

ARTICLE VIII

Critical Hours of Operation

8.1 *Scope.* "Critical hours of operation" refers to the operation of Class B and C AM radio broadcasting stations of either country, assigned to channels on which the other country has a Class A station listed in Part VI of Annex 1, during those daytime hours specified in Appendix 8 to Annex 2.

8.2 *Protection*

8.2.1 The Class A stations referred to in section 8.1 shall be protected during their critical hours of operation in accordance with the criteria specified in Appendix 8 to Annex 2.

8.2.2 No assignment previously accepted by both Administrations, or subsequent modifications thereto, shall be required to reduce radiation to comply with section 8.2.1.

8.3 *Notification.* Proposed critical hours of operation by stations meeting the requirements of this Article are deemed to be acceptable. Each such proposal shall be notified in accordance with Articles III and IV. The notification shall include the exact operating characteristics of each station proposing critical hours of operation.

ARTICLE IX

Termination of Previous Agreements

9.1 This Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, arrangements and understandings between Canada and the United States relating to the AM broadcasting service, including the provisions of the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, 1950 (NARBA) insofar as that agreement relates to mutual undertakings of Canada and the United States. The Agreement also prevails over provisions of the Regional Agreement for the Medium Frequency Broadcasting Service in Region 2, (Rio de Janeiro, 1981), wherever the two agreements are inconsistent, insofar as mutual relations between Canada and the United States are concerned.

9.2 Proposed assignments previously notified pursuant to NARBA, and still pending on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, shall be deemed to be notified under this Agreement, taking into account understandings already reached concerning them.