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Introduction

This paper considers establishing an IARU Region 1 championship in High Speed Telegraphy.

Background

During its plenary meeting in Minsk, Belarus, 2003 the IARU Region 1 High Speed Telegraphy Working Group (HST WG) voted unanimously a request to the EC for establishing an IARU Region 1 HST championship to be held on permanent basis every even year starting from 2004.

Few months after that the Region 1 EC examined this request and allowed HST WG to organise an IARU Region 1 championship in 2004. Due to the previously determined budget of Region 1 this competition was to be organised without financial support from Region 1. Even under these circumstances the championship was very successfully organised in Nis, Serbia and Montenegro in September 2004 and confirmed the growing interest amongst Region 1 societies in events like this.

Therefore the HST WG, **considering:**

- that there is a big interest amongst various IARU Region 1 member societies in organisation of IARU Region 1 HST championships on permanent basis every even year starting from 2006;
- that the only one official IARU HST competition now is the World championship, that takes place once per two years (odd years) and this is inadequate to the role of HST in IARU Region 1;
- that HST championships keeps the interest to Morse code alive;
- that HST championships are unique way to attract youngsters to Amateur Radio;

Considering further:

- that the hosting societies of IARU Region 1 HST championships are expected to face substantial technical and organizational expenses;
- that the expected technical and organizational expenses are equal to these for organising a World championship

Recommends to the Final Plenary meeting to take the following decisions:

- Permanent IARU Region 1 HST championship to be organised every even year starting from 2006;
- Hosting society of the championship to be subsidized with CHF 2000 from Region 1 budget for covering part of its technical and organizational expenses.