

PROTOCOL ON INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT). PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTIONS AND IMMUNITIES

THE STATES PARTIES to this Protocol,

CONSIDERING that paragraph (c) of Article XV of the Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) provides that each Party, including the Party in whose territory the headquarters of INTELSAT is located, shall grant appropriate privileges, exemptions and immunities;

CONSIDERING that INTELSAT has concluded a Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the United States of America, which entered into force on 24 November 1976;

CONSIDERING that paragraph (c) of Article XV of the Agreement relating to INTELSAT provides for the conclusion by the Parties, other than the one in whose territory the INTELSAT Headquarters is located, of a Protocol covering privileges, exemptions and immunities;

AFFIRMING that the purpose of the privileges, exemptions and immunities covered by this Protocol is to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of INTELSAT;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Use of Terms

For the purposes of this Protocol:

- (a) "Agreement" means the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT), including its Annexes, opened for signature by Governments at Washington on August 20, 1971;
- (b) "Operating Agreement" means the Agreement, including its Annex, opened for signature at Washington on August 20, 1971, by Governments or telecommunications entities designated by Governments;
- (c) "INTELSAT Agreements" means the Agreement and the Operating Agreement referred to in (a) and (b) above;
- (d) "INTELSAT Party" means a State for which the Agreement is in force;