RECOMMENDATION ITU-R M.1042-2

Disaster communications in the amateur and amateur-satellite services

(Question ITU-R 48/8)

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The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) Resolution 36 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994);
- b) Resolution 644 (Rev.WRC-2000) concerning telecommunications resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations;
- c) the adoption of the Tampere Convention on the provision of telecommunications resources for disaster mitigation and relief operations by the Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications from 16-18 June 1998;
- d) ITU-D Resolution 34 (Istanbul, 2002) (WTDC-02) on telecommunication resources in the service of humanitarian assistance;
- e) ITU-D Recommendation 12 (Istanbul, 2002) (WTDC-02) regarding consideration of disaster telecommunication needs in telecommunication development activities,

recommends

- that administrations encourage the development of amateur service and amateur-satellite service networks capable of providing communications in the event of natural disasters;
- 2 that such networks be robust, flexible and independent of other telecommunications services and capable of operating from emergency power;
- that amateur organizations be encouraged to promote the design of robust systems capable of providing communication during disasters and relief operations;
- 4 that amateur organizations be allowed to exercise their networks periodically during normal non-disaster periods.