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42nd VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE EUTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES 24-25 March 2021

The 42nd Assembly of Parties of the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT was held virtually 24 and 25 March 2021 in Paris, under the Chairmanship of Ms Ivana Stanković of the Party of Serbia, with as Vice-Chair Ms Viviane Arni of the Party of Switzerland. Ms Stanković is Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Serbia in France, and her responsibilities include political and economic affairs and Ms Arni is International Relations Specialist at the Federal Office of Communications in Switzerland.

The Executive Secretary of EUTELSAT IGO, Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski, was honoured to welcome several prominent guests who addressed the Assembly during an opening ceremony - Mr Houlin Zhao Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union, Ms Elodie Viau Director of Telecommunications and Integrated Applications of the European Space Agency, Mr Moin Ahmed Director General of the International Mobile Satellite Organization, Mr Patrick Masambu Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, Ms Ksenia Drozdova Chairperson of the Intersputnik Operations Committee of the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications and Mr David Bertolotti Director of Institutional and International Affairs of Eutelsat Communications S.A. The speakers stressed the important role that satellite-based solutions can play in bridging digital inequalities and in meeting the need to increase universal connectivity in the face of the global challenge of the COVID epidemic.

The Executive Secretary of EUTELSAT IGO said: *I believe that close cooperation with other international organisations is a fundamental way to advance and promote satellite telecommunications. The Organisation proudly contributes to collective, global and multilateral cooperation, particularly in the context of working together toward achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.*

The Assembly re-elected Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski of Poland by acclamation to the post of Executive Secretary for a second term of four years to commence on 2 July 2021.

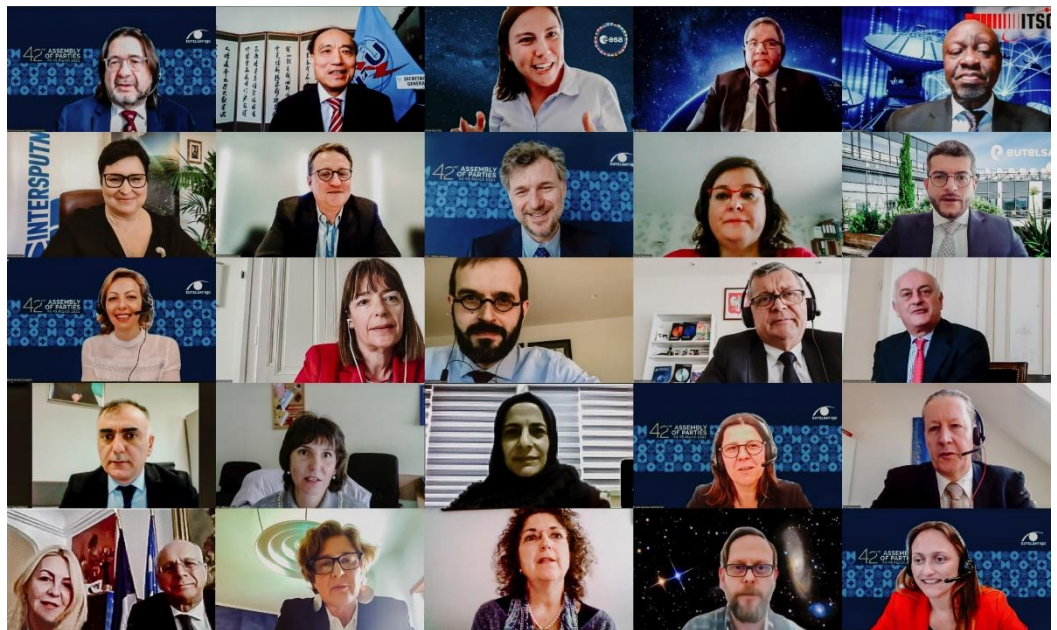
One of the roles of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that the company Eutelsat S.A. respects the commitments it made to the EUTELSAT Member States when the assets and operations of the intergovernmental organisation were transferred to the company in 2001. Therefore, the Assembly reviewed information from the Executive Secretary and from Eutelsat S.A. on this subject and noted that the company had complied with its commitments. A presentation on this matter was made by the Chief Executive Officer of Eutelsat Communications S.A. Mr Rodolphe Belmer, which was highly appreciated.



The Assembly of Parties approved reports on the participation of EUTELSAT IGO and the Executive Secretary in the activities of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the International Telecommunication Union and other key satellite intergovernmental organisations, as well as other international fora, such as the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, under the aegis of the ITU and UNESCO.

The Assembly appointed the Advisory Committee for a term of two years to provide advice to the Executive Secretary. The new Advisory Committee is composed of the Parties of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Turkey.

The next ordinary meeting of the Assembly of Parties will take place during the first Semester of 2023.



About EUTELSAT IGO

The European Telecommunications Satellites Organization (EUTELSAT IGO) is an intergovernmental organisation established by an International Treaty. Since 2001 EUTELSAT IGO was transformed and all its operational activities, assets and related liabilities were transferred to the company Eutelsat S.A. Comprising 49 Member States its mission is to maintain the rights to use radio frequencies and orbital locations which were assigned collectively to the Member States by the International Telecommunication Union. EUTELSAT IGO oversees the operations of Eutelsat S.A. so as to ensure that the company complies with the Basic Principles enshrined in the EUTELSAT Amended Convention. EUTELSAT IGO plays an active role within the global space and satellite telecommunications community. For more information, visit www.eutelsatigo.int.

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