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1.   Introduction

The need for an Entry Class License is evident in many countries in order to attract new radio amateurs to support the future of amateur radio.

2.   Background

The present document ECC Report 89 from 2006 describes an Entry Class License. This was originally suggested by IARU.

Quote:
The argument to initiate a Radio Amateur Entry Level Class can be made with the following target groups in mind:
- For young people with a technical interest;
- For candidates who do not have the educational background to cope with the higher examination levels at the start;
- Older or retired people with an interest in radio communications.

The Entry Level should permit all of the target groups to gain experience with
- radio operating practice,
- antenna experiments,
- anomalous propagation modes,
- digital transmission modes in combination with computer techniques,
amongst others. It is also desirable that they are open to gain some experience of practical construction of electronics. At the same time once amateurs have gained an Entry Level licence then it is expected that they will wish to advance to higher licence classes corresponding to CEPT examination levels described by Recommendation T/R 61-02 or ERC Report 32.
End of quote.

However, there appears to be an uncertainty among national administrations as to the status of this recommendation.

3.   Key points and proposal

ERC Report 89 defines an Entry Class License in an acceptable way.

RSGB has gained experience with their Foundation Class License. ARRL is presently collecting views on an Entry Class License from their members

IARU Region 1 to collect input from Members Societies regarding ERC Report 89. Participate in the ARRL initiative

## 4.	Recommendations

IARU Region 1 to take the necessary action to get a CEPT Entry Class License officially recognised.