

the Convention or by the Operating Agreement. No organ shall act in such a way as to harm the exercise by another organ of the powers vested in it by the Convention or by the Operating Agreement.

Article VII

Assembly of Parties – Composition and Meetings

- (a) The Assembly of Parties shall be composed of all the Parties.
 - (b) A Party may be represented by another Party in a meeting of the Assembly of Parties, but no Party may represent more than two other Parties.
 - (c) The first ordinary meeting of the Assembly of Parties shall be convened by the Director General within one year after the date on which the convention enters into force. Ordinary meetings shall thereafter be held every two years unless the Assembly of Parties decides at a meeting that the following meeting shall be held at a different interval.
 - (d) The Assembly may also hold extraordinary meetings at the request of one or more Parties supported by at least one-third of the Parties or at the request of the Board of Signatories. Such a request shall state the purpose of the meeting.
 - (e) Each Party shall meet its own costs of representation at meetings of the Assembly of Parties. Expenses of meetings of the Assembly of Parties shall be regarded as an administrative cost of EUTELSAT for the purpose of Article 9 of the Operating Agreement.
- (c) Decisions on procedural matters shall be taken by an affirmative vote cast by a simple majority of the Parties present and voting, each having one vote.
 - (d) A quorum for any meeting of the Assembly of Parties shall consist of representatives of a simple majority of all the Parties, provided that not less than one-third of all the Parties are present.
 - (e) The Assembly shall adopt its rules of Procedure, which shall be consistent with the provisions of the Convention and which, in particular, shall include provisions for:
 - (i) election of its Chairman and other officers;
 - (ii) convening of meetings;
 - (iii) representation and accreditation;
 - (iv) voting procedures.

Article IX

Assembly of Parties – Functions

- (a) The assembly of Parties, which may concern itself with any aspect of EUTELSAT which affects the interests of the Parties, shall have the following functions:
 - (i) to give consideration to the general policy and long-term objectives of EUTELSAT – consistent with the principles, objectives and scope of activities of EUTELSAT, as provided for in the Convention – and to express views or make recommendations thereon to the Board of Signatories;
 - (ii) to recommend to the Board of Signatories appropriate measures to prevent the activities of EUTELSAT from conflicting with any general multilateral convention which is consistent with the Convention and which is acceded to by at least a simple majority of the Parties;
 - (iii) to authorize, through general rules or by specific decisions on the recommendation of the Board of Signatories:
 - (A) the utilization of the EUTELSAT Space Segment for specialized telecommunications services in accordance with para-

Article VIII

Assembly of Parties – Procedure

- (a) Each Party shall have one vote in the Assembly. Parties abstaining from voting shall be considered as not voting.
- (b) Decisions on matters of substance shall be taken by an affirmative vote cast by at least two-thirds of the Parties present or represented and voting. A Party which represents one or two other Parties under paragraph b) of Article VII of the Convention may vote separately for each party it represents.