

AN AGREEMENT

Between

The Radio Society of Great Britain

and

RAYNET-UK

(previously known as The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network)

Preamble: Parity of Esteem

Definition: parity of esteem offers "a language for negotiation of a post-conflict equilibrium". This negotiation begins with both parties recognising the stalemate of their position. Rather than continue trying to out-do each other, the parties should attempt to negotiate a peaceful co-existence in a shared physical space despite their recognised and accepted differences.

1. INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this Agreement the following abbreviations or terms shall have the meaning shown:

Agreement	<i>shall mean</i>	This document
RSGB	<i>shall mean</i>	The Radio Society of Great Britain
RAYNET	<i>shall mean</i>	RAYNET-UK

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this document is to state the terms of an agreement between the RSGB and RAYNET that shall serve as a national framework within which both parties may work together for the benefit and improvement of communication in community events, emergencies and disaster situations.
- 2.2 It is intended that this agreement shall promote joint co-ordination and utilisation of the resources of both the RSGB and RAYNET; to enhance the potential and capabilities of both organisations and to facilitate the flow of information and resources between both organisations.

3. RECOGNITION

- 3.1 Both parties understand and agree to adopt the principle of parity of esteem.
- 3.2 The RSGB recognises RAYNET as the UK's principal organisation comprising radio amateurs who provide voluntary radio communications in support of the activities of the User Services and to local communities in times of disaster and emergencies as well as providing communications support to local community events. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the User Services.
- 3.3 RAYNET recognises the RSGB as the national body representing all UK radio amateurs. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the UK licensing authorities and bodies such as CEPT and the ITU. The RSGB is also the representative society of radio amateurs throughout the United Kingdom to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

4. PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION

- 4.1 The parties shall liaise with one another, exchanging information and materials, and engaging in activities in order to promote and broaden interest, understanding and appreciation of radio communication technologies, especially their value in emergency situations. The parties agree that wherever possible, they will work on the basis of a jointly developed and agreed strategy which shall be developed through such liaison, and shall have as its focus the provision of the best possible service to the User Services.
- 4.2 RAYNET shall liaise with the RSGB's designated representative(s) and co-ordinate the approach to the User Services, professional bodies and other voluntary agencies for the purpose of furthering the interests of emergency communications. This co-ordinated approach is best presented by the parties continuing to

negotiate with those external agencies where they have demonstrated competence, and informing the other party of the outcomes of meetings and especially proposed agenda items.

- 4.3 The RSGB shall liaise with RAYNET's designated representative(s) and co-ordinate matters relating to changes in amateur radio licensing or band plans where such changes have an effect on the functioning of communication in community events, emergencies and disaster situations.
- 4.4 The RSGB shall, within 12 months of the commencement of this agreement, cease to provide Raynet-specific services to affiliated Raynet groups.
- 4.5 Groups will be able to join the RSGB as affiliated clubs, and be entitled to the same benefits afforded to those clubs. Where a group's name includes the word "RAYNET", the RSGB will only permit affiliation if the group is a member of RAYNET-UK.
- 4.6 The RSGB shall allow RAYNET exclusive use of its Raynet-related trademarks.
- 4.7 RAYNET shall affiliate to the RSGB as a Special Interest Group. Discussion by RAYNET with other Special Interest Groups may be made directly and does not need to involve the RSGB.
- 4.8 When a member of the RSGB attends a meeting of RAYNET, their expenses shall be paid by the RSGB. When a member of RAYNET attends a meeting of the RSGB, their expenses shall be paid by RAYNET.
- 4.9 Both parties shall recognise the intellectual property rights of the other and shall acknowledge them as such. Where there is mutual agreement, the intellectual property rights for material produced from projects shall be shared and either party shall be allowed to use or amend without reference to the other. Third party use or transfer shall require the agreement of both parties.
- 4.10 Both parties shall share and co-operate in the provision of such information which will assist active operations to expedite a response to a request from a User Service for communications support at any given time.
- 4.11 Either party may issue joint publicity documentation after due consultation with the other party. This consultation shall be made during preparation, and prior to production and/or publication. Neither party may issue any statements or material purporting, either implicitly or explicitly, to be the views or opinions of both parties without there being written agreement that both parties subscribe to the content of such material.

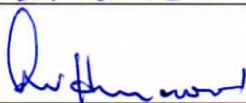
5. EXCLUSION

Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any joint venture, partnership or other business association, nor shall either party enter into any obligation or commitment on behalf of the other without prior agreement.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

This agreement shall take effect upon its signing by the authorised representatives of each organisation. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at any time. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon 12 months' written notice to the other by recorded, signed for post to the respective registered offices, but not without due consideration of the principles stated in the preamble.

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