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"RAC Canada Winter Contest" competition commission

Dear Mr. President,  
Dear Competition Commission members,

Since the beginning of the War in Ukraine over 450(!!!) world wide brands and companies left Russia or stopped their activity in this country. This list includes Netflix, Samsung, Zara, Airbnb, Chanel, Ikea, Visa and many others. These companies have got huge financial losses. At the same time, they made their choice not in favor of money, but human values. Human values became the criteria that defined their response to the War in Ukraine. They decided to be on the side of Good, not evil. The barbarian war started by Russia became the main reason of their decision.

Why amateur radio world is still "out of politics"?

For some amateur radio societies of civilized countries this is the way to escape from today's reality and not to take any decision.

For Russians that are supporting the war in majority this is an opportunity to fix their permissiveness and impunity.

By the way, while we declare "out of political radio" Russians are acting in opposite.

Russian HAM calls from occupied Crimea and Donbass area are not politics, isn't it? Special call-signs (e.g. R120ZF, R80PWO, R325WMF, R109WWS, R104KGB) that promote Russian army or special forces are not politics, isn't it? NO ANY RUSSIAN RADIO AMATEUR OR HAM SOCIETY DECLARED THAT THEY ARE AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE WAR IN UKRAINE. They will never do it. Just because the majority of Russian population including HAMS are zombie by propaganda and support the war.

HAM radio movement was always solidary. Ukrainian HAMS cannot work in air as usual because of Russian aggression and military situation. At the same time HAMS of aggressors' countries, Russia and Belarus, continue to work in air as usual and take part in contests. What is the solidarity with Ukrainian Hams then? The answer is simple: by sanctions and boycotting of Russian and Byelorussian HAMS until the war is over.

Since the beginning of the war a number of HAM organizations, such as EDR, CRC, RSGB, UBA, EKEICC, "JIDX Partners", OCDX, "BARTG", "CQ Communications, Inc." put limitations on Russian and Belarussian participants.

SCC cancelled EU HF Championship.

UBA cancelled Feb 26-27 contest.

PZK cancelled Apr 02-03 contest.

SAC cancelled Sep 17-18 contest.

These organizations decided not to hide behind "out of politics" principle. They decided to stand on the side of human values. Of course, such decisions for sanctions are surely not easy, but they are real need for today and a response of HAMS around the world for the war in Ukraine. Such actions should make Russian and Belorussian people to think over once again what is really going on and as a result, to stop the war soonest.

Therefore, we kindly ask to support sanctions for Russian and Belorussian participants in RAC contests in 2022 - "RAC Canada Winter Contest" – as well as future contests in 2023.

Thank you for understanding,  
Best regards,

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President UARL

