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INTRODUCTION

The Third Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference, GAREC-07, Huntsville, Alabama, USA, 16 – 17 August 2007, has recommended the introduction of the call sign suffix “/D” for use by stations of the Amateur Radio Service handling traffic related to emergency and disaster situations, and its publication and promotion by the IARU and its Member Societies and by all specialized emergency communications groups. Therefore

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considering

- a) that amateur radio communications related to emergency and disaster situations shall have priority over traditional amateur radio communications;
- b) that amateur radio stations involved in emergency traffic shall be easily recognizable by the call sign used;
- c) that the most popular way an amateur radio station be designated as a station with special function is a usage of a relevant suffix after the call sign,

recommends

that amateur radio stations involved in communications related to emergency and disaster situations use suffix “/D” after their call sign where local regulations permit..