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RESOLUTION No. 640

**Relating to the International Use of Radiocommunications,  
in the Event of Natural Disasters, in Frequency Bands  
Allocated to the Amateur Service**

The World Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1979,

*considering*

- a) that in the event of natural disaster normal communication systems are frequently overloaded, damaged, or completely disrupted;
- b) that rapid establishment of communication is essential to facilitate worldwide relief actions;
- c) that the amateur bands are not bound by international plans or notification procedures, and are therefore well adapted for short-term use in emergency cases;
- d) that international disaster communications would be facilitated by temporary use of certain frequency bands allocated to the amateur service;
- e) that under those circumstances the stations of the amateur service, because of their widespread distribution and their demonstrated capacity in such cases, can assist in meeting essential communication needs;
- f) the existence of national and regional amateur emergency networks using frequencies throughout the bands allocated to the amateur service;
- g) that in the event of a natural disaster, direct communication between amateur stations and other stations might enable vital communications to be carried out until normal communications are restored;

*recognizing*

that the rights and responsibilities for communications in the event of a natural disaster rest with the administrations involved;

*resolves*

1. that the bands allocated to the amateur service which are specified in No. 510 may be used by administrations to meet the needs of international disaster communications;
2. that such use of these bands shall be only for communications in relation to relief operations in connection with natural disasters;
3. that the use of specified bands allocated to the amateur service by non-amateur stations for disaster communications shall be limited to the duration of the emergency and to the specific geographical areas as defined by the responsible authority of the affected country;
4. that disaster communications shall take place within the disaster area and between the disaster area and the permanent headquarters of the organization providing relief;
5. that such communications shall be carried out only with the consent of the administration of the country in which the disaster has occurred;
6. that relief communications provided from outside the country in which the disaster has occurred shall not replace existing national or international amateur emergency networks;

7. that close cooperation is desirable between amateur stations and the stations of other radio services which may find it necessary to use amateur frequencies in disaster communications;
8. that such international relief communications shall avoid, as far as practicable, interference to the amateur service networks;

*invites administrations*

1. to provide for the needs of international disaster communications;
2. to provide for the needs of emergency communications within their national regulations.

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**RESOLUTION No. 641**

**Relating to the Use of the Frequency Band  
7 000 - 7 100 kHz <sup>1</sup>**

The World Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1979,

*considering*

- a) that the sharing of frequency bands by amateur and broadcasting services is undesirable and should be avoided;
- b) that it is desirable to have worldwide exclusive allocations for these services in Band 7;
- c) that the band 7 000 - 7 100 kHz is allocated on a worldwide basis exclusively to the amateur service;

*resolves*

that the broadcasting service shall be prohibited from the band 7 000 - 7 100 kHz and that the broadcasting stations operating on frequencies in this band shall cease such operation.

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**RESOLUTION No. 642**

**Relating to the Bringing into Use of Earth Stations  
in the Amateur-Satellite Service**

The World Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1979,

*recognizing*

that the procedures of Articles 11 and 13 are applicable to the amateur-satellite service;

*recognizing further*

- a) that the characteristics of earth stations in the amateur-satellite service vary widely;

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<sup>1</sup> Replaces Resolution No. 10 of the Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva, 1959.