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**To:** ARRL Board of Directors

**Attn:** DX Advisory Committee (DXAC)

**Subject:** Clarification of Regulatory Jurisdiction Regarding the Vienna International Centre (4U1A)

**Dear Colleagues,**

On behalf of the **Austrian Amateur Radio Society (ÖVSV)**, we are writing to provide a formal clarification regarding the status of the amateur radio station **4U1A**, located within the Vienna International Centre (VIC).

As the IARU member society representing Austria, we have closely monitored the discussions regarding the DXCC status of 4U1A. We wish to officially state our position to assist the ARRL in maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the DXCC List.

**1. Recognition of Extraterritorial Status** The Republic of Austria, through the "Headquarters Agreement" with the United Nations, recognizes the Vienna International Centre as an extraterritorial enclave. A passport must be presented at the checkpoint when entering the Vienna International Centre. Consequently, the ÖVSV acknowledges that the VIC operates outside the standard domestic radio-regulatory framework of Austria.

**2. Licensing and Responsibility** The station 4U1A does not operate under an Austrian national license issued by the Federal Ministry (BMWKMS). Instead, it operates under the direct administrative authority of the United Nations. Therefore, the ÖVSV does not exercise regulatory oversight, frequency coordination, or licensing authority over 4U1A. In the view of our society, 4U1A is an independent administrative entity operating on international territory.

**3. Support for Consistent Classification** The ÖVSV recognizes the unique status of the three primary UN Headquarters: New York, Geneva, and Vienna. We see no regulatory or administrative reason why 4U1A should be treated differently from 4U1UN or 4U1ITU.

**4. Official Stance** The ÖVSV explicitly confirms that it has **no objection** to the ARRL recognizing 4U1A as a separate administrative entity for the purposes of the DXCC program. Such recognition would accurately reflect the legal reality of the VIC's extraterritorial status and would not be viewed as a "loss of territory" by the Austrian amateur radio community. On the contrary, we believe this would enhance the prestige of the DXCC program by ensuring its rules are applied consistently.

We hope this clarification aids the DXAC in its deliberations. We remain at your disposal should you require further information regarding the Austrian regulatory environment.

Sincerely,

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