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Report of the Special Committee to the Final Plenary of the 12th IARU Region 3 Conference

The Special Committee was convened to consider various papers and documents submitted by FARA and PIARA relating to:

- the handling of the application from The American Samoa Amateur Radio Association (ASARA) to join IARU; and,
- concerns over aspects of the IARU Region 3 Constitution.

We note that a number of documents had been submitted on these topics. It is helpful that some of these documents have been formally withdrawn. We remind the parties that amateur radio is after all a hobby. We feel it important that the parties involved in these disagreements should confirm to each other that no bad feelings remain between all affected parties. We note that in Taiwan, people apologize to each other even where there is no fault.

FARA and PIARA were given every opportunity to make representations to the Special Committee and to be questioned on the issues raised in their papers.

The Special Committee has carefully considered these representations and the relevant documents, and makes the following observations and recommendations to the Final Plenary of the Region 3 Conference 2004.

- 1 We welcome the action by FARA and PIARA in withdrawing papers number 33, 67 and 75. The Special Committee has therefore only considered papers 34 and 76.
- 2 The Special Committee is aware that the now withdrawn paper 33 contained a request from PIARA(supported by FARA) that the Region 3 Conference instruct the directors to forward the ASARA application to the AC.
- 3 We note that the Region 3 directors obtained a professional opinion in relation to paper 34. We are of the view that this action was within the mandate of the directors. We are also of the view the professional opinion should be made a formal conference document.

- 4 The Special Committee notes the proposals for amendments to the Region 3 Constitution contained in paper 34. We believe that the issues raised in paper 34 require consideration, but that this should be within the context of a broader review of the Constitutions of the IARU, and the three Regions. We therefore recommend to the Final Plenary that the Directors of Region 3 be asked to recommend to the AC the creation of an ad-hoc IARU working group to undertake a review of the Constitutions and related documents, to address any areas of ambiguity, inconsistency and simplification and to make recommendations to the AC, the relevant Regional organizations and the member societies to consider any changes felt necessary.
- 5 The Special Committee has reviewed the correspondence between ARRL and Region 3 concerning the application by ASARA, and finds it to be in keeping with the provisions of the relevant Constitutions and IARU Resolutions. We recommend to the Final Plenary that the release of this correspondence is a matter for the ARRL to decide.
- 6 We encourage ASARA to engage in a dialogue with the ARRL over the areas of contention.

All of which is submitted on behalf of the Special Committee this 19th day of February, 2004.

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