by a third party specified for this purpose by the RIPE NCC, if so requested by the arbitrator.

4. Transparency



- Arbitration ruling sent to involved parties only
 - May include confidential information
- Publication of arbitration case report
 - Anonymised
 - No transparency

Proposed Section C.6

The arbiter will publish an arbitration case report on www.ripe.net regarding the ruling and/or recommendations provided to the parties involved or to the RIPE community.

*The published report will ~~not reference~~ **include** the names of the involved parties.*



Questions



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