



EUTELSAT, item 4

STATEMENT FROM EUTELSAT IGO FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SIXTY FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS)

Distinguished Chair, Madame Director, Distinguished Delegates,

European Telecommunications Satellite Organization or EUTELSAT, is an Intergovernmental Organization based in Paris. It comprises of 49 Member-States which are Parties to the EUTELSAT Convention.

This presentation is divided into five short sections presenting our areas of activities.

I. Relations with EUTELSAT Member-States

The EUTELSAT Assembly of Parties takes place every 2 years in Paris. In March 2021 the 42nd meeting of the Assembly of Parties was held online. The delegates from Member-States as well as our distinguished guests from organizations such as ITU, ESA and others agreed that satellite-based solutions will continue to play a major role in reducing the global digital divide thus contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, by supporting the development of the commercial market for the public benefit.

The Assembly of Parties re-appointed me for a mandate of four years as Head of the Organisation until 1 July 2025 and appointed for a two-year mandate, an Advisory Committee consisting of: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Turkey.

II. Cooperation with intergovernmental satellite organisations: Intersputnik, IMSO and ITSO

EUTELSAT IGO enjoys a mutual observer status with Intersputnik, following the signing of Cooperation Agreement in May 2019. Heads of both Organisations are able to take part in their respective Plenary meetings thus reinforcing existing bonds and providing enhanced cooperation for years to come.

Under the aegis of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2009 with ITSO and IMSO, the Heads of our three organisations meet on an annual basis to discuss matters of mutual interest and to give further consideration for joint initiatives for safeguarding the interest of the satellite industry in key frequency bands. EUTELSAT IGO observes with keen interest current debate among ITSO Member States concerning the future of ITSO. We highly value our cooperation with ITSO under the leadership of Director General Patrick Masambu of Uganda and look forward to a future cooperation with that Washington-based SATCOM intergovernmental organization.

III. Supervisory role

One of the key roles of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that the satellite operator, Eutelsat S.A, a French commercial company 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. It is obliged to respect four Basic Principles of: public service/universal service obligations, pan-European coverage by the satellite system, non-discrimination and fair We conclude that the Company, is now and will be in a position to continue to fulfil its obligations to the Organisation in the medium term.

IV. Participation in the activities of key International Organisations

- [UN COPUOS]

First, of course the COPUOS. Since 2008 EUTELSAT IGO is a permanent Observer of COPUOS and in that role has participated on a regular basis in meetings of COPUOS and its Subcommittees. In March 2021 the EUTELSAT Assembly of Parties received from me full information report on the UNISPACE+50 Symposium and the high-level segment of the 61st session of the COPUOS and noted the commitment of the Organisation towards the mission of COPUOS thus advocating for the importance of space technologies in support of the 2030 UN agenda.

- [ITU]

, EUTELSAT IGO continues to follow the developments at ITU We are Sector members of all ITU sectors, participating in its activities and actively supporting ITU mission.

- European Union regulatory environment and space policy

EUTELSAT IGO has continued to maintain its vigilance with regard to regulatory changes in European countries in which Eutelsat S.A. operates with the review of the developments of the European Union Space Policy and other relevant areas.

- Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications - (Региональное содружество в области связи) or RCC

EUTELSAT IGO has an observer status with RCC, which is an Intergovernmental Organization of independent states, former Soviet Republics, and considers it an important cooperation forum in which we participate on a regular basis.

V. Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development

As the Executive Secretary I continue to be actively involved as a Commissioner in the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development., Celebrating its 10th anniversary of existence, during the annual Fall session in September 2020 – held online, the Broadband Commission reiterated the necessity to put in motion the medium-term agenda set in the Commission’s COVID crisis Agenda¹ and to meet the 2025 global Targets aiming at expanding broadband infrastructure and internet access in support of “Connecting the other half of the world” and the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

¹ <https://broadbandcommission.org/COVID19/Pages/default.aspx>

Mr Chair, Distinguished Delegates, the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT highly values the role played by COPUOS and its Subcommittees and intends to remain a committed and a supporting observer.

This concludes my intervention, Thank you for your attention.