

HABANA, December 10, 1937.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL BROADCASTING AGREEMENT

concluded among the following Governments

Canada	Haiti
Cuba	Mexico
Dominican Republic	United States of America

The undersigned, plenipotentiaries of the Governments listed above, having met in conference at Habana, Cuba, have, in common agreement and subject to ratification, concluded the following Agreement.

I.—Purpose and Scope of This Agreement

1. *Purpose of Agreement.*—The purpose of this Agreement is to regulate and establish principles covering the use of the standard broadcast band in the North American Region so that each country may make the most effective use thereof with the minimum technical interference between broadcast stations.

2. *North American Region.*—The North American Region (hereinafter referred to as "Region") for the purpose of this Agreement shall be deemed to include and to consist of the following countries: Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Newfoundland, and United States of America.

3. *Standard broadcast band.*—The standard broadcast band shall be deemed to be the band of frequencies extending from 550 to 1,600 kc., both inclusive, both 550 kc. and 1,600 kc. being the carrier frequencies of broadcasting channels as hereinafter defined. The Governments agree, subject to the provisions of Article 7 of the General Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunications Convention, Madrid, 1932, that this band of frequencies shall be allocated exclusively to broadcasting in the Region.

4. *Sovereign right to use channels.*—The sovereign right of all countries, parties to this Agreement, to the use of every channel in the standard broadcast band is recognized. The Governments recognize, however, that until technical developments reach a state permitting the elimination of radio interference of international character, a regional arrangement between them is necessary in order to promote standardization and to minimize interference.

5. *Regional character of agreement.*—The Governments recognize that this Agreement, and each provision thereof, is a regional arrangement within the meaning of, and authorized by the International Telecommunications Convention and the General Radio Regulations annexed thereto.

II.—Technical

A.—DEFINITIONS

1. *Broadcast station.*—A station the emissions of which are primarily intended to be received by the general public.

2. *Broadcast channels—550 to 1,600 kc.*—A broadcast channel is a band of frequencies ten (10) kc. in width, with the carrier frequency at the centre. Channels shall be designated by their assigned carrier frequencies. Carrier frequencies assigned to broadcast stations shall begin at 550 kc. and be in successive steps of 10 kc. No intermediate frequency shall be assigned as the carrier frequency of any broadcast station.