

RESOLUTION 24-1

Concerning revised terms of reference for the IARU Monitoring System

The IARU Administrative Council, 2024,

having approved a proposal to replace the Terms of Reference of the IARU Monitoring System with Terms of Reference for the IARU Intruder Watch Service,

resolves to implement the change as follows:

- Resolution 12-1 and Terms of Reference of Monitoring System Committee (“MSC”) are suppressed, effective upon the adoption of a transition plan by the Administrative Council;
- The following Terms of Reference for the IARU Intruder Watch Service (IWS) are adopted, to be effective upon adoption of the aforementioned transition plan.

Terms of Reference IARU Intruder Watch Service

1 — The IARU Intruder Watch Service (IARU IWS) is a worldwide service authorized by the IARU Administrative Council (AC).

2 — The objectives of the IARU IWS are the identification and initiation of steps leading to the removal from amateur bands of non-amateur stations causing harmful interference to the **amateur and amateur satellite services** contrary to International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations.

3 — The IARU IWS shall not become involved in the monitoring and reporting of harmful interference, abuse and/or improper behavior in amateur bands caused by stations identified as or believed to be amateur stations.

4 — IARU encourages each member-society to have a National IWS Coordinator guiding a group of volunteer monitors. If no National Coordinator can be found, the member society is encouraged to contact the IWS Coordinator for assistance in identifying a suitable candidate or working with neighboring Member Societies. IARU is available to provide training if needed.

5 — IARU IWS operations are coordinated by a IWS Steering Committee (IWSC), with the chair appointed by the IARU Administrative Council. Steering Committee members shall be experts in intruder monitoring and represent geographic diversity and the different amateur services.

6 — The IWSC will:

6.1 facilitate the establishment of an online tool to establish a common method of communication and information sharing to support the work of IWS participants and member society contributions,

6.2 prepare web-based training material for the IWS team members and member-societies,

6.3 standardize, coordinate, and facilitate reporting to national administrations and Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTOs),

6.4 report to the AC as required,

6.5 communicate via IARU news and other mechanisms, the work of the IARU IWS, and

6.6 address such other matters relevant to the IWS that may arise.

7 — Member societies shall report details of the improper use of amateur bands by non-amateur stations **in their own country** to their own national administration and take all steps possible to ensure that their administration acts to stop such improper use. Details of cases of established improper use of the amateur bands by non-amateur stations that cannot be resolved by the member society with its own administration shall be forwarded by the member society to the IWS Committee through its IWS National Coordinator or through the IWS Coordinator.

8 — Member societies and their National IWS Coordinators are encouraged to report details of the improper use of amateur bands by non-amateur stations in other countries to their own national administration so that their administration may raise the matter with the administration of the station concerned.

9 — Any case of improper use of amateur bands by non-amateur stations received by any IARU organization or directly identified by the IWS shall be handled according to the following procedure:

9.1 As soon as possible after receiving or identifying a case, the IWS team of experts will verify the case and the IWS Coordinator or the member of the team of experts designated by the IWS Coordinator will formally report to the Member Society.

9.2 Unless within 72 hours an objection is raised by the relevant national member-society to the IWSC taking any further action on the case or if no response from the relevant national-member society to the report referred to in point 9.1 above is received, the matter will be referred to the IWSC for discussion and the IWSC will make a determination as to the further action to be taken.

9.3 Subject to a decision from the IWSC arising from paragraph 9.2, the relevant IWS National coordinator in consultation with the IWSC will report the case to the station concerned or the relevant national administration. When no IWS National Coordinator is available, the IWS Coordinator - consulting the appropriate IWSC member(s) – will report the case to the station concerned or the relevant National Administration.

10 — No communications concerning non-amateur activity on the amateur bands shall be directed by IWS expert team members to member-societies without prior consultation with the IWS Coordinator.

11 — Any and all contact with the ITU involving matters relating to the IWS and its activities shall be made only through the International Secretariat. No contact with a regional

telecommunication organization shall be made by any IWS Coordinator or the IWSC without prior approval by the IS.

12 — Intruder Watch Service Coordinators will meet regularly to coordinate their actions and share their practices.
