# RECOVERY OF ASSIGNED BUT NON-UTILIZED INTERNET RESOURCES AT LACNIC

Introduction

One of the objectives of internet resource management is their preservation. Although there is currently no real problem of Internet resources shortage, there is the matter of responsibility in the use of these resources.

With  this in mind, an e-mail was sent to LACNIC's policy mailing list requesting opinions on the possibility of establishing a policy that would allow LACNIC to proactively recover resources that are identified as non-utilized.

One of the starting points for the creation of this policy is to identify the criteria that should be used to determine that a resource is not utilized.

Once the previous matter has been established, LACNIC has identified, in principle, the following situations:

- The point of contact/organization is located and agrees to return the resources
- The point of contact/organization is located and does not agree to return the resources
- The point of contact/organization cannot be located

Each one of these cases may warrant different actions, which should be part of the Internet resources recovery process.

A second part of this policy is to determine the use that will be given to those resources that are recovered.

RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE POLICY MAILING LIST

This issue has generated an important amount of opinions on the policy mailing list. Comments have been presented in relation to the following.

- It is our interpretation that there is consensus in the list as to the need of having a policy to deal with this problem.
- That care that must be taken with those resources that are recovered, as in the case of IP addresses they may have been filtered because of inappropriate past usage.
- That the most logical way of determining that resources are non-utilized is that they are not published on the Internet during X number of months.
- To consider exceptional cases. For example, NAPs that require resources but do not necessarily publish them on the Internet.