

**CONVENTION ESTABLISHING
THE EUROPEAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
»EUTELSAT«**

Preamble

The States Parties to this Convention,
Underlining the importance of telecommunications by satellite for the development of relations between their peoples and their economies, and their desire to strengthen their co-operation in this field,

Noting that the Provisional European Telecommunications Satellite Organization »INTERIM EUTELSAT« was established for the purpose of operating space segments of European telecommunications satellite systems,

Considering the relevant provisions of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, done at London, Moscow and Washington on 27 January 1967,

Wishing to continue the establishment of these telecommunications satellite systems as part of an improved European telecommunications network for providing expanded telecommunications services to all participating States and this without prejudice to any rights and obligations of the States which are parties to the Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization »INTELSAT«, done at Washington on 20 August 1971, or by the Convention on the International Maritime Telecommunications Satellite Organization »INMAR-SAT«, done at London on 3 September 1976,

Determined, to this end, to provide, through the most appropriate space telecommunications technology available, the most efficient and economic facilities possible consistent with the most efficient and equitable use of the radio frequency spectrum and of orbital space,

Agree as follows:

Article I

Definitions

For the purposes of this Convention:

- (a) »Convention« means the Convention establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization »EUTELSAT«, including its Preamble and its Annexes, opened for signature by Governments at Paris, on 15 July 1982;
- (b) »Operating Agreement« means the Operating Agreement relating to the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization »EUTELSAT«, including its Preamble and its Annexes, opened for signature, at Paris, on 15 July 1982;
- (c) »Provisional Agreement« means the Agreement on the Constitution of a Provisional European Telecommunications Satellite Organization »INTERIM EUTELSAT«, done at Paris, on 13 May 1977 between Administrations/Recognized Private Operating Agencies and deposited with the French Administration;
- (d) »ECS Agreement« means the Supplementary Agreement to the Provisional Agreement Relating to the space segment of the Satellite Telecommunications System for the Fixed Service (ECS), done at Paris, on 10 March 1978;
- (e) »Party« means a State for which the Convention has entered into force or has been provisionally applied;
- (f) »Signatory« means the telecommunications entity or the Party which has signed the Operating Agreement and for which it has entered into force or has been provisionally applied;
- (g) »Space segment« means a set of telecommunications satellites, and the tracking, telemetering, command, control, monitoring and related facilities and equipment for the operational support of those satellites;
- (h) »EUTELSAT Space Segment« means the space segment owned or leased by EUTELSAT for the purpose of the objectives listed under paragraphs a), b), c) and e) of Article III of the Convention;
- (i) »Satellite telecommunications system« means the unit formed by a space segment and the earth stations having access to that space segment;
- (j) »Telecommunications« means any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds or intelligence of any nature, by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems;