

Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization

Done: Washington August 20, 1971

Opened For Signature: Opened for Signature at Washington 8/20/1971

Entry into Force: February 12, 1973

* Signature accompanied by a declaration in accordance with Article XIX, paragraph (b) of the agreement that signature is subject to ratification, acceptance, or approval.

Legend: (no mark)= ratification; **a**=accession; **d**= succession; **c** = acceptance; **p**= approval; **h**=adherence

Participant	Signature	Consent to be Bound		EIF date	Note
Afghanistan		March 26, 1973	a	March 26, 1973	
Algeria*	August 20, 1971	December 19, 1972		February 12, 1973	1
Angola		September 23, 1977	a	September 23, 1977	
Argentina*	August 20, 1971	December 13, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Armenia		July 14, 1993	a	July 14, 1993	
Australia	August 20, 1971	August 20, 1971	s	February 12, 1973	
Austria*	April 5, 1972	December 22, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Azerbaijan		April 13, 1992	a	April 13, 1992	
Bahamas		May 30, 1985	a	May 30, 1985	
Bahrain		August 23, 1993	a	August 23, 1993	
Bangladesh		March 1, 1976	a	March 1, 1976	
Barbados		January 19, 1973	a	February 13, 1973	
Belgium*	January 13, 1972	December 27, 1972		February 13, 1973	2
Benin		May 12, 1987	a	May 12, 1987	
Bhutan		June 23, 1992	a	June 23, 1992	
Bolivia		December 19, 1974	a	December 19, 1974	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		March 6, 1996	a	March 6, 1996	
Botswana		April 14, 1995	a	April 14, 1995	
Brazil*	August 20, 1971	December 20, 1972		February 13, 1973	
Brunei		April 7, 1994	a	April 7, 1994	
Burkina Faso		October 27, 1977	a	October 27, 1977	4
Burundi*	August 20, 1971				5
Cameroon*	March 8, 1972	February 7, 1973		February 12, 1973	

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Canada	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Central African Republic		March 13, 1973	a	March 13, 1973	
Chad		June 9, 1977	a	June 9, 1977	
Chile*	August 20, 1971	August 18, 1972		February 12, 1973	6
China, People's Republic of		August 16, 1977	a	August 16, 1977	7
Colombia*	August 20, 1971	May 16, 1974		May 16, 1974	8
Comoros		June 25, 1998	a	June 25, 1998	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	9
Congo, Republic of		October 26, 1977	a	October 26, 1977	
Costa Rica*	August 20, 1971	April 25, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Cote d'Ivoire*	August 20, 1971	December 15, 1972		February 12, 1973	10
Croatia		December 14, 1992	a	December 14, 1992	
Cuba		October 31, 2000	a	October 31, 2000	
Cyprus		March 1, 1974	a	March 1, 1974	
Czech Republic		January 1, 1993	a	January 1, 1993	11
Denmark*	August 20, 1971	November 29, 1972		February 12, 1973	12
Dominican Republic	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Ecuador*	August 20, 1971	March 14, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Egypt*	October 20, 1971	January 3, 1973		February 12, 1973	13
El Salvador		January 19, 1977	a	January 19, 1977	
Equatorial Guinea		December 11, 1996	a	December 11, 1996	
Estonia		April 10, 2007	a	April 10, 2007	
Eswatini		May 18, 1988	a	May 18, 1988	
Ethiopia*	August 20, 1971	November 13, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Fiji		May 4, 1978	a	May 4, 1978	
Finland*	December 15, 1971	January 17, 1973		February 13, 1973	14
France*	March 27, 1972	September 18, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Gabon	April 20, 1972		s	February 12, 1973	
Gambia		July 13, 2001	a	July 13, 2001	
Georgia		November 9, 2000	a	November 9, 2000	
Germany*	January 12, 1972	July 2, 1973		July 2, 1973	15
Ghana		December 12, 1973	a	December 12, 1973	
Greece*	August 20, 1971	November 29, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Guatemala*	August 20, 1971	December 20, 1972		February 12, 1973	

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Guinea		July 14, 1980	a	July 14, 1980	
Guinea-Bissau		July 17, 2001	a	July 17, 2001	
Haiti*	August 20, 1971	October 3, 1974		October 3, 1974	
Holy See*	August 20, 1971	January 21, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Honduras		May 6, 1980	a	May 6, 1980	
Hungary		January 26, 1994	a	January 26, 1994	
Iceland*	February 14, 1972	February 7, 1975		February 7, 1975	16
India	December 23, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Indonesia	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Iran*	August 25, 1971	December 12, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Iraq		June 6, 1973	a	June 6, 1973	
Ireland	February 18, 1972		s	February 12, 1973	
Israel*	August 20, 1971	September 26, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Italy*	August 20, 1971	June 4, 1973		June 4, 1973	17
Jamaica		December 14, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Japan*	August 20, 1971	June 27, 1972	c	February 12, 1973	18
Jordan*	August 20, 1971	November 29, 1971		February 12, 1973	
Kazakhstan		August 22, 1994	a	August 22, 1994	
Kenya	November 26, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Korea, DPRK		May 24, 2001	a	May 24, 2001	
Korea, Republic of*	August 24, 1971	December 12, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Kuwait*	August 20, 1971	December 2, 1971		February 12, 1973	19
Kyrgyzstan		May 23, 1994	a	May 23, 1994	
Lebanon*	August 20, 1971	June 11, 1974		June 11, 1974	20
Libya		June 9, 1975	a	June 9, 1975	
Liechtenstein*	August 20, 1971	December 8, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Luxembourg*	September 28, 1971	December 29, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Madagascar		February 9, 1973	a	February 12, 1973	21
Malawi		July 16, 1984		July 16, 1984	
Malaysia	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Mali		July 6, 1976	a	July 6, 1976	
Malta		January 20, 1995	a	January 20, 1995	
Mauritania	August 20, 1971	February 12, 1973	a		
Mauritius		September 2, 1986	a	September 2, 1986	

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Mexico*	November 4, 1971	December 20, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Micronesia		September 8, 1993	a	September 8, 1993	
Monaco	May 1, 1972		s	February 12, 1973	
Mongolia		September 5, 1997	a	September 5, 1997	
Montenegro		October 22, 2009	a	October 22, 2009	
Morocco	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Mozambique		November 15, 1989	a	November 15, 1989	
Namibia		December 3, 1993	a	December 3, 1993	
Nepal		March 1, 1989	a	March 1, 1989	
Netherlands*	October 13, 1971	May 23, 1973		May 23, 1973	22
New Zealand*	January 5, 1972	March 7, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Nicaragua*	August 20, 1971	September 13, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Niger		April 14, 1980	a	April 14, 1980	
Nigeria		October 25, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Norway*	August 20, 1971	June 20, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Oman		January 3, 1975	a	January 3, 1975	
Pakistan*	August 20, 1971	December 6, 1971		February 12, 1973	
Panama		May 29, 1975	a	May 29, 1975	
Papua New Guinea		March 24, 1983	a	March 24, 1983	
Paraguay		July 18, 1977	a	July 18, 1977	
Peru*	August 20, 1971	December 19, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Philippines*	August 20, 1971	December 12, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Poland		December 15, 1993	a	December 15, 1993	
Portugal*	August 20, 1971	June 29, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Qatar		February 2, 1976	a	February 2, 1976	
Romania		May 7, 1990	a	May 7, 1990	
Russia		May 16, 1991	a	July 18, 1991	23
Rwanda		September 2, 1986	a	September 2, 1986	
Saudi Arabia		August 24, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Senegal*	August 20, 1971	November 15, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Serbia				August 27, 1992	24
Singapore*	August 20, 1971	December 9, 1971		February 12, 1973	
Somalia		March 27, 1981	a	March 27, 1981	
South Africa	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	

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Spain	August 20, 1971	November 30, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Sri Lanka		December 15, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Sudan*	August 20, 1971	February 12, 1973	a	February 12, 1973	25
Sweden	May 19, 1972		s	February 12, 1973	
Switzerland*	August 20, 1971	July 27, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Syria	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Tajikistan		February 22, 1996	a	February 22, 1996	
Tanzania*	August 20, 1971	January 9, 1973		February 12, 1973	
Thailand*	August 20, 1971	November 16, 1972		February 12, 1973	
Togo		March 5, 1987	a	March 5, 1987	
Trinidad and Tobago	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Tunisia*	August 20, 1971	January 30, 1973		February 12, 1973	
Turkey*	September 10, 1971	September 26, 1974		September 26, 1974	26
Uganda	January 28, 1972	April 6, 1972		February 12, 1973	
United Arab Emirates		May 12, 1976	a	May 12, 1976	
United Kingdom*	August 20, 1971	February 16, 1972		February 12, 1973	
United States	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	
Uruguay		December 7, 1982	a	December 7, 1982	
Uzbekistan		March 7, 1997	a	March 7, 1997	
Venezuela*	August 20, 1971	January 22, 1973		February 12, 1973	
Vietnam*	August 20, 1971	January 3, 1973		February 12, 1973	27
Yemen	August 20, 1971		s	February 12, 1973	28
Zambia		November 1, 1972	a	February 12, 1973	
Zimbabwe		March 15, 1989	a	March 15, 1989	

NOTES

- ¹ 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."
- 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 Instrument of accession deposited by the Republic of Bulgaria on May 15, 1996.
- ⁴ Instrument of accession deposited by "Upper Volta."
- ⁵ Not a signatory to the Operating Agreement.
- ⁶ 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.
- 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."
- ⁸ 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.

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. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.

- ⁹ Signed for "the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa)."
- ¹⁰ 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).
- ¹¹ 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."
- ¹² 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.
- ¹³ 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.

- ¹⁴ 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.

- ¹⁵ 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.

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. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.

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."

- ¹⁶ 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.

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. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.

- ¹⁷ 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.

- ¹⁸ Instrument of acceptance.

- ¹⁹ 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."

- ²⁰ 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."

- ²¹ Instrument of accession deposited by "the Malagasy Republic."

- ²² 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.

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. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.

Ratified "pour le Royaume en Europe, le Surinam et les Antilles Néerlandaises." As of January 1, 1986, Aruba as a separate entity.

- ²³ May 16, 1991 is the date of deposit of instrument of accession by the USSR. Not in force until Operating Agreement is signed. July 18, 1991 is the 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 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/I/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.

- ²⁵ 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: Status of ITSO Agreement: "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."
- ²⁶ 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.

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. Instrument of ratification deposited subsequently.

- ²⁷ 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.
- ²⁸ 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 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 . . ."