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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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>>> REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO <<<
>>> NEW DXCC ENTITY <<<

At its latest meeting (19-20 January) the ARRL Board of Directors approved a motion to amend the DXCC Rules. Section II (DXCC List Criteria), Subsection 1 (Political Entities) now includes a fourth criterion:
(d) The entity has a separate IARU member society [1] and is included on the US State Department Independent States in the World [2].
An Entity must be on both lists in order to qualify for separate listing as a Political Entity under this new criterion.
In fact, the Republic of Kosovo (Z6) has been added to the DXCC List of current Entities, increasing the total number of current DXCC Entities to 340. The addition of Kosovo raises to 331 the required number of current Entities confirmed to qualify for DXCC Honor Roll; Top of Honor Roll is 340. DXCC Award accounts are being tabulated to reflect the change.
This change qualifies as an "event," effective on 21 January 2018, at 00.00 UTC. Nothing is retroactive. Kosovo's DXCC Entity code is 522.
[1] http://www.iaru.org/member-societies.html
[2] https://www.state.gov/s/inr/rls/4250.htm

>>> 3Y0Z: BOUVET ISLAND <<<

"Today, the seas remained relatively calm, but the temperature has dropped significantly, and the wind velocity is increasing", the 3Y0Z team reported on 25 January. "We passed another iceberg today. The weather is supposed to deteriorate tomorrow". They are active as 3G9A/mm, and "propagation is becoming closer to that predicted in our model. Once we are on the island and have better antennas with no noise, we expect we will hear much better. Right now, signals are fairly weak, but definitely there under some local noise from the ship". The team is "well past the half-way point" of their voyage. See http://www.bouvetdx.org/ for news and updates, and follow the M/V Betanzos' progress on https://share.garmin.com/bouvet.

6W - Willy, ON4AVT will be active holiday style as 6W/ON4AVT from Senegal sometime in February. He will operate PSK31, PSK63 and SSB on 20 metres. QSL via bureau to home call and eQSL.
7Q - The EIDX Group will be active as 7Q7EI from Malawi [425DXN 1382] from 24 March to 2 April, CQ WW WPX SSB Contest included. Thirteen operators will be QRV on 160-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY with four stations. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log on a daily basis. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (direct or bureau); traditional cards direct only to M0OXO. See http://7q7ei.com/ for more information.
C6 - Bob N4BP (C6AKQ), Tim N4UM (C6ARU) and Mike K4RUM (C6AUM) will be

active again from Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco (NA-080) on 6-20 February. They will operate mainly CW on 160-6 metres. Plans are to participate in the CQ WPX RTTY (10-11 February) and ARRL DX CW (17-18 February) contests. QSL C6AKQ via N4BP (direct) and LoTW; QSL C6ARU via N4UM (direct, no LoTW); QSL C6AUM via K4RUM (direct), LoTW and eQSL with logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

DU - Chris, F4EBK will be active again as DU3/F4EBK from the city of Baliuag on Luzon Island (OC-042) sometime in February. He will operate SSB on 20, 15 and 10m. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX NG3K]

F - Francois, F8DVD will be active as TM15AAW between 2 and 25 February including the 15th Antarctic Activity Week (17-25 February). He will operate on 40-10 metres mostly SSB from his home QTH in Macon, France. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX F8DVD]

F - Members of Radio Club F6KMB will be active as TM6C on 11-26 February during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via F6KMB. [TNX F8REF]

FG - Gildas, F6HMQ and Michel, F6GWV will be active again as FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 23 February to 12 March. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as TO3Z (QSL via F6HMQ). [TNX NG3K]

FK - Alex, 5B4ALX (IZ4AMS) will be active as FK/5B4ALX from New Caledonia (OC-032) from 20 March to 4 April, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. He will operate SSB, CW, JT65 and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via IZ4AMS (direct or bureau). More information on http://www.5b4alx.cloud/.

FO - Will, W0ZRJ and Bill, KH6OO will be active as TX5X from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia on 10-17 March. They will operate CW, FT8, JT9 and JT65 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or Club Log's OQRS. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

GD - GM0OBX, MM0OKG and MM0VPY will be active as MT0IXD from the Scarlett Point station (http://scarlettpoint.im/site/) on the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 9-12 February. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY, and will participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

HP - Mike, W1USN and Bob, AA1M will be active as HP8/W1USN and HP8/AA1M from Panama on 1-15 February. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home calls (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

I - The United Nations Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as 4U13FEB until 31 March to promote and celebrate World Radio Day (13 February). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA.

J6 - Bill, K9HZ has been active again as J68HZ from St Lucia (NA-108) since 20 January, and will remain there until 3 February. He is QRV daily between 12 and 6 UTC, on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to K9HZ.

JD1_oga- Kazu, JD1BNA will be active from the Bonin Islands (AS-031), Ogasawara on 2-5 February. He will be QRV mainly on 160, 80 and 40 metres. QSL direct to JL1UTS. [TNX DX World]

LY - Special callsigns from LY100A to LY100Z will be active on 1-28 February in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lithuania's

independence. The activity is organized by the Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society (http://lrmd.lt/). QSL via LY1RMD.

ON - Javier, EA1HEO is active as OR4ESA from the European Space Agency's site in Redu, Belgium until February 6. He operates SSB, RTTY and PSK31 approximately between 18 and 21 UTC from Monday to Friday. QSL via LoTW, eQSL or via DL0ESA (direct or bureau); logsearch on Club Log.

OZ - Special event stations OZ18ICE and 5P8ICE will be active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in Denmark on 1-23 May. See qrz.com for information about the awards issued for working these stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX OZ4FF]

P4 - John, W2GD will operate again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 12-20 February. Main activity will be during the ARRL DX CW Contest; activity outside the contest will include 160, 30, 17 and 12 metres as time allows. QSL via LoTW or N2MM (direct only). [TNX NG3K]

V3 - Torsten, DG7RO Alexandra, DO5ALX will be active again as V31TF and V31RU from Belize on 7-25 February, including activity during the CQ WPX RTTY, ARRL DX CW and CQ WW 160-Meter SSB contests. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearches on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

VE - Pierre, VE3KTB and Alex, VE1RUS will be active again as VY0ERC approximately from 4 February to 1 April. This is the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located in the environs of the weather station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008). They will be QRV in their spare time, most likely on 40 and 20 metres SSB, digital and very slow CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

VP5 - Pat, K0PC will be active as VP5/K0PC from Providenciales (NA-002), Caicos Islands on 13-20 February. He will operate VP5K during the ARRL DX CW Contest (17-18 February). QSL for both callsigns via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS or via K0PC (direct or bureau). [TNX The Daily DX]

XW - Charles, W0DLE will be active as 3W9DLE from Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam "for 90 days in February, March and April". He will operate CW, FT8 and some SSB, with main activity during the ARRL DX CW Contest (17-18 February) and the Russian DX CW Contest (17-18 March). QSL direct to W0DLE. [TNX The Daily DX]

XX9 - With the assistance of XX9LT, a team from Brazil (PP1CZ, PR7AB, PY2MC, PY2SEX, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4BZ, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6RT and PY7XC) will be active as XX9B from Macao on 9-17 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (especially RTTY and FT8) with three stations on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via PP1CZ. More information on http://xx9b.py2sex.com/.

Z2 - Rune LA7THA, Arne LA7WCA and Thor LA9VPA will be active holiday style as Z2LA (http://www.la9vpa.com/z2la/)from Zimbabwe on 2-11 March. They will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

Z6 - Kosovo's IARU member society (SHRAK) and its president Vjollca Caka (Z61VB) are hosting an activation to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Kosovo's independence. SHRAK Headquarters station Z60A now is active on several bands from two operating sites with multiple local and guest operators. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH.

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KOSOVO & TQSL ---> A new Logbook of The World (LoTW) TQSL configuration file (v.11.4) was released on 23 January. Radio amateurs outside of Kosovo should continue to upload their logs to LoTW in the usual manner. LoTW users within Kososvo (either with a Z6 call sign or reciprocal call sign Z6/homecall) will use TQSL to request a new call sign certificate for their call sign. The request will use Republic of Kososvo as the DXCC Entity, and the QSO Begin date will be 21 January 2018 or later. LoTW will reject call sign certificate requests for the Republic of Kosovo with a QSO Begin date prior to 21 January 2018. Z6 users requesting call sign certificates may e-mail a copy of their Amateur Radio license to LoTW-Help@arrl.org.

QSL VIA N2OO ---> "With the 3Y0Z QSL project fast approaching, now would be a good time to request any other QSLs that I handle", Bob N2OO says. "Once the 3Y0Z and 3G9A/mm mail starts up, all other QSL operations here will be delayed. For a full list of who I handle and how to request cards, go to the QRZ page for N2OO. Also, if you add cards with your 3Y0Z mail for other calls, your return mail will be delayed. It's OK to do, but there will be a delay".

RST SPECIAL EVENT ---> Members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active between 1 February and 31 May from several different locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut (including VY1RST/VY0 and VE8RST/VY0 from Ellesmere Island) and Greenland using all NCDXA "RST" callsigns: KL7RST, VY1RST, VE8RST, VY0RST and OX7RST. QSL direct to K7ICE. See https://www.qrz.com/lookup/K7ICE for more information.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0L (AF-039), 3C1L (AF-010), 3XY3D (AF-051), 4O4A, 4S7VBG (AS-003), 4S7VBG/p (AS-171), 4W/OZ1AA, 5A1AL, 5K1B (SA-078), 5T9VB, 6W/UA4WHX/p (AF-078), 7V7V, 8Q7VB, 9H3WHX, 9K2OF, 9N1AA, A25SP, A92AA, AL3/AA7CH (NA-042), AP2HA, B7CRA (AS-143), BV0L (AS-155), C50VB, C93PA, CE7VPQ (SA-018), CN2VB, CO8LY, CT8/UA4WHX, CT9/UA4WHX, D44TVB (AF-005), DU9/R4WAA (OC-175), DU9/RZ3FW (OC-175), EA8/UA4WHX, EA9/UA4WHX, ER0VB/p, ES0VB/5, H40GC, H79H, HI8CSS, HK3C, J5T (AF-020), LW2EIY, LY/UA4WHX, N9AW/p (NA-069), NL6/AA7CH (NA-157), OA6Q, OJ0/UA4WHX (EU-053), R00BVB, RI0BV (AS-005), RI0POL, RI1ANO, RI1F (EU-190), RI1PV (EU-085), SV9BAI, TI2VLM, TK9R, UA0CY, VE7KDU/7 (NA-181), VK9AR (OC-216), VK9AR/6 (OC-234), VP5CW, VP9/DK7LX, VR2CO, VU2GSM, VU7T, WP4G, XK150YUKON, YB8RW/p (OC-145), YC8UTI (OC-209), YL/UA4WHX, YV1KK, YV5MBI, YV5RED, ZA/OG1N, ZA1WW, ZS2EZ, ZS6WB.

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