

**CHAPTER XXV**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**1. CONVENTION RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAMME-CARRYING  
SIGNALS TRANSMITTED BY SATELLITE**

*Brussels, 21 May 1974*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 25 August 1979, in accordance with article 10(1).  
**REGISTRATION:** 25 August 1979, No. 17949.  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 18. Parties: 38.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1144, p. 3.

*Note:* The Convention was adopted by the International Conference of States on the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals, transmitted by Satellite, convened jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization. The Conference held discussions on the basis of the Draft Convention drawn up by the Committee of Governmental Experts on Problems in the Field of Copyright and of the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations Raised by Transmission via Space Satellites held at Nairobi (Kenya) from 2 to 11 July 1973.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Argentina .....	26 Mar 1975		Jamaica .....		12 Oct 1999 a
Armenia .....		13 Sep 1993 a	Kenya.....	21 May 1974	6 Jan 1976
Australia.....		26 Jul 1990 a	Lebanon .....	21 May 1974	
Austria .....	26 Mar 1975	6 May 1982	Mexico .....	21 May 1974	18 Mar 1976
Bahrain.....		1 Feb 2007 a	Montenegro <sup>4</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Belgium .....	21 May 1974		Morocco.....	21 May 1974	31 Mar 1983
Benin.....		18 May 2017 a	Nicaragua.....		1 Dec 1975 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup> .....		12 Jan 1994 d	North Macedonia <sup>1</sup> .....		2 Sep 1997 d
Brazil .....	21 May 1974		Oman .....		18 Dec 2007 a
Chile.....		8 Mar 2011 a	Panama.....		25 Jun 1985 a
Colombia .....		20 Dec 2013 a	Peru .....		7 May 1985 a
Costa Rica.....		25 Mar 1999 a	Portugal.....		11 Dec 1995 a
Côte d'Ivoire .....	21 May 1974		Republic of Korea.....		19 Dec 2011 a
Croatia <sup>1</sup> .....		26 Jul 1993 d	Republic of Moldova.....		28 Jul 2008 a
Cyprus.....	21 May 1974		Russian Federation .....		20 Oct 1988 a
El Salvador .....		22 Apr 2008 a	Rwanda .....		25 Apr 2001 a
France .....	27 Mar 1975		Senegal.....	21 May 1974	
Germany <sup>2,3</sup> .....	21 May 1974	25 May 1979	Serbia <sup>1</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Greece.....		22 Jul 1991 a	Singapore .....		27 Jan 2005 a
Honduras.....		7 Jan 2008 a	Slovenia <sup>1</sup> .....		3 Nov 1992 d
Israel .....	21 May 1974		Spain .....	21 May 1974	
Italy .....	21 May 1974	7 Apr 1981	Switzerland .....	21 May 1974	24 Jun 1993
			Togo.....		10 Mar 2003 a

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Trinidad and Tobago .....		1 Aug 1996 a	America.....		
United States of .....			Viet Nam.....		12 Oct 2005 a

***Declarations and Reservations***  
***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon  
ratification, accession or succession.)***

**ARGENTINA**

With reference to article 8 (2) the Government of the Argentine Republic states that the words "where the originating organization is a national of another Contracting State" appearing in article 2 (1) are to be considered as if they were replaced by the words "where the signal is emitted from the territory of another Contracting State".

**GERMANY<sup>3</sup>**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany herewith declares in pursuance of article 2 (2) of the Convention that the protection accorded pursuant to article 2 (1) is restricted in its territory to a period of 25 years after the expiry of the calendar year in which the transmission by satellite has occurred.

**ITALY**

The Italian Government declares, in accordance with the provisions of article 2 (2) of the Convention, that the protection accorded pursuant to article 2 (1) shall be limited in its territory to a period of 25 years following the end of the year in which the satellite transmission took place.

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

"The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has decided that the duration of time referred to in article 2 of the said Convention shall be twenty (20) years."

***Notes:***

<sup>1</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 31 March 1975 and 29 December 1976, respectively. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> See note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

