

**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: 40.  
**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		Italy .....	21 May 1974	7 Apr 1981
Armenia .....		13 Sep 1993 a	Jamaica .....		12 Oct 1999 a
Australia.....		26 Jul 1990 a	Kenya.....	21 May 1974	6 Jan 1976
Austria .....	26 Mar 1975	6 May 1982	Lebanon .....	21 May 1974	
Bahrain.....		1 Feb 2007 a	Mexico .....	21 May 1974	18 Mar 1976
Belgium .....	21 May 1974		Montenegro <sup>4</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Benin.....		18 May 2017 a	Morocco.....	21 May 1974	31 Mar 1983
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>1</sup> .....		12 Jan 1994 d	Nicaragua.....		1 Dec 1975 a
Brazil .....	21 May 1974		North Macedonia <sup>1</sup> .....		2 Sep 1997 d
Canada .....		27 Mar 2024 a	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		Qatar .....		12 Apr 2023 a
Croatia <sup>1</sup> .....		26 Jul 1993 d	Republic of Korea.....		19 Dec 2011 a
Cyprus.....	21 May 1974		Republic of Moldova.....		28 Jul 2008 a
El Salvador .....		22 Apr 2008 a	Russian Federation .....		20 Oct 1988 a
France .....	27 Mar 1975		Rwanda .....		25 Apr 2001 a
Germany <sup>2,3</sup> .....	21 May 1974	25 May 1979	Senegal.....	21 May 1974	
Greece.....		22 Jul 1991 a	Serbia <sup>1</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Honduras.....		7 Jan 2008 a	Singapore .....		27 Jan 2005 a
Israel .....	21 May 1974		Slovenia <sup>1</sup> .....		3 Nov 1992 d
			Spain .....	21 May 1974	

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Switzerland .....	21 May 1974	24 Jun 1993	United States of America.....	21 May 1974	7 Dec 1984
Togo.....		10 Mar 2003 a	Viet Nam.....		12 Oct 2005 a
Trinidad and Tobago .....		1 Aug 1996 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.

