## **Arbitration Case #13**

**Date: November 2016** 

## **Summary**

The case concerns a dispute between the RIPE NCC and one of its members (hereafter called "Member") following the RIPE NCC's decision to terminate the Member's RIPE NCC Standard Service Agreement after the Member provided falsified information to the RIPE NCC.

## Details of the case

In February 2016 the RIPE NCC received the membership application form that was submitted on behalf of the Member, together with all of the required documentation. The application was approved in March 2016.

After the RIPE NCC noticed some irregular activities by the Member's registered contact person, it decided to perform due diligence checks on the Member.

During these due diligence checks, the Member provided documents upon request by the RIPE NCC that were proven to be false.

Based on the above, and according to the RIPE NCC Standard Service Agreement and the RIPE NCC procedural document "Closure of Members, Deregistration of Internet resources and Legacy Internet Resources", in May 2016 the RIPE NCC proceeded with the termination of the Member's RIPE NCC Standard Service Agreement.

A new representative of the Member asked to resolve the dispute and was informed by the RIPE NCC that, until the authenticity of the already-provided documents could be proven, the RIPE NCC would not evaluate any other information.

After the RIPE NCC Conflict Arbitration Procedure was initiated, the Member acknowledged that the provided documents were not valid and declared that they wished to drop the arbitration case.

## **Arbitration Ruling**

The Arbiter acknowledged that the Member had decided to drop the arbitration case against the RIPE NCC.