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IARU Resolutions 85-8, 86-3, and 25-1

During the recent Administrative Council (AC) meeting the Council reviewed the provisions of IARU Resolutions 85-8 and 86-3. Both resolutions address the long standing position that IARU member-societies have autonomy in the country or region they represent, including with administrative bodies within that country or region.

The AC concluded that as a matter of policy, Resolution 85-8 should remain unchanged as it simply represents the long standing position of the IARU. However, it was felt given many administrative authorities allow public comment on policies and procedure, further guidance with respect to 86-3 is necessary.

Resolution 86-3 was suppressed and after discussion, Resolution 25-1 was approved and added to the *Resolution and Policies of the Administrative Council and Terms of Reference of Administrative Council Appointees and IARU Representatives to ITU Meetings* ([available here](#)).

Resolution 25-1 appears below. Please direct questions about the resolution to any member of the AC.

Sincere 73 to all,

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IARU Secretary

Resolution 25-01

Confirmation of the exclusive right of a member-society to represent the IARU to its government

Resolved by the IARU Administrative Council, Salvador, Brazil, October, 2025,
Resolutions 86-3 is suppressed;

In the place of Resolution 86-3 place the following policy is implemented:

Communication Policy (“Policy”)

1. No Member-Society, Regional Organization, or the Administrative Council may communicate with any government department (including the Telecommunications Administration) of a country or territory represented by an IARU Member-Society (the “Representative MS”), if such communication interferes with the exclusive right of the Representative MS to represent the Amateur Radio Services in that country or territory;
2. As a general principle, the Representative MS shall have the exclusive and sole right to deal with any government department (including the Telecommunications Administration) of a country or territory it represents including where the government department of administration has an open, on-line portal to allow third parties to post submissions and representations on a particular policy the department or administration intends to or has implemented;
3. In the event a Member-Society, Regional Organization, or the Administrative Council desires to communicate with any government department (including the Telecommunications Administration) of a country or territory represented by the Representative MS, it shall first seek the consent of the Representative MS;
4. The Representative MS will at all times act reasonably in accommodating the submissions proposed by another Member-Society, Regional Organization, or the Administrative Council, but at all times shall have the right to direct how such representations may be made to the relevant government department.

Exceptions

5. If there is uncertainty or controversy regarding a proposed communication or submission with a government department, the position of the Representative MS shall be respected;
6. The Administrative Council may override this Policy if it determines that the Representative MS is:
 - a) Acting against the interests of the Amateur Radio Services or the Constitution, By-Laws, resolutions and policies of the IARU, or
 - b) No longer represents the interests of radio amateurs in its country or territory.

Dispute Resolution

7. In cases of disagreement with this Policy, the Administrative Council will review the matter and provide guidance in accordance with IARU Constitution, By-Laws, resolutions and policies. The decision of the Administrative Council will be final and binding on all Member-Societies and Regional Organizations.