

drawal and for which compensation has not been received under this Article.

Article XIX
Amendments

- (a) Amendments to the Convention may be proposed by any Party and shall be communicated to the Director General, who shall promptly circulate the proposals to all the parties and Signatories. Three months notice is required before consideration of a proposed amendment by the Board of Signatories, which shall submit its views and recommendations to the Assembly of Parties within a period of six months from the date of circulation of the proposed amendment. The Assembly of Parties shall consider the proposed amendment not earlier than six months from receipt by it, taking into account any views and recommendations expressed by the Board of Signatories. This period may, in any particular case, be reduced by the Assembly of Parties by a decision taken in accordance with the procedure for a matter of substance.
- (b) If adopted by the Assembly of Parties, the amendment shall enter into force one hundred and twenty days after the Depositary has received notices of acceptance from two-thirds of those States which at the time of adoption by the Assembly of Parties were Parties and whose Signatories then held at least two-thirds of the total investment shares. Upon its entry into force, the amendment shall become binding upon all Parties and all Signatories.
- (c) An amendment shall not enter into force less than eight months after the date on which it was adopted by the Assembly of Parties. An amendment which has not entered into force under paragraph b) of this Article eighteen months after the date on which it was adopted by the Assembly of Parties shall be deemed null and void.

Article XX
Settlement of Disputes

- (a) All disputes arising between Parties or between EUTELSAT and a Party or par-

ties in connection with the interpretation or application of the Convention or of paragraph c) of Article 15, or paragraph c) of Article 16, of the Operating Agreement shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with Annex B to the Convention if not otherwise settled within one year of the time a party to the dispute has notified the other party of its intention to settle such a dispute amicably. Any similar dispute relating to the interpretation or application of this convention or the Operating Agreement between one or more parties on the one hand and one or more Signatories on the other hand may be submitted to arbitration under Annex B to the Convention, provided that the Party or Parties and the Signatory or Signatories in dispute agree.

- (b) All disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or of paragraph c) of Article 15 or of paragraph c) of Article 16 of the Operating Agreement, between a Party and a State which has ceased to be a Party or between EUTELSAT and a State which has ceased to be a Party, and which arise after the State has ceased to be a Party, shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to the Convention if not otherwise settled within one year of the time a party to the dispute has notified the other party of its intention to settle such a dispute amicably, provided that the State which has ceased to be a Party so agrees. If a State ceases to be a Party or if a State or a telecommunications entity ceases to be a Signatory after a dispute to which it is a disputant has been submitted to arbitration under paragraph a) of this Article, the arbitration shall be continued and concluded.
- (c) The settlement of all disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of agreements arising out of agreements between EUTELSAT and any Party, other than the Convention or the Operating Agreement, shall be as provided for in the relevant agreement. In the absence of any provisions, such disputes, if not otherwise settled, may be submitted to arbitration under Annex B