

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The Radio Society of Great Britain

and

The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network

1. INTERPRETATION

In this Memorandum of Understanding:-

"The Parties" means the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network (the Network)

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this document is to state the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network (the Network) that shall serve as a national framework within which both organisations may co-ordinate the development of protocols and procedures for communication in community events, emergency and disaster situations.

2.2 It is intended that this agreement shall promote joint co-ordination and exercise of the resources of both the RSGB and the Network to recognise and enhance the potential and capability of individual members of both organisations to facilitate the flow of information.

3. RECOGNITION

3.1 The RSGB recognises the Network as the UK's principal organisation comprising radio amateurs who provide voluntary radio communications in support of the activities of the User Services¹, and to local communities in times of disaster and emergencies, and in providing communications support to local community events. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the User Services.

3.2 The Network recognises the RSGB as the National body representing all UK radio amateurs. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the UK licensing authorities and the representative society of radio amateurs throughout the United Kingdom to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

4. PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION

In order that the Parties may co-operate and utilise their resources to the optimum mutual benefit of both parties, the following principles and methods are agreed upon:

4.1 The Parties shall liaise with each other through their designated representatives and exchange certain materials and engage in activities in order to promote and broaden interest, understanding and appreciation of radio communications technology, and especially its value in emergency situations.

4.2 The Network shall liaise with the RSGB's designated representative and co-ordinate the approach to the User Services, professional bodies and other voluntary agencies for the purpose of furthering the interests of emergency communications. This co-ordinated approach is best presented by the Parties continuing to negotiate with those external agencies where they have demonstrated competence and appraising the other Party of the outcomes of meetings and, where possible, proposed agenda items.

¹ The User Services are as specified in BR68 amateur licence document

- 4.3 The RSGB shall liaise with the Network's designated representatives and co-ordinate matters relating to changes in the amateur radio licence or band plans, where such changes have an effect upon the purpose shown in paragraph 2.1 above.
- 4.4 The Parties shall encourage ongoing liaison with each other and urge members of all affiliations to develop effective communications and co-operation.
- 4.5 Both Parties shall promote to their members the need to work together in order that, in times of emergency or disaster, the communications requirements of the User Services are met.
- 4.6 Both Parties shall recognise the intellectual property rights of the other and shall acknowledge them as such. Where there is mutual agreement, the intellectual property rights for material produced from certain projects shall be shared and will allow either party to use or amend without reference to the other. Third party use or transfer shall require mutual consent of both Parties.
- 4.7 Both Parties shall share and co-operate in the provision of such information which will assist the active operations of all RAYNET groups of whatever affiliation, particularly that which would expedite a response to a request from a User Service for communications support at any given time.
- 4.8 Either Party may issue joint publicity documentation only after consulting the other party. This consultation shall be made during preparation, and prior to production and/or publication. Neither party may issue any statements or material purporting, either implicitly or explicitly, to be the views or opinions of both Parties without there being written agreement that both Parties agree the content of such material.

5. EXCLUSION

Nothing herein shall create any joint venture, partnership, or other business association, nor shall either party enter into any obligation or commitment on behalf of the other.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

This memorandum shall take effect upon its signing by authorised representatives of each organisation. The MoU may be amended, by mutual agreement, at any time. The MoU may be terminated by either party upon 90 days written notice to the other by "Recorded Signed For"² post to the address below.

Date _____ Date _____

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