

Terms of Reference

IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications (Revised 2004)

General:

The IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications appointment requires expertise in disaster relief and emergency communications including knowledge of international humanitarian operations. The incumbent is required to have an understanding of the contribution of the Amateur Service in such situations.

Function:

To keep the Administrative Council informed on developments in international disaster relief communications that may affect the Amateur Services, to advise the Council about actions to be taken to defend and promote the interests of radio amateurs, and to ensure that the capabilities of the Amateur Service to prepare for and provide emergency communications are uniformly applied worldwide.

Appointment:

The IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications is appointed by the Administrative Council for a term of three years. At the meeting of the Administrative Council corresponding to the expiration of the term, the Council may or may not reconfirm the position, its terms of reference, and the appointment.

Tasks:

To report to the Administrative Council, providing information about disaster and emergency communications developments that are relevant to the amateur services.

To seek support, through appropriate IARU channels, for action to be taken to defend and promote the interests of radio amateurs with respect to disaster and emergency communications.

To represent the IARU, at the request of the president in consultation with the International Secretariat, at international meetings such as those of the United Nations and its specialised agencies.

To coordinate the work of the IARU regional organizations in the field of disaster and emergency communications, working with regional appointees as appropriate.

To advise the Council on implementation of No. **25.9A** of the Radio Regulations, namely that "Administrations are encouraged to take the necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in support of disaster relief. (WRC-03)"