



Third Party Discussions

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Issue

- As we integrate more international schools into the U.S. and Russian crew member's timeline, third party contacts become more of an issue
- The ARISS team is able to circumvent this issue, somewhat, by scheduling the international schools through a telebridge station
- However, 60% of completed school contacts are direct and requests from international schools for direct contacts conflict with current international 3rd party agreements
- Really concerned about legality of the contacts where the ham reads the questions to the crew members



Potential Solutions & Discussion Opportunity

Short Term

- All international territories that do not have 3rd party agreements with the USA or Russia must use the telebridge capability

Long Term

- There is a need for an international exemption for ISS contacts—needs to be worked at ITU/IARU level
- Japan delegation's efforts should be used as a model for other countries