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### **Intersputnik and RSCC sign an agreement on cooperation in using orbit and frequency resource**

On 14 July 2021 the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications (Intersputnik) and Russian Satellite Communications Company (RSCC) signed an *Agreement on Cooperation in Using Frequency Assignments in the Geostationary Orbit and Other Satellite Orbits for the Implementation of the Project on the Joint Use of Satellite Capacity*.

As decided by the joint 49<sup>th</sup> session of the Board and 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Operations Committee of Intersputnik held on 14 May 2021, one of the organization's main tasks at the present stage is the analysis of the possibility of attracting new partners to jointly use frequency assignments to satellite networks and definition of the conditions of cooperation in the joint use of orbit and frequency resource. This task was entrusted to the Intersputnik Directorate headed by Director General Ksenia Drozdova since 15 June 2021.

RSCC is one of the 25 national Signatories of Intersputnik, which unites 26 member countries from Europe, Asia, Latin America and South-East Asia. Offering access to the satellite resources of the Russian constellation practically on all continents, RSCC is interested in providing global service to its customers. Appointed at the end of last month, RSCC Director General Alexey Volin noted that the signed Agreement “offers a new cost-effective solution to RSCC customers willing to have a single entry point for communications services in any region of the world. It is a well-known fact, that no operator has got 100% coverage of the globe or solid competences in non-geostationary telecommunications systems. The Agreement gives us an opportunity to participate in using the orbit and frequency resource according to the model commonly known as VNO<sup>1</sup>. Cooperation under this model allows avoiding substantial capital investment otherwise required to set up and maintain a satellite network for narrow and new market segments and, at the same time, broadens the service capabilities of RSCC as an all-purpose satellite operator.”

The unified satellite infrastructure of Intersputnik Signatories consists of about 30 satellites owned or leased by the Signatories as well as a network of teleports distributed across the world. This makes it possible to offer satellite telecommunications services on the same conditions and all over the globe with a single round-the-clock technical support service.

Commenting on the signed Agreement, Intersputnik Director General Ksenia Drozdova said that “the Agreement is interesting because it introduces a totally new business model for cooperation between operators. Strictly in line with the organization's fundamental documents and following the decisions of the governing bodies, we offered the Signatories cooperation in

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<sup>1</sup> VNO – virtual network operator – an operator, which uses the existing infrastructure of a different operator, but sells services under its own brand name



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using frequency assignment in geostationary and other orbits to implement projects on the joint use of satellite capacity and to address the needs of both the Signatory and the organization. It is important for us that the satellite resource used by Intersputnik in the Signatories' available frequency bands according to the Agreement on the establishment of the organization makes up Intersputnik's space segment, which can be used along with Intersputnik's own resource. It is a great honour for Intersputnik that it was RSCC, which has the largest satellite fleet among all our Signatories, that became the first operator to sign this innovative Agreement. I confess that after transition from RSCC to take a position at Intersputnik I am doubly pleased that we have successfully managed not only to preserve but also to obviously strengthen the good traditions of reliable partnership and mutually enriching cooperation."

#### **About the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications**

Founded in 1971 under the Agreement on the Establishment of the Intersputnik International System and Organization of Space Communications, Intersputnik is an international intergovernmental organization headquartered in Moscow. The organization's mission is to contribute to the consolidation and expansion of economic, scientific, technological and cultural relations using satellite telecommunications, video and audio broadcasting and to support cooperation and coordination of the efforts of the member countries aimed at designing, procuring, operating and expanding an international satellite telecommunications system. Intersputnik can be joined by the Government of any state that shares the principles of Intersputnik's activity. Today, the organization has twenty six member countries.

Intersputnik's core activity is to make available to interested customers the world over geostationary satellite capacity used to offer a full range of satellite telecommunications services. At present, Intersputnik provides access to satellite resources of major satellite telecommunications systems, including ABS, Azerspace, Eutelsat, Intelsat, SES, Express, and Yamal. To offer full-scale services encompassing the establishment and operation of satellite telecommunications networks, including ground infrastructure, Intersputnik founded Isatel, its Russian subsidiary company.

Owing to its status of an intergovernmental satellite organization and according to its technological policy, Intersputnik files with the International Telecommunication Union satellite networks on various orbits, which may be further used in cooperation with the Organization's member states and other partners in order to implement projects aimed at establishing national satellite telecommunications systems.

More information on Intersputnik is available at [intersputnik.int](http://intersputnik.int).

#### **About Russian Satellite Communication Company**

Russian Satellite Communication Company (RSCC) is the Russian GEO satellite operator with global coverage. RSCC provides a full range of communications and broadcasting services via its own terrestrial telecom facilities and satellite constellation, which consist of modern Express, Express-AM, Express-AT, Express-AMU type satellites; e.g. video distribution and contribution, DTH, DSNG, broadband Internet access, IP trunking and cellular backhaul, maritime mobility, SCADA, enterprise networks connectivity and other. The company operates various regional satellite TV distribution networks and corporate VSAT networks for fixed and mobility customers. RSCC satellites provide unique coverage and connectivity throughout EMEA, Latin America and Asia.

More info about RSCC at <https://eng.rsc.ru/>.