



INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION



ITSO is an **Intergovernmental organization** with **149 member states**, that incorporates the principle set forth in **Resolution 1721(XVI)** of the General Assembly of the **United Nations**, which established that communication by means of satellite should be available to the nations of the **world** as soon as practicable on a **global and non-discriminatory basis**. Originally established in 1973 as **INTELSAT**, the **International Telecommunications Satellite Organization** was restructured in 2001. The restructuring led to the creation of a private entity, Intelsat S.A., and to the continuation of the intergovernmental organization with a new acronym (ITSO). Since then, ITSO has been responsible for overseeing Intelsat's compliance with its public service obligations—a role that now extends to SES, following **SES acquisition of Intelsat** in July 2025. ITSO's **mission** is to ensure SES/Intelsat's successful performance of its **public service obligations** and to safeguard the **Parties' Common Heritage**.

Who we are

Intergovernmental organization, regionally diverse membership split among 5 regions.

REGION A

AMERICAS
26 MEMBERS

Argentina - Bahamas - Barbados - Bolivia - Brazil - Canada - Chile - Colombia - Costa Rica - Cuba - Dominican Republic - Ecuador - El Salvador - Guatemala - Haiti - Honduras - Jamaica - Mexico - Nicaragua - Panama - Paraguay - Peru - Trinidad and Tobago - United States of America - Uruguay - Venezuela

REGION B

WESTERN EUROPE
27 MEMBERS

Austria - Belgium - Croatia - Cyprus - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Iceland - Ireland - Italy - Liechtenstein - Luxembourg - Malta - Monaco - Netherlands - Norway - Portugal - Spain - Sweden - Switzerland - Türkiye - United Kingdom - Vatican City

REGION C

EASTERN EUROPE
& NORTHERN ASIA
14 MEMBERS

Armenia - Azerbaijan - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Czech Republic - Georgia - Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan - Montenegro - Poland - Romania - Russian Federation - Serbia - Tajikistan - Uzbekistan

REGION D

AFRICA
45 MEMBERS

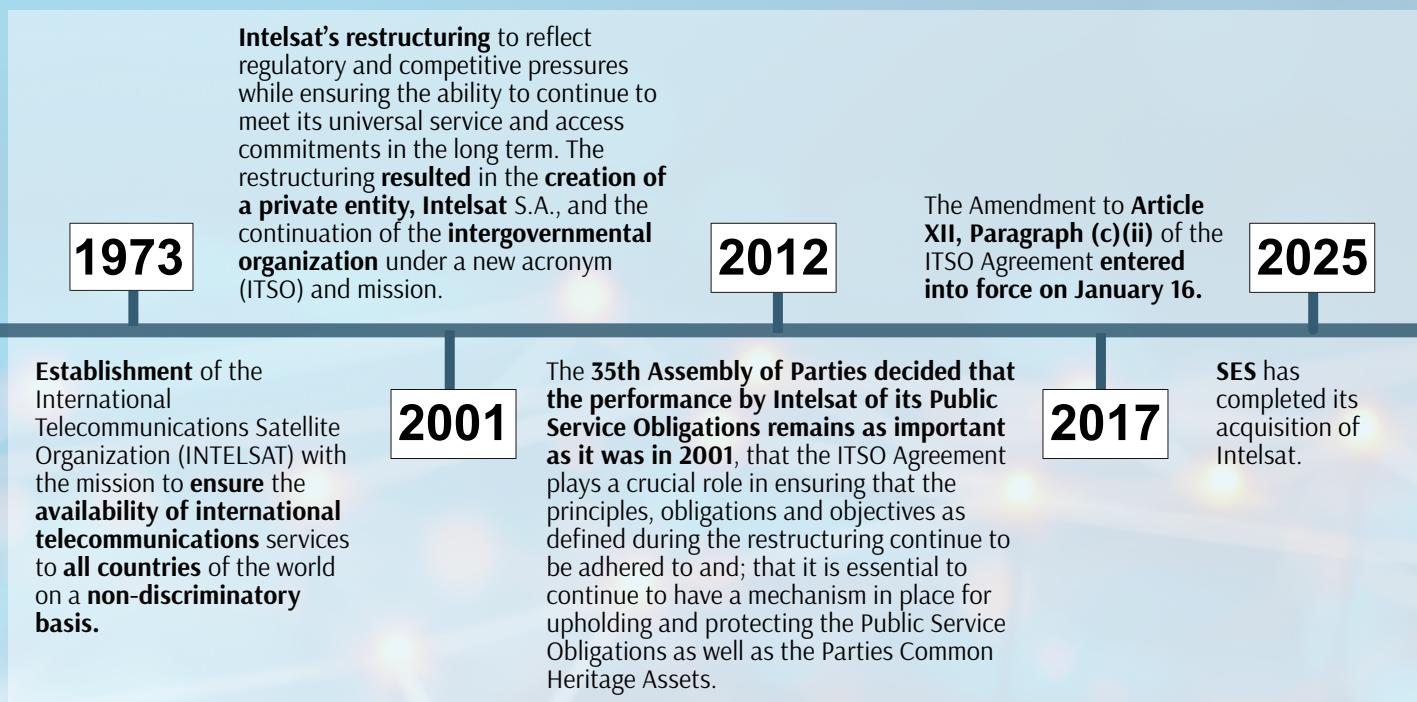
Algeria - Angola - Benin - Botswana - Burkina Faso - Cameroon - Cabo Verde - Central Africa Republic - Chad - Comoros - Côte d'Ivoire - Democratic Republic of Congo - Egypt - Equatorial Guinea - Eswatini - Ethiopia - Gabon - Gambia - Ghana - Guinea - Guinea-Bissau - Kenya - Libya - Madagascar - Malawi - Mali - Mauritania - Mauritius - Morocco - Mozambique - Namibia - Niger - Nigeria - Republic of Congo - Rwanda - Senegal - Somalia - South Africa - Sudan - Tanzania - Togo - Tunisia - Uganda - Zambia - Zimbabwe

REGION E

ASIA &
AUSTRALASIA
37 MEMBERS

Afghanistan - Australia - Bahrain - Bangladesh - Bhutan - Brunei Darussalam - China - Federal State of Micronesia - Fiji - India - Indonesia - Iran - Iraq - Israel - Japan - Jordan - Kuwait - Lebanon - Malaysia - Mongolia - Nepal - New Zealand - Oman - Pakistan - Papua New Guinea - People's Republic of Korea - Philippines - Qatar - Republic of Korea - Saudi Arabia - Singapore - Sri Lanka - Syrian Arab Republic - Thailand - United Arab Emirates - Vietnam - Yemen

Milestones



ITSO Agreement

- The main purpose and Core Principles of ITSO
 - Maintain global connectivity and global coverage
 - Serve lifeline connectivity customers
 - Provide non-discriminatory access to SES/Intelsat's system
- ITSO's role in ensuring SES/Intelsat's successful performance of the Core Principles
- The protection of the Parties Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequency assignments which are unique in their capability to ensure global coverage
- The structure of ITSO, which is comprised of the Assembly of Parties and an executive organ, headed by the Director General, responsible to the Assembly of Parties
- The rights and obligations of the Parties
- The dispute resolution mechanism.

Effective from January 16th, 2017, the amended Article XII, Paragraph (ii) of the ITSO Agreement ensures that if SES/Intelsat 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 the ITSO 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.

Goals and Objectives

Objective 1

Maintain the continuity of the provision of international public telecommunications satellite services.

Objective 2

Protect the Parties' Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequency assignments.

Objective 3

Contribute to the promotion of a global information and communications infrastructure.

Membership Benefits

- Vested interest in Parties' Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequencies assignments.
- Guaranteed non-discriminatory access to SES/Intelsat's systems.
- Protection under Article IV(b) of the ITSO Agreement for certain domestic public telecommunications services for areas with difficult topography, which could be considered on the same basis as international public telecommunications services.
- Taking part in promoting international public telecommunications services to meet the needs of the information and communication society.
- Assistance on customer-related issues with SES/Intelsat.
- Advice regarding ICT policy and regulation.
- Participating in and benefiting from studies on specific ICT-related topics.

No monetary contribution is required for membership.

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