

Arrangement between the United States and Turkey relating to radio communications between amateur stations on behalf of third parties. Effected by exchange of notes at Ankara November 27, 1996. Entered into force November 27, 1996.

LETTERHEAD OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ANKARA, TURKEY

27 November 1996

His Excellency O guz Tezmen, Under Secretary, Ministry of Transportation, Ankara, Turkey.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of this date, containing the following proposal for the conclusion of an arrangement between the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey to permit the exchange of third party messages between radio amateurs of Turkey and the United States, as follows:

"Amateur radio stations of Turkey and the United States may exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties, provided:

"1. No compensation may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications.

"2. Such communications shall be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that, in the event of disaster, the public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life and property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries.

"3. This arrangement shall be applicable with respect to all amateur radio stations duly licensed by appropriate authorities of either Turkey or the United States. Such stations taking part in the communications shall at all times be controlled by licensed amateur radio operators.

"4. This arrangement shall be subject to termination by either government on sixty days notice to the other government, by further arrangement between the two governments dealing with the same subject, or by enactment of legislation in either country inconsistent therewith."

I take pleasure in informing your Excellency that the Government of the United States accepts the proposal to conclude the aforesaid arrangement, and confirms that the arrangement shall enter into force on the date of the present Note.

I also take this opportunity to extend to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc Grossman

REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Ankara, November 27, 1996

His Excellency Marc Grossman Ambassador of the US to Turkey

Excellency,

I have the honor to propose that a third-party traffic arrangement be concluded between the Governments of Turkey and of the United States of America, to permit the exchange of third party messages between the radio amateurs of Turkey and the United States, as follows:

"Amateur radio stations of Turkey and the United States may exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties, provided:

"1. No compensation may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications.

"2. Such communications shall be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that in the event of disaster, the public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life and property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries.

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I have the honor to propose that the present Note and your Excellency's Note indicating the concurrence of the Government of the United States of America, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments, which will enter into force on the date of your Excellency's reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Oguz Tezmen Undersecretary, Ministry of Transport