

ARTICLE VII**Technical Coordination Procedures**

1. Nothing in this Protocol shall affect the rights and obligations of a Party to frequency assignments and associated orbital positions already assigned to it in accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations.
2. Nothing in this Protocol shall affect the rights and obligations of a Party regarding the technical coordination of frequencies and associated orbital positions of Satellites of the other Party, or third parties, not covered by this Protocol, pursuant to the ITU Radio Regulations.
3. Any Satellite licensed by one of the Parties that is in the Advance Publication or in Coordination stage, or in operation in accordance with the relevant ITU Radio Regulations, shall continue to have its appropriate status under the ITU Radio Regulations notwithstanding the provisions of this Protocol.
4. This Protocol shall not oblige either Administration to require that any operator of a Satellite licensed by one of the Parties substantially alter its ongoing operations and technical characteristics in order to accommodate new Satellites licensed by either Party for the provision of the Covered Services.
5. In the event that there is harmful interference to a Satellite or an Earth Station licensed by one of the Parties for the provision of the Covered Services, notification shall be made to the Administration responsible for licensing the interfering Satellite or Earth Station. Both Administrations shall analyze the information on the interfering signal, shall consult on solutions and shall seek to agree on the appropriate actions to resolve the interference.
6. Each Administration agrees to exert its best efforts to assist the other Administration in the technical coordination of new, and modifications to current, Satellite Network frequency assignments and associated orbital positions. Each Administration shall concur with the requests of the other Administration made through the ITU for coordination of Satellite Networks, and modifications thereto, provided that such requests are consistent with ITU Radio Regulations and applicable national policies, technical rules and regulations and result in technical compatibility of the affected Satellite Networks and terrestrial systems of the Administration.