

- (h) The Board of Signatories 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.
- (i) The Board of Signatories may create Advisory Committees to assist it in performing its functions.
- (j) The first meeting of the Board of Signatories shall be convened in accordance with paragraph 1 of Annex A to the Operating Agreement. The Board of Signatories shall thereafter meet as necessary but at least three times a year.

Article XII

Board of Signatories – Functions

- (a) The Board of Signatories shall have the responsibility for the design, development, construction, establishment, acquisition by purchase or lease, operation and maintenance of the EUTELSAT Space Segment and for any other activities which EUTELSAT is authorized to undertake.
- (b) The Board of Signatories shall carry out those functions necessary to discharge its responsibilities under paragraph a) of this Article, including but not limited to:
- (i) adoption of policies, plans, programmes and procedures for the design, development, construction, establishment, acquisition, operation and maintenance of the EUTELSAT Space Segment and any other activities which EUTELSAT is authorized to undertake;
 - (ii) adoption of procurement procedures, regulations and contract terms and conditions, as well as approval of procurement contracts;
 - (iii) adoption and implementation of management arrangements requiring the Director General to contract for technical and operational or other functions whenever this is advantageous to EUTELSAT;
 - (iv) adoption of policies and procedures for the acquisition, protection and licensing of intellectual property rights consistent with Article 18 of the Operating Agreement;
 - (v) adoption of financial policies and regulations, approval of budgets and annual financial statements, as well as general rules and adoption of specific decisions on the periodic determination of charges for utilization of the EUTELSAT Space Segment in accordance with Article V of the Convention and Article 8 of the Operating Agreement and decision with respect to all other financial matters consistent with the convention and the Operating Agreement;
 - (vi) adoption of criteria and procedures for approval of standard earth stations for access to the EUTELSAT Space Segment, for verification and monitoring of performance characteristics of these earth stations and for coordination of earth station access to and utilization of the EUTELSAT Space Segment;
 - (vii) approval of non-standard earth stations for access to the EUTELSAT Space Segment;
 - (viii) adoption of terms and conditions governing the allotment of EUTELSAT Space Segment capacity;
 - (ix) establishment of terms and conditions for access to the EUTELSAT Space Segment by telecommunication entities which are not under the jurisdiction of a Party, consistent with Article III of the Convention;
 - (x) decisions on arrangements for overdrafts and loans under Article 11 of the Operating Agreement;
 - (xi) establishment of general internal rules and adoption of decisions which, in accordance with the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union concerning radio frequency spectrum management and orbital space efficiency and economy, may be appropriate in order to ensure that the operation of the EUTELSAT Space Segment