

AMENDED ARTICLE XII (C) (II) OF THE ITSO AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 16 JANUARY 2017

The 31st Extraordinary Assembly of Parties (AP-31), during the period 20-23 March 2007 in Paris, France, approved an amendment to Article XII, Paragraph (c)(ii) of the ITSO Agreement in order to protect the Parties' Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequency assignments in case of adverse or unforeseen situations.

The amendment entered into force on 16 January 2017 in accordance with Article XV(e) of the Agreement which states that: "The Depositary shall notify all the Parties as soon as it has received the acceptances, approvals or ratifications required by paragraph (d) of this Article for the entry into force of an amendment. Ninety days after the date of issue of this notification, **the amendment shall enter into force for all Parties, including those that have not yet accepted, approved, or ratified it and have not withdrawn from ITSO.**" [emphasis added].

The new text of the Article XII (c) (ii) to the ITSO Agreement is:

In the event that the Company, or any future entity using the Common Heritage frequency assignments, waives such frequency assignment(s), uses such assignment(s) in ways other than those set forth in this Agreement, or declares bankruptcy, the Notifying Administrations shall authorize the use of such frequency assignment(s) only by entities that have signed a public services agreement, which will enable ITSO to ensure that the selected entities fulfill the Core Principles.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE/RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII (C) (II) OF THE ITSO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:

ALGERIA	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM
ANGOLA	AZERBAIJAN	BENIN
ARGENTINA	BANGLADESH	BHUTAN
ARMENIA	BARBADOS	BOLIVIA





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| BURKINA FASO | GAMBIA | NIGER |
| CAMEROON | GHANA | NIGERIA |
| CABO VERDE | GERMANY | OMAN |
| CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC | GREECE | PAKISTAN |
| CHAD | GUINEA | PANAMA |
| CHILE | HONDURAS | PARAGUAY |
| COMOROS | INDIA | PERU |
| CONGO | IRAN | PHILIPPINES |
| COTE D'IVOIRE | IRAQ | POLAND |
| CUBA | ITALY | PORTUGAL |
| CYPRUS | JAMAICA | QATAR |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | JORDAN | RWANDA |
| DEM. REPUBLIC OF
CONGO | KENYA | SAUDI ARABIA |
| DEM. PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF KOREA | KYRGYZ REPUBLIC | SENEGAL |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | LEBANON | SERBIA |
| ECUADOR | LIECHTENSTEIN | SINGAPORE |
| EGYPT | MADAGASCAR | SOMALIA |
| EL SALVADOR | MALAWI | SOUTH AFRICA |
| EQUATORIAL GUINEA | MALI | SRI LANKA |
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OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NOTE FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission of the Governments of the States Parties to the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, done at Washington on August 20, 1971, as amended (the "Agreement"), for which the United States of America is depositary. Reference is made also to the Amendment of Article XII (c)(ii) of the Agreement, done at Paris on March 23, 2007 (the "Amendment").

The Chiefs of Mission are informed that the depositary has received the notices required by Article XV (d) of the Agreement in order for the Amendment to enter into force. Therefore, the Amendment will enter into force on January 16, 2017, ninety days after the date of this notification, in accordance with Article XV (e) of the Agreement.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Chiefs of Mission would forward this information to their respective governments.

Department of State,

Washington, October 18, 2016.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

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