

ABOUT ITSO

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). ITSO's mission is to monitor the performance of SES/Intelsat's 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

REGION B

WESTERN EUROPE 27 MEMBERS

REGION C

EASTERN EUROPE & NORTHERN ASIA 14 MEMBERS

REGION D

AFRICA 45 MEMBERS

REGION E

ASIA & AUSTRALASIA 37 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

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

Armenia · Azerbaijan · Bosnia and Herzegovina · Czech Republic · Georgia · Kazakhstan · Kyrgyzstan · Montenegro · Poland · Romania · Russia · Serbia · Tajikistan · Uzbekistan

Algeria · Angola · Benin · Botswana · Burkina · Faso · Cameroon · Cabo Verde · Central Africa Republic · Chad · Comoros · Congo · Côte d'Ivoire · Dem. Rep. 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 · Rwanda · Senegal · Somalia · South Africa · Sudan · Tanzania · Togo · Tunisia · Uganda · Zambia · Zimbabwe

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



Intelsat's restructuring to reflect

regulatory and competitive pressures while ensuring the ability to continue to meet its universal service and access commitments in the long term. The restructuring resulted in the creation of a private entity, Intelsat S.A., and the continuation of the intergovernmental organization under a new acronym (ITSO) and mission.

2001

The Amendment to Article XII, Paragraph (c)(ii) of the ITSO Agreement entered into force on January 16.

2025

1973

Establishment of the

International
Telecommunications
Satellite Organization
(INTELSAT) with the
mission to ensure the
availability of
international
telecommunications
services to all countries
of the world on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The 35Th Assembly of Parties decided that the performance by Intelsat of its Public Service Obligations remains as important as

2012

it was in 2001, that the ITSO
Agreement plays a crucial role in
ensuring that the principles, obligations
and objectives as defined during the
restructuring continue to be adhered to
and; that it is essential to continue to
have a mechanism in place for
upholding and protecting the Public
Service Obligations as well as the
Parties Common Heritage Assets.

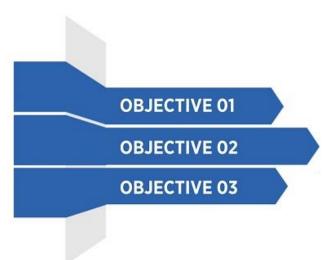
SES has completed its acquisition of Intelsat.

ITSO AGREEMENT

- The establishment of ITSO
- The main purpose and Core Principles of ITSO
 - Maintain global connectivity and global coverage
 - Serve lifeline connectivity customers
 - Provide non-discriminatory access to Intelsat's system
- The supervisory role of ITSO to ensure that Intelsat carries out the 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 and to directly, instantly and reliably connect the countries around the world
- 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 role of the Director General
- The rights and obligations of the Parties; among others.
- The dispute resolution mechanism.

Effective from January 16th, 2012, the amended Article XII, Paragraph ©(ii) of the ITSO Agreement ensures that if 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 & OBJECTIVES



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

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

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.
- 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.
- Dispute Resolution mechanism under the ITSO Agreement.
- 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.
- New opportunities that might arise during the implementation of the Amended to Article XII, Paragraph (c)(ii) of the ITSO Agreement.

No monetary contribution is required for membership.

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