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## 1. Introduction

From IARU Region 1 homepage:

*“STARS - Support to the Amateur Radio Service*

*Background of STARS*

*The objective of STARS is to defend, protect, extend, develop and promote the amateur radio service. The work of STARS is specifically directed to those areas of the Region where amateur radio activity is low or non-existent.*

*The philosophy behind all this is that the IARU is at its most representative for the amateur radio service when it has member societies in all the ITU member countries and when those societies have good, friendly and regular contacts with their national regulatory authorities. The basis for an active, viable and truly representative society is the recruitment of members with the nationality of the country.*

*The Programme*

*The programme to put this philosophy into practice and achieve the aims of STARS would be to assist with the founding of a national society, to assist with the establishment of one or more club stations and to assist with the organization of an educational programme.”*

## 2. Background

OeVSV has already several times asked questions about the use of funding for STARS in respect to the visible outcome after years of experience with STARS.

## 3. Key points and proposal

We should consider that it is important for us, to have Amateur Radio Service implemented in the telecom regulations of almost every country in region 1, if we want to achieve our goal at ITU with spectrum matters and in international standardization bodies for EMC.

However, we should also make sure that Amateur radio operators from countries in the more developed world, spending most of the money for STARS will benefit from these activities when travelling on business or leisure.

A first achievement and a step towards international friendship and ham spirit would be done by ensuring reciprocal licensing or agreement with CEPT (CEPT license acceptance)

#### 4. Recommendation:

Only continue the funding for STARS program, if **“achieve reciprocal licensing agreements with CEPT countries”** is added to the specific tasks and goals for STARS-WG. The results should be re-evaluated at next conference.