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Dear Hans Petter Holen, expressing our respect to you, we make the following request.

On the platform of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Digital Transformation, with the involvement of all relevant state bodies, a meeting was held on the problem of the functioning of the Internet in the occupied territories, in particular, on the registration of IP addresses.

Based on the results of the meeting, it was decided to propose to the Regional Registrar of the Internet for Europe, the Middle East and part of Central Asia (RIPE NCC) to discuss mechanisms for the protection of NCC members registered on the territory of Ukraine (Ukrainian LIRs) and Ukrainian owners of the IPv4 PI address block who were in the occupied territories.

It is no secret that in conditions of aggressive war Ukrainian LIRs can face the situations of forced transfer of resources (at gunpoint) to the organization of the occupant country. At the moment, the current RIPE policies do not offer any effective protection mechanisms in such a situation. However, such transfers will definitely be challenged in court after the war - and thus the basis for distrusting the data on the allocation of address space in the region is now being laid. Certainly this is contrary to the principles of the RIPE NCC and the values it declares.

The Committee sees the following possible measures to address this problem:

- a complete ban on resource transfers from companies in occupied territory,
- during the war, verification of transfers with the chosen government agency,
- OR other mechanisms that RIPE NCC can offer.

For its part, the Committee is ready to participate in joint work on the preparation of such measures. Also, the Committee believes that any delay in their creation increases the risks to the stability of access to the Internet in the region.

Best regards
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