

6. The Parties acknowledge that there may be special circumstances where it would be in the interest of both countries not to preclude their respective Satellites from providing assistance to one another. One such case would be the provision of support and assistance, subject to the availability of facilities and to the extent it is technically feasible, in the case of catastrophic failure of either system or during any period of temporary shortage of adequate satellite facilities.
7. Each Administration shall permit FSS signals to be transmitted directly to and received from Earth Stations through Satellites licensed by either Party without requiring that such signals be retransmitted over an intermediary Satellite System.
8. The Administrations will apply their respective laws, regulations, rules, administrative provisions, policies and licensing procedures governing the distribution of signals for the provision of cable television service and multipoint distribution service.
9. Communications to or from third countries are permitted under this Protocol. Transmission or reception of such signals to or from third countries shall be subject to each Party's applicable laws, regulations, rules, administrative provisions, policies and licensing procedures, applied in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner, regardless of which Party licensed the relevant Satellite.

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, including Appendices S30, S30A and S30B.
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 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 FSS.