

- in whole or in part of its responsibility for contributing its share of the capital contributions for contractual commitments specifically authorized and liabilities arising from acts or omissions before the receipt of notice of decision to withdraw.
- (e) Except as may be decided by the Board of Signatories under paragraph d) of this Article, no provision of this Article shall:
- (i) relieve a Signatory referred to in paragraph a) of this Article of its share of any non-contractual obligations of EUTELSAT arising from acts or omissions in the implementation of the Convention and the Operating Agreement where such obligations have arisen, following a withdrawal under paragraph a) of Article XVIII of the Convention, before the receipt by the Director General of the notice of the decision to withdraw or, following a withdrawal under subparagraph ii) or iii) of paragraph b) of Article XVIII of the Convention, before the effective date of withdrawal;
  - (ii) deprive such a Signatory of any rights acquired by it, in its capacity as such, which would otherwise continue after the effective date of its withdrawal, and for which the Signatory has not already been compensated under this Article.
- tions which it receives from any Party or from the Assembly of Parties on a proposed amendment.
- (c) The Board of Signatories shall take decisions on each proposed amendment in accordance with the provisions for quorum and voting contained in Article XI of the Convention. It may modify any proposed amendment circulated in accordance with paragraph a) of this Article, and may also take decisions on any proposed amendment not so circulated but arising directly from a proposed amendment.
- (d) After approval by the Board of Signatories the amendment shall enter into force ninety days after the Depositary has received notice of approval by two-thirds of those Signatories which, at the date of approval, were Signatories and then held at least two-thirds of the total investment shares. Upon its entry into force, the amendment shall become binding upon all Signatories. Notification of the approval of an amendment by a Signatory shall be given to the Depositary by the Party which designated the Signatory concerned. Such notification shall signify the acceptance of the amendment by that Party.
- (e) An amendment which has not entered into force under paragraph d) of this Article eighteen months after the date on which it was approved by the Board of Signatories shall be deemed null and void.

#### Article 22

##### *Amendments*

- (a) Any Signatory or the Assembly of Parties may propose amendments to the Operating Agreement. These shall be communicated to the Director General, who shall circulate them promptly to all Parties and Signatories.
- (b) The Board of Signatories shall consider each proposed amendment at its first ordinary meeting following distribution by the Director General, or at an earlier extraordinary meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been circulated by the Director General at least ninety days before the opening date of the meeting. The Board of Signatories shall consider any views and recommenda-

#### Article 23

##### *Entry into Force*

- (a) The Operating Agreement shall enter into force for a Signatory on the date on which the Convention enters into force under Article XXII of the Convention for the Party concerned that has designated that Signatory.
- (b) The Operating Agreement shall be applied provisionally for a Signatory during any period in which the Convention is applied provisionally under paragraph d) of Article XXII of the Convention for the party that has designated that Signatory.