

ARTICLE 16

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the twelfth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

2. For each State ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to this Protocol after the deposit of the twelfth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after that State shall have deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

ARTICLE 17

1. This Protocol shall remain in force until the expiry of the Agreement.

2. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Protocol by giving written notice to the Director General of INTELSAT. Such denunciation shall become effective six months after the date of receipt of the notice by the Director General of INTELSAT.

3. Withdrawal from the Agreement by any INTELSAT Party, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the Agreement, shall imply denunciation by that State of this Protocol.

ARTICLE 18

1. The Director General of INTELSAT shall notify all States which have signed, or acceded to, this Protocol of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, of the entry into force of this Protocol and of any other communications relating to this Protocol.

2. Upon entry into force of this Protocol, the Director General of INTELSAT shall register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The original copy of this Protocol, of which the English, French and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Director General of INTELSAT, who shall transmit certified copies of the texts to INTELSAT Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE at Washington, on the 19th day of May 1978.