

**AGREEMENT**  
**between the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications**  
**and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Regulation of**  
**Matters Related to the Seat of INTERSPUTNIK in the USSR**

The INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

taking into account the Agreement on the Establishment of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications signed in Moscow on November 15, 1971,

noting the Agreement on the Legal Capacity, Privileges and Immunities of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications signed in Berlin on September 20, 1976,

seeking to contribute to the provision of the most favourable conditions for the activity of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications,

for the purpose of regulating matters related to the seat of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications in the USSR,

have resolved to conclude the following Agreement.

**Article 1**

For the purpose of this Agreement:

a) "INTERSPUTNIK" means the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications;

b) "Representatives" means representatives of the Members of INTERSPUTNIK in the Board, members of delegations at the sessions of the Board, members of the Auditing Commission, heads and members of delegations at meetings held by INTERSPUTNIK, as well as advisers and experts of these delegations;

c) "Officers" mean the Director General his Deputy and the categories of the personnel of the Directorate which shall be determined by the Board of INTERSPUTNIK in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1 of the Agreement on the Legal Capacity, Privileges and Immunities of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications signed in Berlin on September 20, 1976;

d) "Premises of INTERSPUTNIK" mean the buildings or parts of buildings and the land ancillary thereto which are used by INTERSPUTNIK permanently or temporarily with the consent of the Government of the USSR or other competent authorities of the USSR.

## **Article 2**

1. The Government of the USSR shall lease premises to INTERSPUTNIK on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to government agencies of the USSR. The lease terms shall be fixed by agreement between the competent authorities of the USSR and the Director General.

The location of the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK and their area may be changed by mutual agreement between the competent authorities of the USSR and the Director General.

2. The Premises of INTERSPUTNIK shall be inviolable. Any property, assets or documents of INTERSPUTNIK, wherever they may be, shall be immune from any form of administrative or judicial intervention, except when the INTERSPUTNIK Board itself waives the immunity in a particular case.

3. The INTERSPUTNIK Directorate may, with the consent of the competent authorities of the USSR, install and operate on the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK equipment for office, local or long-distance telephone or telegraph service.

4. The competent authorities of the USSR shall free of charge provide perimeter protection of the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK. The competent authorities of the USSR shall, if requested by the Director General, provide security guarding inside the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK. The cost of such service shall be borne by INTERSPUTNIK.

5. The competent authorities of the USSR shall take appropriate measures to prevent any disruption to the amenities on land plots immediately adjacent to the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK.

## **Article 3**

1. The competent authorities of the USSR shall, pursuant to the rules and at the rates effective in the USSR, provide INTERSPUTNIK with utilities, motor vehicles, fire protection, building materials, stock and equipment, furniture, office supplies, etc., and renovate the Premises of INTERSPUTNIK, repair motor vehicles, install equipment, etc.

2. The competent authorities of the USSR shall assist INTERSPUTNIK, Representatives and Officers in obtaining official and living premises, in equipping official premises, and also in obtaining medical care and other social and municipal services in accordance with the procedure established in the USSR.

3. INTERSPUTNIK shall enjoy on the territory of the USSR no less favourable conditions in relation to priority and rates for the use of international telephone, telegraph and postal services than those enjoyed by diplomatic missions.

## **Article 4**

1. Financial activities of INTERSPUTNIK shall not be subject to control by central or local authorities of the USSR.

INTERSPUTNIK may open currency and rouble bank accounts in the USSR in accordance with the laws of this country.

2. On the territory of the USSR INTERSPUTNIK shall be exempt from all direct dues and taxes, both national and local. This provision shall not apply to payments for municipal and other similar services.

3. INTERSPUTNIK shall be exempt from customs duties and limitations on import of any articles for official use in the USSR or on export of them from the USSR.

4. INTERSPUTNIK shall, as set forth in the laws of the USSR, pay to the competent authorities of the USSR mandatory social insurance contributions for INTERSPUTNIK staff members who are citizens or permanent residents of the USSR.

#### **Article 5**

1. The competent authorities of the USSR shall, as required, assist individuals arriving in the USSR or leaving the USSR on INTERSPUTNIK's business.

2. The Director General may issue to Officers certificates, which will be recognized by the competent authorities of the USSR as documents certifying the right of such individuals to enjoy privileges and immunities set forth in the Agreement on the Legal Capacity, Privileges and Immunities of the INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications signed in Berlin on September 20, 1976.

3. The Director General shall present to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR lists of staff members of the INTERSPUTNIK Directorate, who are non-citizens of the USSR, specifying their years of birth, citizenship, job titles and addresses of their places of residence. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR shall issue to such individuals certificates proving their identity in relations with any authorities in the USSR.

#### **Article 6**

1. The Government of the USSR shall recognize the right of INTERSPUTNIK to publish printed matter in the USSR for INTERSPUTNIK's purposes specified in the Agreement on the establishment of INTERSPUTNIK. In doing so, INTERSPUTNIK shall abide by the laws of the USSR concerning printed matter.

2. Articles or materials imported by INTERSPUTNIK from other countries as well as materials or articles in short supply made available to INTERSPUTNIK in the USSR may only be sold by INTERSPUTNIK in the USSR if authorized by the competent authorities of the USSR.

3. If necessary the Director General and the competent authorities of the USSR may enter into additional agreements for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

4. Any disputes, which may arise in connection with the present Agreement, shall be settled by negotiations between the competent authorities of the USSR and the Director General.

#### **Article 7**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force when it is signed.

2. This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual agreement between INTERSPUTNIK and the Government of the USSR.

3. This Agreement shall become null and void in the event that INTERSPUTNIK terminates its business on the territory of the USSR.

In witness whereof representatives of the Government of the USSR and INTERSPUTNIK signed this Agreement.

Done at Moscow this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1977 in two original copies in the Russian language.