

Depository has received notice of approval of the amendment from either:

- (i) two-thirds of the Signatories which were Signatories as of the date upon which the amendment was approved by the Meeting of Signatories, provided that such two-thirds include Signatories which then held at least two-thirds of the total investment shares; or
- (ii) a number of Signatories equal to or exceeding eighty-five per cent of the total number of Signatories which were Signatories as of the date upon which the amendment was approved by the Meeting of Signatories, regardless of the amount of investment shares which such Signatories then held.

Notification of the approval of an amendment by a Signatory shall be transmitted by the Depository by the Party concerned, and such a notification shall signify the acceptance by the Party of such amendment.

(e) The Depository shall notify all the Signatories as soon as it has received the approvals of the amendment required by paragraph (d) of this Article for the entry into force of an amendment. Ninety days after the date of issue of this notification, the amendment shall enter into force for all Signatories, including those that have not yet approved it and have not withdrawn from INTELSAT.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Article, an amendment shall not enter into force later than eighteen months after the date it has been approved by the Meeting of Signatories.

ARTICLE 23

Entry into Force

(a) This Operating Agreement shall enter into force for a Signatory on the date on which the Agreement enters into force, in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (d) or paragraphs (b) and (d) of Article XX of the Agreement, for the Party concerned.

(b) This Operating Agreement shall be applied provisionally for a Signatory on the date on which the Agreement is applied provisionally, in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (d) of Article XX of the Agreement, for the Party concerned.

(c) This Operating Agreement shall continue in force for as long as the Agreement is in force.

ARTICLE 24

Depository

(a) The Government of the United States of America shall be the Depository for this Operating Agreement, the texts of which in English, French and Spanish are equally authentic. This Operating Agreement shall be deposited in the archives of the Depository, with which shall also be deposited notifications of approval of amendments, of substitution of a Signatory pursuant to paragraph (f) of Article XVI of the Agreement, and of withdrawals from INTELSAT.

(b) The Depository shall transmit certified copies of the texts of this Operating Agreement to all Governments and all designated telecommunications entities which have signed it, and to the International Telecommunications Union, and shall notify those Governments, designated telecommunications entities, and the International Telecommunication Union, of signatures to this Operating Agreement, of commencement of the sixty-day period referred to in