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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
U.S. Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Letter
        IB Docket No. 05-290

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 23 March 2006, Mr. Ahmed Toumi, ITSO's Director General and CEO, sent the attached letter to Chairman Kevin Martin, with copies to the other Commissioners.

The purpose of this letter was to call on the Chairman and Commissioners to protect the survivability of Intelsat's Public Service Obligations, and to preserve the integrity of the Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequency spectrum, in the event of an Intelsat bankruptcy proceeding.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Reese

Attachment: 23 March 2006 letter to FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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23 March 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
U.S. Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

As the FCC approaches its decision deadline on proceedings related to the proposed Intelsat/PanAmSat merger, I would like to reiterate on behalf of ITSO's member States my call on you and the other Commissioners to protect the continuity of satellite public service provisions. As noted in previous Comments and Reply Comments to the merger proceeding, ITSO has urged the FCC to condition the merger on prompt implementation of mechanisms to ensure the survivability of Intelsat's Public Service Obligations, and to preserve the integrity of the Common Heritage orbital locations and associated frequency spectrum, in the event of a voluntary or involuntary Intelsat bankruptcy proceeding.

ITSO understands that Intelsat is claiming that the merger benefits its Public Service Obligations. However Intelsat, since January 2005, has taken a number of actions contrary to its fulfillment of these obligations. Intelsat deleted all references to the Public Service Obligations from its corporate bye-laws, stopped providing information to enable ITSO to assess Intelsat's compliance with its Public Service Obligations, denied the right for small customers in developing countries to benefit from competitive prices, and decreased satellite coverage in several sensitive regions, including Asia and Africa.

The United States initiated the creation of INTELSAT to promote the flow of information, peace and understanding in the world through global access to satellite services. Throughout its 40-year history, this Organization has benefited from the

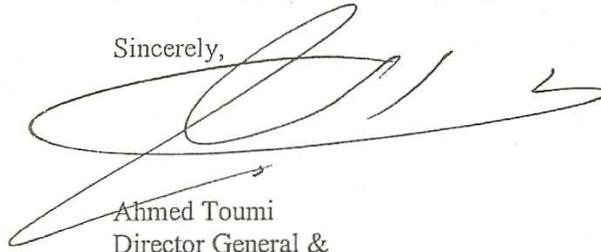**International Telecommunications Satellite Organization**

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political and technological support of the United States. I, therefore, respectfully call
upon the FCC to perpetuate the values for which INTELSAT was created, and that are
even more critical today in the information age when the international community is
striving to bridge the digital divide.

Please accept, Mr. Martin, my highest consideration and best regards.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Toumi
Director General &
Chief Executive Officer

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    Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein – Commissioner
    Honorable Michael J. Copps - Commissioner
    Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate – Commissioner
    Honorable David A. Gross – U.S. Department of State