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Proposal

CT08_C3_Rec_34 continued a previous recommendation from Davos which contained three items:

Item 1

That IARU Region 1 announces a competition amongst Member Societies for best project concerning the amateur emergency communications structure, networks, equipment, training activities, etc.

Item 2

That IARU Region 1 starts looking for partners able to support financially the project.

IARU Region 1 is held in high esteem throughout the whole Region. Besides the traditionally good and useful relations with important institutions such as European Commission, IARU Region 1 should take steps in establishing contacts with other internationally recognised institutions concerned with the problem such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, OCHA, etc.

Item 3

That IARU Region 1 selects three to five Member Societies in countries situated in different areas, vulnerable to different natural hazard to start the pilot project.

At the previous triennial IARU Region 1 Conference in Sun City my report contained a request for the conference to advise whether the recommendation still meets the needs of the organisation. This was supported by my belief that the original recommendation sought to have a common structure which could be applied across the region, and that this would be difficult given the different requirements in each country. Item 3 also sought countries vulnerable to different natural hazards, this does not respect that emergencies can be caused by man-made failures of technology as well as natural causes.

A further three years experience has confirmed my view that different countries adopt different requirements and structures for amateur radio emergency communications in their areas to meet their specific needs for natural and technological disas-

ters. In fact in some countries there are differences in opinion on how to meet the emergency communications needs within their country.

I feel that this recommendation is now out of date and distracts from the production of working practices and procedures which would support international co-operation but leaving each country to organise itself to meet the needs of their Governments and communities.

Recommendation

That previous conference recommendation CT08_C3_Rec_34 is suppressed and removed.