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Background

Amateur radio received an important boost in the World Radiocommunications Conference 2003 when the following text was enclosed in the Radio Regulations:

25.9A. Administrations are encouraged to take the necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in support of disaster relief.

However URE considers that we should take a further step forward and look for the Amateur Radio Service to be acknowledged by UNESCO as an activity to be protected worldwide.

Recommendation

That IARU Region 1 promotes a joint action with the other two IARU Regions in order to propose that UNESCO acknowledges the Amateur Radio Service as an activity to be protected.