

## **PCC.II/REC. 53 (XXVIII-16)**

### **SIMPLIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR AMATEUR AND AMATEUR SATELLITE SERVICE**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunications (PCC.II),

#### **CONSIDERING:**

- a) That ITU Radio Regulations, Article 1.56, defines the amateur service as “A radiocommunication service for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by amateurs, that is, by duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest”;
- b) That ITU Radio Regulations, Article 1.57, defines the amateur-satellite service as: “A radiocommunication service using space stations on earth satellites for the same purposes as those of the amateur service”;
- c) That amateur and amateur-satellite stations provide valuable public service in the establishment of local, regional and international emergency communications in non-pecuniary basis;
- d) That amateur and amateur-satellite services provide valuable educational and vocational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activity for youngsters and citizens;
- e) That amateur and amateur-satellite services provide valuable training activities on telecommunications techniques and operational practical knowledge;

#### **EMPHASIZING:**

- a) That certain minimum operator operational and technical qualifications are necessary for proper operation of an amateur or amateur-satellite station as specified by ITU Radio Regulations, Article 25.6, with basic syllabus provided by Recommendation ITU-R M.1544;
- b) That Recommendation ITU-R M.1043 encourages administrations to facilitate the amateur and amateur satellite services to develop radio operator skills, exchange technical information and experiment with new technologies;
- c) That ITU Radio Regulations, Article 25.9A, encourages administrations to take necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communications needs in support of disaster relief;
- d) That Recommendation ITU-R M.1042 encourages administrations to develop amateur and amateur-satellite service networks capable of providing radiocommunications in the event of natural disasters;
- e) That Recommendation ITU-D 13 encourages administrations to reduce and remove barriers to the effective utilization of the amateur services for disaster communications and related training activities;
- f) That Recommendation ITU-R M.1043 also encourages administrations to, where possible, alleviate or remove barriers to strengthen transborder cooperation between states in a way to

facilitate the rapid deployment and effective use of telecommunication resources – including amateur service – supporting disaster relief operations;

**NOTING:**

l) That ITU Handbook on Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services provides basic information to the administrations with existing relevant ITU texts;

m) That Inter-American Convention on the International Amateur Radio Permit (IARP) and CEPT Recommendation TR61/01 provide support for mutual recognition of amateur service licenses;

**RECOMMENDS:**

1. That CITELE administrations take measures to keep, update or implement simplified legal, technical and administrative treatments to amateur and amateur-satellite services with reduced costs and reasonable requirements, congruent with its voluntary and non-pecuniary nature, taking into account the definitions and characteristics of the service, ITU regulations and respective recommendations;

2. That CITELE administrations take measures to verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station;

3. That CITELE administrations take measures to keep, update or implement specific regulations to Amateur Service and Amateur Satellite Service, in accordance with ITU regulations and recommendations;

4. That CITELE administrations take measures to consider international conventions, treaties, agreements and recommendations on mutual recognition of amateur service licenses and facilitate the temporarily operation within their respective countries of foreign amateurs duly licensed in their countries of origin, particularly in the case of disasters and/or natural catastrophes.

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