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To the competition commissions and competition organizers!

Dear colleagues!

Russia's large-scale military attack on the independent state of Ukraine has been going on for two years. During this time, millions of refugees were forced to leave their Motherland. Ukrainian civilians and defenders have been dying for two years, selflessly fighting against Russian aggression. Constant shelling of Ukraine is conducted from the territories of Russia and Belarus. Genocide has been documented in the territories liberated from Russian troops - the killing of civilians, the destruction of the Ukrainian cities of Bucha, Irpin, Bakhmut, Avdiyivka and many other settlements of Ukraine. The Ukrainian population in the occupied territories suffers from the arbitrariness of the Russian occupation authorities.

For the popularization and heroization of its military force and propaganda of war, Russia involved members of the radio amateur community - the "union of radio amateurs of Russia", which led to the violation of the IARU charter (paragraph 2 of Article 1f "encouragement of international good will and friendship") and one of the main principles of ethics of the amateur radio movement - "radio outside of politics".

In the occupied territories of Donbas, the issuing of illegal amateur radio calling prefixes DO...D1 is organized in order to give legitimacy to the occupied territories. Such actions spread piracy and politicize the airwaves. The violation is the systematic conduct of activities on the air by Russian radio clubs dedicated to the annexation of Crimea, the occupation of Donbas and southern Ukraine, the illegal declaration of the occupied territories of Ukraine as part of the Russian Federation, and the glorification of the Russian armed forces, which are waging war against Ukraine. During the period from February 2022 to February 2024, Russian amateur radio clubs organized more than 50 such activities on the air. Information about Russian military radio amateur actions on the air is available on the website QRZ.RU, which we informed you about in our previous letters.

Today, in Russia, amateur radio is not used as a hobby, but as a propaganda political tool.

The most effective means for cleaning the amateur radio movement from violations of the IARU charter and amateur radio ethics are boycotts and sanctions regarding the

participation of Russian amateur radio amateurs and their Belarusian supporters in sports competitions.

We ask you to prohibit or introduce restrictions on the participation of radio amateurs of Russia and Belarus in sports competitions organized by amateur radio organizations of your country.

Best regards,
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