



ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES TO THE AMENDED EUTELSAT CONVENTION

Summary of meetings since the 2001 restructuring

AP40-Paris, 15-16 March 2017 (ordinary meeting)

The 40th Assembly of Parties of the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT took place 15 and 16 March 2017 in Paris, under the Chairmanship of Mr Frédéric Labarrere of Monaco, with as Vice-Chair Ms Ivana Stanković of Serbia. The Assembly elected to appoint by acclamation Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski of Poland for a mandate of four years from 2 July 2017. EUTELSAT IGO also celebrated its 40th anniversary this year and this was commemorated at a reception hosted by Mr Rodolphe Belmer, CEO of Eutelsat S.A. The Assembly reviewed matters related to the use of radiofrequencies assigned to EUTELSAT IGO under the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union which are used by the satellite operator Eutelsat S.A. The Assembly approved reports on the participation of EUTELSAT IGO in the activities of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, the International Telecommunication Union and the relationship with the other satellite intergovernmental organisations.

AP39-Paris, 22-23 April 2015 (ordinary meeting)

The European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation EUTELSAT held its 39th meeting the 22-23 April 2015 in Paris under the chairmanship of Mrs Leandro Representative of the Party of Portugal. The Assembly approved a revised mandate and appointment procedure for the Advisory Committee of the Assembly of Parties, which meets twice per year with the Executive Secretary. The Assembly received information about the activities of EUTELSAT IGO in the Broadband Commission, in the ITU Development Sector initiative with the Smart Sustainable Development Model and with the Committee and subcommittees of UNOOSA. The Assembly noted the concerns of the satellite industry about possible changes in the future use of the C-Band and in the ITU Radio Regulations, both of which will be reviewed by the November 2015 World Radiocommunications Conference. It also noted the various measures taken to mitigate the ongoing problems of deliberate jamming and piracy of satellite transmissions. The Assembly further noted the budgets for the period 2015 to 2017.

AP38-Paris, 15-16 May 2013 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mrs Marta Leandro, of Portugal, the Assembly adopted a Resolution on the use of satellite to bridge the digital divide, encouraging the 49 Member States of the pan-European organisation EUTELSAT IGO to take into account the advantages of satellite-based broadband services for access to internet, in particular when responding to their national, public

and institutional needs. Noting that the majority of EUTELSAT Member States are now State Parties to the Registration Convention and to the Outer Space Treaty, the Assembly requested the Executive Secretary to make a declaration of acceptance of the rights and obligations provided for in the Registration Convention for the satellites launched by EUTELSAT as a launching State prior its restructuring and to create and maintain for the future a register of the corresponding satellites. The Assembly noted that some agreements had been reached about the priority of rights of use of radiofrequencies assigned to EUTELSAT IGO under the Radio Regulations of ITU and that deliberate jamming and piracy of satellite transmissions continued. The Assembly noted that although the French Space Operations Act had imposed an additional administrative burden to Eutelsat S.A., it had not affected the company's ability to perform its satellite operations. Relevant developments in the regulatory environment at the national, European and worldwide level were examined, as well as the future of the C-Band for fixed satellite services. The Assembly reviewed Eutelsat's observance of the Basic Principles, as stated in Article III a) of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention, approved amendments to the Staff Regulations and noted the budgets for the period 2013 to 2015. Mr Christian Roisse was elected as Executive Secretary for a third mandate of four years from 2 July 2013.

AP37-Paris, 11-12 May 2011 (ordinary meeting)

The Assembly celebrated the 10th anniversary of the restructuring of EUTELSAT. At the opening ceremony, the Secretary-General of the ITU, the Assistant Director General of UNESCO, the Director of Mobility and Attractiveness Policy of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Chairman of the Eutelsat Group of companies and the CEO of Eutelsat S.A. and Eutelsat Communications S.A. addressed the Assembly of Parties.

Under the chairmanship of Mr Franco Malerba of Italy, the Assembly noted developments within the European regulatory environment and the implementation of the French Space Operations Act, which had entered into force in December 2010, requesting the Executive Secretary to monitor the impact of these developments. The problem of repeated deliberate jamming of programmes broadcast via Eutelsat S.A.'s satellites on frequencies assigned to EUTELSAT IGO and the question of priority of rights to satellite filings under the ITU Radio Regulations were also reviewed. The Assembly also noted that the Executive Secretary had actively participated in the work of the Broadband Commission, a joint ITU/UNESCO initiative, of which the Executive Secretary is a founding Commissioner, as well as participated in the work of the Subcommittees of UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and in particular in the one of the Working group on long term sustainability of Space activities. The Assembly reviewed Eutelsat S.A.'s observance of the Basic Principles, as stated in Article III a) of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention, and noted the budget for the period 2011 to 2013.

AP36-Paris, 14 May 2009 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mr Franco Malerba of Italy, the Assembly of Parties accepted the application by the Republic of Montenegro to accede to the Amended EUTELSAT Convention, without any conditions. The Assembly also noted that EUTELSAT IGO had been granted permanent Observer Status at the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and approved a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with IMSO (International Mobile Satellite Organization) and ITSO (International Telecommunications Satellite Organization). It was noted that the matter of unpaid invoices corresponding to satellite network filings submitted to the ITU on behalf of EUTELSAT was resolved between ITU and EUTELSAT IGO and that a compromise was found whereby only minor changes were made to the existing arrangement for use of the C Band for Fixed Satellite Services. The Assembly noted the

developments within the European and French regulatory environment within the framework of the implementation of the French Space Operations Act of 2008 and requested the Executive Secretary to continue monitoring these subjects. The Assembly reviewed Eutelsat S.A.'s observance of the Basic Principles, as stated in Article III a) of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention, noted the budgets for the period 2009 to 2011 and approved Amendment N°4 to the Arrangement between EUTELSAT IGO and Eutelsat S.A., relating to funding of the Secretariat. Mr Christian Roisse was reappointed as Executive Secretary for a mandate of four years from 2 July 2009.

AP35-Paris, 23-24 May 2007 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mr Patrick Piffaretti of Switzerland, the Assembly of Parties noted that existing agreements ensured that two new major shareholders in the Eutelsat Group of companies would honour obligations to EUTELSAT IGO. It also reviewed Eutelsat S.A.'s observance of the Basic Principles, as stated in Article III a) of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention, and encouraged ITU Member States to find an equitable solution to the ongoing matter of unpaid invoices for satellite filings submitted to the ITU on behalf of EUTELSAT. Noting developments within the European regulatory environment, the question of the future of the C-Band for fixed satellite services and the possible impact of the French Space Law, the Assembly requested the Executive Secretary to monitor these subjects. The Assembly also noted the budgets for the period 2007 to 2009.

AP34-Paris, 11 May 2006 (extraordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mr Patrick Piffaretti of Switzerland, the Assembly of Parties approved Amendment N°3 to the Arrangement between EUTELSAT IGO and Eutelsat S.A., enabling the Executive Secretary to participate as *Censeur* in meetings of the Board of Directors of Eutelsat Communications S.A., the holding company which had entered the Paris stock exchange in December 2005. The Assembly also reviewed the question of unpaid invoices arising from satellite network notifications filed with the ITU on behalf of EUTELSAT.

AP33-Paris, 6-8 April 2005 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mr Patrick Piffaretti of Switzerland, the Assembly of Parties approved Amendment N° 2 to the Arrangement between EUTELSAT IGO and Eutelsat S.A., which enabled the Executive Secretary to participate as *Censeur* at meetings of the Board of Directors of Eutelsat S.A. and adopted two Resolutions, the first of which concerned the operation of the majority shareholders of Eutelsat S.A. to refinance their shareholding in the Company and the second of which addressed the subject of non-European television channels transmitted via the Eutelsat satellite system and received in the territory of the European Union by the general public. The Assembly also noted the budgets for the period 2005 to 2007. The Assembly of Parties appointed Mr Christian Roisse from France to the post of Executive Secretary for a period of four years from 2 July 2005, replacing Mrs Birgitta Näslund from Sweden, whose four year mandate was due to end on 1 July 2005.

AP32-Paris, 20 July 2004 (extraordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mrs Cristina Lourenço of Portugal, the Assembly of Parties adopted the Resolution prepared by the Advisory Committee on the proposed evolution of the Articles of Association of Eutelsat S.A. and the adaptation of its warranties and undertakings with respect to the Basic Principles. The Assembly also asked the Executive Secretary to enter into

negotiations with Eutelsat S.A. in order to define new ways of supervising the Company and corresponding statutory changes and/or changes to the Arrangement.

AP31-Paris, 12 May 2004 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mrs Cristina Lourenço of Portugal, the Assembly of Parties noted that the Amended Convention, applied on an accelerated (provisional) basis since 2 July 2001, had entered into force on a definitive basis on 28 November 2002. EUTELSAT IGO's participation in the three Sectors of the ITU as an IOOSS (Intergovernmental Organisation Operating Satellite Systems) was also noted. The Assembly approved the first Amendment to the Arrangement between EUTELSAT IGO and Eutelsat S.A., relating to funding of the Secretariat, and noted the budgets for the period 2003 to 2005. It also assigned to the Advisory Committee the task of closely monitoring budget matters, making sure that costs were contained within the agreed limits.

AP30-Paris, 15 May 2002 (ordinary meeting)

Under the chairmanship of Mr Jean Pastorelli of Monaco, the Assembly of Parties noted the activities of EUTELSAT IGO since 2001 and in particular the activities related to the transfer operations between EUTELSAT and Eutelsat S.A. and those regarding the radio frequencies. The Assembly of Parties also noted the budgets for the period 2002 to 2004 and approved amendments to its Rules of Procedure and to the Staff Regulations and the procedure for selecting Party Representatives for the Advisory Committee.