



# INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION





## 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 **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

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

WESTERNEUROPE  
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

### REGION C

EASTERNEUROPE  
& NORTHERN ASIA  
14 MEMBERS

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

### REGION D

AFRICA  
45 MEMBERS

Algeria Angola Benin Botswana Burkina Faso Cameroon Cabo Verde Central Africa  
Republic Chad Comoros Democratic Republic of Congo Côte d'Ivoire 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 China Fiji India  
Federated States of Micronesia Indonesia Iran Iraq Israel Japan Jordan Kuwait  
Lebanon Malaysia Mongolia Nepal New Zealand Oman Pakistan Qatar Vietnam  
Papua New Guinea Philippines Popular Democratic Republic of Korea  
Republic of Korea Saudi Arabia Singapore Sri Lanka Syria Thailand  
United Arab Emirates Yemen





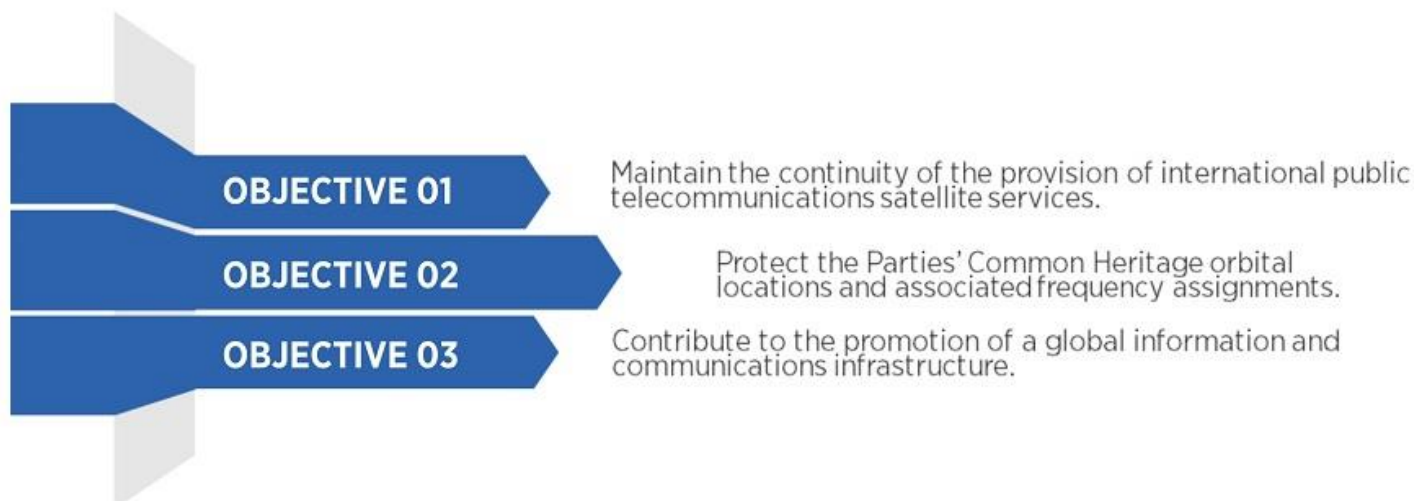
## ITSO AGREEMENT

- 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 I SES/Intelsat
- 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the amended Article XII, Paragraph (c) (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



## 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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