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AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION

Opened for signature at Washington August 20, 1971

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Afghanistan			Mar. 26, 1973	Mar. 26, 1973
Algeria	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 19, 1972 ⁵		Feb. 12, 1973
Angola			Sept. 23, 1977	Sept. 23, 1977
Argentina	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 13, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Armenia			July 14, 1993	July 14, 1993
Australia	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Austria	Apr. 5, 1972 ¹	Dec. 22, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Azerbaijan			Apr. 13, 1992	Apr. 13, 1992
The Bahamas			May 30, 1985	May 30, 1985
Bahrain			Aug. 23, 1993	Aug. 23, 1993
Bangladesh			Mar. 1, 1976	Mar. 1, 1976
Barbados			Jan. 19, 1973	Feb. 12, 1973
Belgium	Jan. 13, 1972 ^{1,2}	Dec. 27, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Benin			May 12, 1987	May 12, 1987
Bhutan			June 23, 1992	June 23, 1992
Bolivia			Dec. 19, 1974	Dec. 19, 1974
Bosnia & Herzegovina			Mar. 6, 1996	Mar. 6, 1996
Botswana			Apr. 14, 1995	Apr. 14, 1995
Brazil	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 20, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973

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Brunei			Apr. 7, 1994	Apr. 7, 1994
Bulgaria ²⁷				
Burkina Faso ²⁰			Oct. 27, 1977	Oct. 27, 1977
Burundi	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1, 6}			
Cameroon	Mar. 8, 1972 ¹	Feb. 7, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
Canada	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Cape Verde			Feb. 19, 1991	Feb. 19, 1991 ¹⁹
Central African Rep.			Mar. 13, 1973	Mar. 13, 1973
Chad			June 9, 1977	June 9, 1977
Chile	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1, 2}	Aug. 18, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
China ⁷			Aug. 16, 1977 ^{7(b)}	Aug. 16, 1977
Colombia	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1, 2}	May 16, 1974		May 16, 1974 ³
Comoros			June 25, 1998	June 25, 1998
Congo			Oct. 26, 1977	Oct. 26, 1977
Congo, Dem. Rep. of ¹⁷	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Costa Rica	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Apr. 25, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Cote d'Ivoire ²¹	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 15, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Croatia			Dec. 14, 1992	Dec. 14, 1992
Cuba			Oct. 31, 2000	Oct. 31, 2000
Cyprus			Mar. 1, 1974	Mar. 1, 1974
Czech Republic ²⁵			Jan. 1, 1993	Jan. 1, 1993
Denmark	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1, 2}	Nov. 29, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973

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Dominican Rep.	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Ecuador	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Mar. 14, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Egypt	Oct. 20, 1971 ^{1,8}	Jan. 3, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
El Salvador			Jan. 19, 1977	Jan. 19, 1977
Equatorial Guinea			Dec. 11, 1996	Dec. 11, 1996
Estonia			Apr. 10, 2007	Apr. 10, 2007
Ethiopia	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 13, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Fiji			May 4, 1978	May 4, 1978
Finland	Dec. 15, 1971 ^{1,2}	Jan. 17, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
France	Mar. 27, 1972 ¹	Sept. 18, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Gabon	Apr. 20, 1972			Feb. 12, 1973
The Gambia			July 13, 2001	July 13, 2001
Georgia			Nov. 9, 2000	Nov. 9, 2000
Germany	Jan. 12, 1972 ^{1,2}	July 2, 1973 ¹⁰		July 2, 1973 ³
Ghana			Dec. 12, 1973	Dec. 12, 1973
Greece	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 29, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Guatemala	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 20, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Guinea			July 14, 1980	July 14, 1980
Guinea-Bissau			July 17, 2001	July 17, 2001
Haiti	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Oct. 3, 1974		Oct. 3, 1974
Honduras			May 6, 1980	May 6, 1980
Hungary			Jan. 26, 1994	Jan. 26, 1994
Iceland	Feb. 14, 1972 ^{1,2}	Feb. 7, 1975		Feb. 7, 1975 ³

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India	Dec. 23, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Indonesia	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Iran	Aug. 25, 1971 ¹	Dec. 12, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Iraq			June 6, 1973	June 6, 1973
Ireland	Feb. 18, 1972			Feb. 12, 1973
Israel	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Sept. 26, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Italy	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1,2}	June 4, 1973		June 4, 1973 ³
Jamaica			Dec. 14, 1972	Feb. 12, 1973
Japan	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	June 27, 1972 ¹¹		Feb. 12, 1973
Jordan	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 29, 1971		Feb. 12, 1973
Kazakhstan			Aug. 22, 1994	Aug. 22, 1994
Kenya	Nov. 26, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.			May 24, 2001	May 24, 2001
Korea, Rep. of	Aug. 24, 1971 ¹	Dec. 12, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Kuwait	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 2, 1971 ¹²		Feb. 12, 1973
Kyrgyz Rep.			May 23, 1994	May 23, 1994
Lebanon	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	June 11, 1974 ¹³		June 11, 1974
Libya			June 9, 1975	June 9, 1975
Liechtenstein	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 8, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Luxembourg	Sept. 28, 1971 ¹	Dec. 29, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Madagascar ¹⁴			Feb. 9, 1973	Feb. 12, 1973
Malawi			July 16, 1984	July 16, 1984
Malaysia	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973

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Mali			July 6, 1976	July 6, 1976
Malta			Jan. 20, 1995	Jan. 20, 1995
Mauritania	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Mauritius			Sept. 2, 1986	Sept. 2, 1986
Mexico	Nov. 4, 1971 ¹	Dec. 20, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Micronesia			Sept. 8, 1993	Sept. 8, 1993
Monaco	May 1, 1972			Feb. 12, 1973
Mongolia			Sept. 5, 1997	Sept. 5, 1997
Montenegro			Oct. 22, 2009	Oct. 22, 2009
Morocco	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Mozambique			Nov. 15, 1989	Nov. 15, 1989
Namibia			Dec. 3, 1993	Dec. 3, 1993
Nepal			Mar.1, 1989	Mar. 1, 1989
Netherlands	Oct. 13, 1971 ^{1,2}	May 23, 1973 ¹⁵		May 23, 1973 ³
New Zealand	Jan. 5, 1972 ¹	Mar. 7, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Nicaragua	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Sept. 13, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Niger			Apr. 14, 1980	Apr. 14, 1980
Nigeria			Oct. 25, 1972	Feb. 12, 1973
Norway	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	June 20, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Oman			Jan. 3, 1975	Jan. 3, 1975
Pakistan	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 6, 1971		Feb. 12, 1973
Panama			May 29, 1975	May 29, 1975

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Papua New Guinea			Mar. 24, 1983	Mar. 24, 1983
Paraguay			July 18, 1977	July 18, 1977
Peru	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 19, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Philippines	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 12, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Poland			Dec. 15, 1993	Dec. 15, 1993
Portugal	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	June 29, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Qatar			Feb. 2, 1976	Feb. 2, 1976
Romania			May 7, 1990	May 7, 1990
Russia			May 16, 1991 ²²	July 18, 1991 ²³
Rwanda			Sept. 2, 1986	Sept. 2, 1986
Saudi Arabia			Aug. 24, 1972	Feb. 12, 1973
Senegal	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 15, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Serbia ²⁶				Apr. 27, 1992
Singapore	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Dec. 9, 1971		Feb. 12, 1973
Somalia			Mar. 27, 1981	Mar. 27, 1981
South Africa	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Spain	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 30, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Sri Lanka			Dec. 15, 1972	Feb. 12, 1973
Sudan	Aug. 20, 1971 ^{1, 16}		Feb. 12, 1973	Feb. 12, 1973
Swaziland			May 18, 1988	May 18, 1988
Sweden	May 19, 1972			Feb. 12, 1973
Switzerland	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	July 27, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Syria	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973

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Tajikistan			Feb. 22, 1996	Feb. 22, 1996
Tanzania	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Jan. 9, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
Thailand	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Nov. 16, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Togo			Mar. 5, 1987	Mar. 5, 1987
Trinidad and Tobago	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Tunisia	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Jan. 30, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
Turkey	Sept. 10, 1971 ^{1,2}	Sept. 26, 1974		Sept. 26, 1974 ³
Uganda	Jan. 28, 1972	Apr. 6, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
United Arab Emirates			May 12, 1976	May 12, 1976
United Kingdom	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Feb. 16, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
United States	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Uruguay			Dec. 7, 1982	Dec. 7, 1982
Uzbekistan			May 7, 1997	May 7, 1997
Vatican City State	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Jan. 21, 1972		Feb. 12, 1973
Venezuela	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Jan. 22, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
Vietnam ¹⁸	Aug. 20, 1971 ¹	Jan. 3, 1973		Feb. 12, 1973
Yemen ²⁴	Aug. 20, 1971			Feb. 12, 1973
Zambia			Nov. 1, 1972	Feb. 12, 1973
Zimbabwe			Mar. 15, 1989	Mar. 15, 1989

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Requests for provisional application

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Belgium	Jan. 13, 1972 ⁴
Chile	Aug. 20, 1971 ⁴
Colombia	Jan. 30, 1973 ⁴
Denmark	Apr. 19, 1972 ⁴
Finland	Dec. 15, 1972 ⁴
Germany ⁹	Jan. 24, 1973 ⁴
Iceland	Jan. 16, 1973 ⁴
Italy	Feb. 15, 1972 ⁴
Netherlands	Oct. 13, 1971 ⁴
Turkey	Jan. 24, 1973 ⁴

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1. Signature accompanied by a declaration in accordance with Article XIX, paragraph (b) of the Agreement that signature is subject to ratification, acceptance, or approval.
2. Request for provisional application of the Agreement, to take effect upon entry into force of the Agreement, deposited at time of signature or subsequently, pursuant to the provisions of Article XX, paragraph (c) thereof.
3. Applied provisionally from February 12, 1973, pursuant to Article XX, paragraphs (c) and (d) of the Agreement, by virtue of request for provisional application of the inter-governmental agreement made under paragraph (c) of said article. (See also footnote 4.)
4. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.
5. Algerian ratification accompanied by following declaration:

"L'application par l'Algérie de l'une quelconque des dispositions du présent accord ne saurait en aucun cas être interprétée comme une reconnaissance du pseudo-Etat d'Israel."
6. Not a signatory to the Operating Agreement.
7. (a) On February 25, 1972, an instrument of ratification was deposited in the name of the Republic of China. The Ambassador of the Republic of China informed the Secretary of State by a note dated September 10, 1976, and received on the same date that, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph (a) (i) of the Agreement, "the Government of the Republic of China hereby notifies the Government of the United States, as Depositary of the said Agreement, of its decision to withdraw voluntarily from INTELSAT, such withdrawal to become effective three months after the date of the receipt of this notice." Withdrawal became effective December 10, 1976.

(b) The instrument of accession by the People's Republic of China contains the statement, in translation, "that the signatures affixed by the Chiang clique usurping the name of China to the . . . Agreement [Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization] and the Operating Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization are illegal and null and void."

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8. The Embassy of India, Egyptian Interests Section, notified the Department of State by a note dated October 20, 1971, that the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs had called upon the Interests Section to bring to the attention of the Department of State the contents of the decision of the Arab League No. 2816 dated September 16, 1971, stating inter alia that the signature and ratification by the Arab States of the INTELSAT agreements do not in any way constitute a recognition by them of Israel.

By note dated February 26, 1980, the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt informed the Department of State that the position of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt as contained in the above mentioned note of October 20, 1971, is no longer in force.

9. Request for provisional application by the Federal Republic of Germany contains the statement that "Such provisional application shall also extend to Land Berlin."
10. Ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany accompanied by a declaration that the Agreement "shall also apply to 'Berlin (West)' with effect from the date on which it enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany."
11. Instrument of acceptance.
12. The Kuwait instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following "Understanding":

"In ratifying the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization "INTELSAT," the Government of the State of Kuwait takes the view that its ratification of the said Agreement does not in any way imply its recognition of Israel."

13. In depositing the instrument of ratification by Lebanon, the Ambassador of Lebanon by note No. 754 of June 11, 1974, brought to the attention of the Secretary of State "the contents of the Decision of the League of Arab States, No. 2816, dated September 16, 1971, stating inter alia that the signature and ratification by the Arab States of the 'INTELSAT' Agreements do not in any way imply recognition by them of Israel."
14. Instrument of accession deposited by "the Malagasy Republic."
15. Ratified "pour le Royaume en Europe, le Surinam et les Antilles Néerlandaises."

Suriname became an independent state on November 25, 1975.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated January 9, 1986, which reads as follows:

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“The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request the Department’s attention for the following with respect to the Department’s capacity of depositary of [the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization].

“Effective January 1, 1986 the island of Aruba – formerly part of the Netherlands Antilles – obtained internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands. Consequently the Kingdom of The Netherlands as of January 1, 1986 consists of three countries, to wit: the Netherlands proper, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

“Since the abovementioned event concerns only a change in internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of The Netherlands, and as the Kingdom as such, under international law, will remain the subject with which treaties are concluded, the aforementioned change will have no consequences in international law with regard to treaties concluded by the Kingdom, the application of which (treaties) were extended to the Netherlands Antilles, including Aruba.

“These treaties, thus, will remain applicable for Aruba in its new status as autonomous country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands effective January 1, 1986.

“Consequently the [Agreement] to which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a Party, and which [has] been extended to the Netherlands Antilles will as of January 1, 1986 apply to all three countries of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

“The Embassy would appreciate if the other Parties concerned would be notified of the above.

“The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.”

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

“With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

“These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

“The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting ‘the Caribbean part of the Netherlands’. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands

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Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements.”

16. The Embassy of the Somali Democratic Republic, Sudanese Interests Section, informed the Secretary of State by a note dated October 20, 1971, which was received on October 22, 1971, as follows:

"On the instructions of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, we hereby convey and affirm the decision of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan to consider the signature of the Head of the Sudanese Interests Section of the Embassy of the Somali Democratic Republic as the final signature and subject to no further ratification."
17. Signed for "the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa)."
18. An instrument of ratification was deposited in the name of the Republic of Viet Nam on January 3, 1973. By note of May 19, 1978, the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Paris informed the Director General of INTELSAT of the intention of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to maintain its membership in INTELSAT.
19. Instrument of accession deposited by the Republic of Cape Verde on January 6, 1983. Notification of withdrawal dated July 27, 1983, from Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde received by the Government of the United States on same date. Withdrawal effective October 27, 1983.
20. Instrument of accession deposited by "Upper Volta."
21. Signed for Ivory Coast on August 20, 1971. By note of February 17, 1986, the Ivorian Embassy informed the Department of State that henceforth the official name is Republic of Cote d'Ivoire (long form) and Cote d'Ivoire (short form).
22. Date of deposit of instrument of accession by the USSR. Not in force until Operating Agreement is signed.
23. Date of signature of the Operating Agreement by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

By note dated April 2, 1992, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation informed the Secretary of State that the membership of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization is continued by the Russian Federation.
24. Signed for the Yemen Arab Republic on August 20, 1971. By note of May 19, 1990, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic

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Republic of Yemen informed the Secretary General of the United Nations that the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic will merge in a single sovereign State called the "Republic of Yemen" . . . All treaties and agreements concluded between either the Yemen Arab Republic or the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and other States and international organizations in accordance with international law which are in force on May 22, 1990 . . . between the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic and other States will continue . . ."

25. On May 27, 1992, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic deposited an instrument of accession to the intergovernmental Agreement. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic ceased to exist on December 31, 1992. By note of December 28, 1992, the Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic informed the Department of State that the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic "have agreed that the continuing state in respect of membership in the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization shall be the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic assumes as of January 1, 1993, all rights and obligations arising from this membership."
26. The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia signed the intergovernmental Agreement on February 11, 1971, and deposited its instrument of ratification on June 22, 1972; the intergovernmental Agreement entered into force for the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on February 12, 1973. By note No. 8/1/92, dated April 27, 1992, the Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia informed the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization that "[t]he Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is transformed into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia consisting of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro." The note further stated that "the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall continue to fulfil all the rights conferred to and obligations assumed by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international relations, including its membership in all international organizations and participation in international treaties ratified or acceded to by Yugoslavia."

On February 4, 2003, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia changed its name to "Serbia and Montenegro".

The Republic of Serbia continued the membership of Serbia and Montenegro in the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization following the declaration of independence adopted by the National Assembly of Montenegro on June 3, 2006.

27. Instrument of accession deposited by the Republic of Bulgaria on May 15, 1996. Notification of withdrawal dated May 2, 2012 from Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria received by the Government of the United States of America on June 7, 2012. Withdrawal effective September 7, 2012.

Department of State,
Washington, January 25, 2013.