



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between  
**Radio Amateurs of Canada**  
and  
**Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems**  
**- Canada**

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**BETWEEN**  
**RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA &**  
**AMATEUR RADIO SATELLITES AND SYSTEMS - CANADA**

## **1. Purpose and Scope**

This memorandum of understanding (MoU) is between the two Associations: The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) and Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems – Canada. The MoU has been developed to create a relationship between the two Associations to strengthen the presence of amateur radio operations in space through satellites and related systems and further advance the interests of all Canadian Radio Amateurs.

## **2. Agreement**

The two Associations agree that this document does not create any form or manner of a legally binding agreement. It is an agreement between the two Associations to work together to promote a genuine atmosphere of collaboration in support of an effective and efficient partnership and leadership intended to support and advance amateur radio in Canada and elsewhere.

## **3. Cooperation**

The Associations will collaborate to advance amateur radio in Canada and beyond, drawing upon their unique, specialized expertise.

## **4. Contributions**

- (a) It is acknowledged that, as one of the two members of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB) and one of the founding members of the Radio Advisory Board of Canada (RABC), Radio Amateurs of Canada is the sole voice of Canadian Radio Amateurs with the Canadian government's spectrum regulator.
- (b) All requests for policy and regulatory changes that Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems—Canada may seek will be submitted to a RAC Board member. Those proposed changes will be reviewed by the RAC Executive who will then submit a recommendation to the Board. Upon receiving the Executive's recommendation, the Board will then vote on them before any such requests are submitted at a CARAB meeting.
- (c) RAC agrees to have a representative of Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems - Canada attend CARAB meetings as an observer when matters relevant to the Amateur Satellite Service are on the agenda. RAC further agrees to allow AMSAT-CA to participate in presenting items

related to changes in policy relating to the Amateur Satellite Service in Canada as petitioned by AMSAT-CA and approved by the RAC Board.

- (d) It is acknowledged that Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) will continue to appoint Canada's representatives to Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS).
- (e) Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems – Canada acknowledges that RAC is the official national amateur radio association for Canada.
- (f) RAC acknowledges that Amateur Radio Satellites and Systems – Canada is the official national “AMSAT” (Amateur Radio Satellite) association for Canada.

## 5. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved only by consultation among the participants and will not be referred to a third party for settlement.

## 6. MoU Amendment

This MOU may be amended from time to time by mutual agreement of the Associations in a written modification signed by both parties.

## 7. MoU Termination

This MOU may be terminated by mutual written agreement of the Associations upon a 60-day notice. This MOU will terminate automatically if one of the Associations ceases to operate.

## 8. MoU Understanding

By signing this MoU, both Participants of this MoU mutually agree and understand that:

- (a) Each Association will take financial and legal responsibility for the actions of its affiliates, officers, employees, independent contractors, agents, volunteers, and representatives.
- (b) Each Party agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other to the fullest extent permitted by law from and against all actions, demands, claims, losses, liabilities, costs (including attorney's costs and fees), and damages.


## 9. MoU Authorization and Execution

The signing of this MoU does not constitute a legally binding agreement, and as such, it simply states the intention that the Associations will strive to reach, to the best of their abilities, the objectives stated herein.


## 10. MoU Signatures

Although this MoU has been developed for electronic signatures, manual signatures are also acceptable.

### Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC)

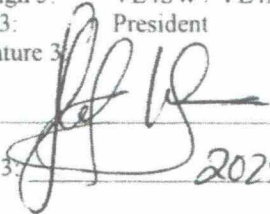
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Title 1: President  
Signature 1: 

Date 1: 2024-06-10

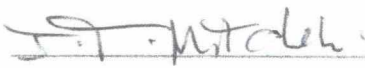
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Title 2: Vice President  
Signature 2: 

Date 2: 2024-06-10

### Amateur Radio Satellites & Systems - Canada

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Date 3: 2024-06-12

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Title 4: Vice President  
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Date 4: 2024-06-12