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WBU Statement on Interference to Fixed Satellite and Broadcasting Satellite Services *

The WBU recognizes that interference to either Fixed Satellite or Broadcasting Satellite services may occur infrequently around the world. While unintentional in most cases, the resultant service interruptions are serious to satellite operators, TV and Radio networks as well as to the general public. It is for this reason that the WBU's Inter-Union Satellite Operations Group (ISOG) has focused a great deal of its efforts in both preventing such interference, and in quickly mitigating damage once it occurs. Uplink operator training and the introduction of carrier ID are recent examples of such efforts.

The WBU has also noted with great concern the increasing instances of intentional interference to satellite services by certain parties and Administrations. The WBU contends that the intentional disruption of either Fixed Satellite or Broadcasting Satellite services is an unwarranted and illegal act, contravening both national sovereignty and ITU regulations. It also represents a gross misuse of allotted RF spectrum, which should be shared by Administrations for the benefit of all citizens.

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*Approved by all WBU Unions, except the ABU.