

- (c) The Operating Agreement shall continue in force for as long as the Convention is in force.

Article 24
Depositary

- (a) The Depositary of the Convention shall be the Depositary of the Operating Agreement.
- (b) The Depositary shall send certified copies of the Operating Agreement to the Government of each of the States which were invited to attend the Plenipotentiary Conference on the definitive arrangements governing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization »EUTELSAT«, to the Government of any other State which signs or accedes to the Convention, to each Signatory and to the International Telecommunication Union.
- (c) The Depositary shall promptly inform all States which have signed or acceded to the Convention, all Signatories and the International Telecommunication Union of:
- (i) any signature of the Operating Agreement;
 - (ii) the entry into force of the Operating Agreement;
 - (iii) the start and the end of any provisional application of the Operating Agreement under paragraph b) of Article 23 of the Operating Agreement;
 - (iv) the adoption and entry into force of any amendment to the Operating Agreement;
 - (v) any notification of withdrawal;
 - (vi) other notifications and communications relating to the Operating Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Operating Agreement.

Opened for signature at Paris this fifteenth day of July one thousand nine hundred and

eighty two in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited with the Depositary.

Annex A
Transitional Provisions

- (1) *Preparations for the first meeting of the Board of Signatories*
- (a) During the sixty-day period referred to in paragraph a) of Article XXII of the Convention, the Secretary General of INTERIM EUTELSAT shall prepare and convene the first meeting of the Board of Signatories.
- (b) Within three days after the date of entry into force of the Operating Agreement, the Secretary General of INTERIM EUTELSAT shall inform all Signatories of the arrangements made for the first meeting of the Board of Signatories, which shall be convened not more than thirty days after the date of entry into force of the Operating Agreement.
- (2) *Transfer of Accounts*
- Each Signatory to the Operating Agreement which was a signatory to the ECS Agreement, shall be debited or credited in its account with EUTELSAT with the net amount of any sums due to or from that Signatory, from or to INTERIM EUTELSAT under the Provisional Agreement at the date of entry into force of the Operating Agreement.
- (3) *Financial adjustments between Signatories*
- (a) In accordance with Article 3 of the Operating Agreement, all assets of INTERIM EUTELSAT shall become assets of EUTELSAT on the date of entry into force of the Operating Agreement. They shall be deemed to have been entered in the EUTELSAT accounts at the same date at which they were entered in the INTERIM EUTELSAT accounts and to have been amortized as recorded in the INTERIM EUTELSAT accounts.