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PROTECTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION ACT,

B.E. 2524 (1981)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX; Given on the 22nd Day of July B.E. 2524 (1981); Being the 36th Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to have a law on the protection of the operation of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization Act;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the Parliament, as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the "Protection of the Operation of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization Act, B.E. 2524 (1981)".

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. In this Act;

"Organization" means the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO).

Section 4. In order to ensure that the operations of the Organization in Thailand achieve its purposes:

- (1) The Organization shall be recognized as a juristic person, and be deemed to have a domicile in Thailand;
- (2) During the duty in Thailand, or when entering Thailand to carry out the duty or in carrying out the duty for the Organization, the Organization and its properties and archives, representatives of its members and its officials shall enjoy the privileges, exemptions and immunities as stipulated in the Protocol on the Privileges, Exemptions and Immunities of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, done at Washington on the 19th day of May B.E. 2521 (1978);
- (3) Personnel of the Organization who are Thai nationals or have permanent residence in the Kingdom of Thailand will be excluded from the privileges, exemption and immunities in this Section, unless the aforementioned personnel is performing an official duty and within his or her assigned capacity.

Section 5. The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by: *General P. Tinsulanonda*Prime Minister

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