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Introduction:

This paper covers the need of amendment for Resolution 85-9 concerning QSL Bureaux and access of every amateur to a service to receive QSL cards

Background:

The exchange of a QSL card after a QSO is important to many amateurs even today with all electronic means available. It is very frustrating especially for young newcomers if QSL cards are not delivered to the other station simply because the station is not member of the IARU member society of this country. In some member countries, the QSL service is not available to all amateurs, even if the non-members are willing to cover the full costs of the IARU society that may arise if the cards were also delivered to non-members in that country. In resolution 85-9 dated November 1985 and revised in 2009, the IARU Administrative Council strongly encouraged the member-societies to provide QSL service also to non-members if they are willing to cover the full costs:

“RESOLUTION 85-9

(Revised 2009)

concerning QSL bureaus

The IARU Administrative Council, Auckland, November 1985,

recognizing that the exchanging of QSL cards is a "final courtesy" in an Amateur Radio communication,

recognizing that the cost of exchanging cards between individual amateur stations is prohibitive in most cases, unless an efficient international bureau system in operation,

recognizing that an amateur who sends a card via the bureau usually has no way of knowing whether the amateur to whom it is addressed is a member of his national IARU society, and

recognizing that most IARU member-societies operate incoming bureau systems that are available to members and non-members alike, but that some are unable, for

good and sufficient reason, to provide service to non-members even if the expenses of doing so are fully reimbursed,

resolves that member-societies are strongly encouraged, whenever possible, to provide incoming QSL bureau service to non-members within their operating territory, if such non-members

agree to pay the full cost of this service; and if they are not already doing so, to explore appropriate means and methods for delivering QSL cards to non-members, and

further resolves that member-societies shall not forward QSL Cards to bureaus operated by non-members of IARU, if there is an IARU member-society in the country concerned that forwards cards to non-members who agree to pay the full cost of this service."

Key points and proposal

The resolution should also recognize that there are numerous reasons for an individual amateur radio operator not to cooperate with the national IARU member society. It should be the personal freedom of every individual amateur to become a member of that society and not to be forced into membership just to be able to receive incoming QSL cards.

We recognize that under very special circumstances it may be the case that an appropriate and sufficient QSL service cannot be provided to all amateur radio operators in a territory of an IARU member society. Nevertheless it should then be possible, without any further barriers that any other IARU member society is permitted to provide the QSL service to these amateurs in the territory of another IARU member society.

Therefore:

USKA proposes and recommends to the IARU R1 General Conference that Resolution 85-9 be amended as follows:

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recognizing that there is a substantial number of radio amateurs in some IARU member countries not willing to cooperate with their national IARU member society, for good and sufficient reason.

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further resolves that IARU member societies be permitted to provide QSL service to radio amateurs in other countries in case these radio amateurs are unable to reach an appropriate and acceptable QSL forwarding agreement with the IARU member society in their home country.

The revised resolution would then be as follows:

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Thank you very much for your consideration and support