

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII (f) OF THE
AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION "INTELSAT"

Approved by the Nineteenth Assembly of Parties
at Margarita Island, Venezuela, October 26, 1994 (M),
and the Twentieth Assembly of Parties
at Copenhagen, Denmark on August 31, 1995 (C).

Entered into force: October 16, 1996

State	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval
Afghanistan	Jan. 25, 1996 (M,C)
Algeria	Jan. 24, 1996 (M,C)
Angola	
Argentina	Dec. 19, 1995 (M) ³
Armenia	Jan. 26, 1996 (M,C)
Australia	Jan. 22, 1996 (M,C)
Austria	Jan. 17, 1996 (M,C)
Azerbaijan	Jan. 22, 1996 (M,C)
The Bahamas	
Bahrain	Feb. 16, 1996 (M,C)
Bangladesh	Jan. 22, 1996 (M,C)
Barbados	Apr. 3, 1996 (M,C)
Belgium	Oct. 5, 1995 (M,C)
Benin	Mar. 22, 1995 (M) May 8, 1996 (C)
Bhutan	Oct. 4, 1995 (M,C)
Bolivia	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Botswana	Apr. 4, 1996(C)
Brazil	July 3, 1997 (M)
Brunei Darussalam	December 7, 1995 (M,C)

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Bulgaria	
Burkina Faso	July 5, 1996(M,C)
Burundi	
Cameroon	Jan. 27, 1996 (M,C)
Canada	Jan. 25, 1996 (M,C)
Cape Verde	Jan. 26, 1996 (M,C)
Central African Rep.	Feb. 7, 1996 (M,C)
Chad	July 1, 1996 (M,C)
Chile	June 11, 1998 (M)
China	Aug. 30, 1995 (M)
Colombia	Nov. 5, 2001 (C)
Congo	July 26, 1995 (M)
Costa Rica	
Cote d'Ivoire	Apr. 2, 1997 (M)
Croatia	Oct. 4, 1995 (M) Mar. 7, 1996 (C)
Cyprus	Sept. 25, 1995 (M,C)
Czech Republic	Aug. 13, 1997 (M,C)
Denmark	Mar. 15, 1995 (M) Jan. 25, 1996 (C)
Dominican Rep.	Jan. 27, 2000 (M,C)
Ecuador	
Egypt	Jan. 17, 1996 (M) June 6, 1996 (C)
El Salvador	Jan. 25, 1996 (M,C)
Ethiopia	
Fiji	June 16, 1995 (M) Mar. 5, 1996 (C)

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Finland	Sept. 18, 1995 (M) Feb. 12, 1996 (C)
France	Feb. 27, 1995 (M) Dec. 27, 1995 (C) ¹
Gabon	Dec. 18, 1995 (M) Jan. 31, 1996 (C)
Germany	Nov. 5, 1997 (C)
Ghana	June 30, 1997 (C)
Greece	
Guatemala	June 6, 1996 (C)
Guinea	May 11, 1995 (M) July 1, 1996 (C)
Haiti	Jan. 26, 1996 (M,C)
Honduras	October 6, 1995 (M)
Hungary	Jan. 24, 1996 (M) June 12, 1996 (C)
Iceland	Jan. 31, 1996 (M,C)
India	Nov. 21, 1995 (M) May 8, 1996 (C)
Indonesia	Apr. 15, 1996 (C)
Iran	Jan. 29, 1996 (M,C)
Iraq	
Ireland	Sept. 4, 1996 (C)
Israel	Nov. 26, 1997 (M,C)
Italy	Aug. 14, 1995 (M) Apr. 12, 1996 (C)
Jamaica	Feb. 7, 1996 (M,C)
Japan	
Jordan	Apr., 18, 1996 (M,C)

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Kazakhstan	Aug. 5, 1996 (M,C)
Kenya	Feb. 23, 1996 (M,C)
Korea, Rep. of	Jan. 31, 1996 (M,C)
Kuwait	Apr. 18, 1996 (M,C)
Kyrgyz Rep.	May 8, 1996 (M,C)
Lebanon	
Libya	
Liechtenstein	Jan. 19, 1996 (M,C)
Luxembourg	May 30, 1997 (C)
Madagascar	Feb. 13, 1996(M) Feb. 21, 1996 (C)
Malawi	May 6, 1996 (M,C)
Malaysia	Mar.4, 1997 (M,C)
Mali	Feb. 9, 1996 (M) Apr. 3, 1996 (C)
Malta	Oct. 23, 1995 (M,C)
Mauritania	Jan. 31, 1996 (M)
Mauritius	Dec. 13, 1995 (M,C)
Mexico	Jan. 26, 1996 (M) Oct. 1, 1996 (C)
Micronesia	July 12, 1995 (M) Apr. 19, 1996(C)
Monaco	Jan. 26, 1996 (M,C)
Montenegro	Oct. 22, 2009 (C)
Morocco	Jan. 18, 1996 (M) Apr. 10, 1996 (C)
Mozambique	Feb. 8, 1996 (M,C)
Namibia	Feb. 8, 1996 (M,C)

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Nepal	
Netherlands ⁴	July 18, 1995 (M) Mar. 13, 1996 (C)
New Zealand	Apr. 20, 1995 (M) Apr. 15, 1996 (C)
Nicaragua	
Niger	Nov. 1, 1995 (M,C)
Nigeria	July 8, 1996 (M)
Norway	Mar. 30, 1995 (M) Jan. 31, 1996 (C)
Oman	Feb. 16, 1996 (M)
Pakistan	Jan. 16, 1996 (M,C)
Panama	Dec. 4, 1995 (M) May 9, 1996 (C)
Papua New Guinea	Nov. 1, 1995 (M) Apr. 8, 1996 (C)
Paraguay	Feb. 15, 1996 (M,C)
Peru	June 3, 1996 (C)
Philippines	May 30, 1996 (M,C)
Poland	Nov. 1, 1995 (M) Apr. 26, 1996 (C)
Portugal	
Qatar	Jan. 26, 1996 (C)
Romania	
Russia	Jan. 5, 1996 (M,C)
Rwanda	Feb. 9, 1996 (M,C)
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	Jan. 23, 1996 (M,C)

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Serbia	
Singapore	Apr. 23, 1996 (C)
Somalia	
South Africa	Dec. 4, 1995 (M) Feb 7, 1996 (C)
Spain	Oct. 4, 1995 (M) March 10, 1997 (C)
Sri Lanka	Sept. 13, 1995 (M) Feb. 22, 1996 (C)
Sudan	Nov. 17, 1995 (M,C)
Swaziland	Feb. 9, 1996 (M) Apr. 3, 1996 (C)
Sweden	Feb. 8, 1996 (M,C)
Switzerland	Jan. 25, 1996 (M,C)
Syria	Mar. 6, 1996 (M,C)
Tanzania	Feb. 7, 1996 (M,C)
Thailand	Aug. 26, 1997 (C)
Togo	Sept. 7, 1995 (M) Nov. 13, 1995 (C)
Trinidad and Tobago	Aug. 16, 1995 (M) Apr. 15, 1996 (C)
Tunisia	Apr. 4, 1996 (C)
Turkey	
Uganda	Dec. 28, 1995 (C)
United Arab Emirates	Aug. 9, 1996 (M,C)
United Kingdom	Jan. 19, 1996 (M) ² Apr. 24, 1996 (C) ²
United States	Jan. 26, 1996 (M,C)
Uruguay	Jan. 16, 2004 (M,C)

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Vatican City State	Jan. 3, 1996 (M,C)
Venezuela	July 1, 1996 (M,C)
Viet Nam	Dec. 18, 1995 (M) Mar. 28, 1996 (C)
Zaire	Jan. 27, 1996 (M,C)
Zambia	Jan. 27, 1996 (M,C)
Zimbabwe	May 24, 1996 (M,C)

1. Considers that its approval of the Margarita Island amendment remains valid for the Copenhagen amendment.
2. In respect of: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; The Bailiwick of Jersey; The Bailiwick of Guernsey; The Isle of Man; Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Hong Kong; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; St. Helena; St Helena Dependencies; South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands; Turks and Caicos Islands.
3. By Note no. DE/65, dated February 8, 2005, and received on February 17, 2005, the Embassy of the Argentine Republic stated the following in relevant part:

“The Embassy of the Argentine Republic . . . makes reference to the notes presented by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on ratifying the [amendment] of Article XVII of the [INTELSAT] Agreement, adopted on October 26, 1994 [and] the amendments of the same Article of said instrument adopted on August 31, 1995 . . . through which it expects to apply this instrument or the Operating Agreement and its respective amendments to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, as well as to the so-called “British Antarctic Territory”.

“The Argentine Republic rejects the declarations of the United Kingdom through the above mentioned notes, or through any document, act or activity, the effects that could result from these declarations and the sought territorial after [sic] expansion of the Malvinas, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands and the so called- “British Antarctic Territory”, as well as the designation of those territories as dependent on the United Kingdom.

“The UN General Assembly has adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19, and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of a dispute regarding the above mentioned sovereignty on the “Issue of the Malvinas Islands” and it urges the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom to reinitiate the negotiations to reach as soon as possible a peaceful and permanent solution to the controversy, with the mediation of the good offices of the UN Secretary General, who must inform the General Assembly of the progress made.

“The Argentine Republic reaffirms its sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime area, that form part of the national territory.

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“The Argentine Republic, likewise, rejects the British declaration on its claims to apply the above mentioned instruments referred to as “British Antarctic Territory” and affirms that this declaration in no way affects the rights of the Argentine Republic on the Argentine Antarctic Sector.”

[Unofficial English translation provided by the Embassy of the Argentine Republic]

4. Acceptance is for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

“With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

“These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

“The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting ‘the Caribbean part of the Netherlands’. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements.”

Department of State
Washington, January 25, 2013.