



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 2017 General Conference – Landshut, Germany



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| Subject:  | Proxy Votes                                      |               |            |
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## 1. Introduction

At IARU Region 1, each Member Society has one vote. This system has stood the test and generated a basis for fruitful discussions and votes.

Member Societies are to actively participate in IARU and shall vote by proxy only in exceptional cases.

## 2. Background

*B.4.4 Member Societies may appoint another Member Society, to vote by proxy on their behalf at General Conferences only.*

*B.4.5 No Member Society may hold more than one proxy vote.*

*B.4.6 Member Societies who wish to appoint another Member Society to vote by proxy on their behalf must notify the Secretary at least 24 hours before the opening of the General Conference, which Member Society has been appointed as proxy holder.*

*B.4.7 Member Societies intending to send a delegation to the General Conference and having submitted the name(s) of their delegate(s), but due to circumstances beyond their control, are after all unable to send a delegation, may request another Member Society to accept their proxy.*

## 3. Key points and proposal

However, it shows that some Member Societies have not participated in conferences for many years and “permanently” appointed other countries to vote by proxy on their behalf. Also, the practice of acquiring proxies from small countries before the conference to use these proxies at the conference has developed into a kind of sport.

With only one vote per country, this is a significant falsification of the vote.

## 4. Recommendation:

With this in mind, we recommend to no longer permit proxy votes at the IARU Region 1 General Conference.