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To: ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC)

Attn: the ARRL's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Minster David (NA2AA).
ARRL Board of Directors.
IARU International Secretariat.

Attn: Department for Telecommunications and Postal Services.

Subject: Formal Request for Recognition of 4U1A (Vienna International Centre) as a Separate DXCC Entity

Dear Members of the DX Advisory Committee,
The Amateur Radio Club at the Vienna International Centre (4U1A), representing the international community of radio amateurs serving at the United Nations organizations in Vienna, formally submits this petition for the recognition of 4U1A as a separate entity on the DXCC List.
Our petition is based on the requirement for consistency in the application of DXCC Rule 1(c) (International Organizations) and the legal fact of the extraterritorial status of our headquarters.

1. The Principle of Administrative Consistency

The DXCC List currently recognizes 4U1UN (UNHQ New York) and 4U1ITU (Geneva) as separate entities. The Vienna International Centre (VIC) is the third of only three major United Nations Headquarters in the world with identical legal and administrative standing. To recognize two and exclude the third creates a logical and regulatory inconsistency that undermines the integrity of the DXCC program.

2. Legal Status: Extraterritoriality and Sovereignty

In accordance with the "Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Austria regarding the Seat of the United Nations in Vienna" (1995):

- Inviolability (Article III, Section 7): The VIC is an extraterritorial enclave. Austrian national authorities have no jurisdiction within the premises without the express consent of the Director-General.
- Administrative Autonomy (Article III, Section 8): The United Nations possesses full authority to establish regulations within the VIC, independent of Austrian law.
- Licensing: 4U1A does not operate under an Austrian national license (Amateurfunkgesetz). Authorization is granted directly by the United Nations Administration under international mandate.

3. Compliance with Rule 1(c) Criteria

4U1A meets all criteria established by the ARRL for International Organizations:

- Unique Identity: We represent the UN and IAEA in Vienna, with a distinct administrative structure.
- Postal Independence: The VIC hosts a dedicated branch of the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA). Like 4U1UN and 4U1ITU, we issue our own United Nations postage stamps, which are recognized worldwide and distinct from those of the host nation.
- Host Nation Support: The Austrian national society (ÖVSV) has formally acknowledged that they do not exercise regulatory jurisdiction over 4U1A and have no objection to our recognition as a separate DXCC entity.

4. Conclusion

The recognition of 4U1A is not a request for a "new" country based on geography, but a request to correct an administrative oversight. 4U1A is a "Special Area" that functions as a sovereign administrative unit on international territory.

We request that the DXAC formally move to add 4U1A to the DXCC List. We are prepared to provide all necessary documentation, including the Headquarters Agreement and official correspondence from the Austrian regulatory authorities, to support this motion.

Thank you for your dedication to the DXCC program and for your fair consideration of this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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