

to the Convention if the disputants agree.

Article XXI

Signature – Reservations

- (a) Any State whose telecommunications Administration/Recognized Private Operating Agency is, or has the right to become, a Signatory Party to the Provisional Agreement may become Party to the Convention by:
- (i) signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, or
 - (ii) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or
 - (iii) accession.
- (b) The Convention shall be open for signature at Paris from 15 July 1982 until it enters into force and shall thereafter remain open for accession.
- (c) No State shall become a Party to the Convention until the Operating Agreement has been signed by the telecommunications entity which it has designated or until it has itself signed the Operating Agreement.
- (d) No reservation may be made to the Convention or the Operating Agreement.

Article XXII

Entry into Force

- (a) The Convention shall enter into force sixty days after the date on which it has been signed, in accordance with subparagraph i) of paragraph a) of Article XXI of the Convention, or has been ratified, accepted or approved, by two-thirds of the States which, at the date on which it is opened for signature have jurisdiction over Signatory Parties to the Provisional Agreement provided that:
- (i) those Signatory parties, or their designated Signatories to the ECS Agreement, hold two-thirds of the financial shares under the ECS Agreement and
 - (ii) the Operating Agreement has been signed in accordance with paragraph b) of Article II of the Convention.
- (b) The Convention shall not enter into force less than eight months after the date on which it is opened for signature. The Convention shall not enter into force if it has not been signed, ratified, accepted or approved under paragraph a) of this Article, within thirtysix months of the date on which it is opened for signature.
- (c) For a State whose instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is deposited after the date on which the Convention enters into force, the Convention shall enter into force on the date of such deposit.
- (d) Upon entry into force, the Convention will be applied provisionally for any State which has signed it subject to ratification, acceptance or approval and which has so requested at the time of signature or at any later time before entry into force. Provisional application shall end:
- (i) upon deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval by that State;
 - (ii) at the end of two years from the date on which the Convention enters into force without having been ratified, accepted or approved by that State;
 - (iii) upon notification by that State, before the end of the period mentioned in subparagraph ii) of this paragraph, of its decision not to ratify, accept or approve the Convention.
- When provisional application ends under subparagraph ii) or iii) of this paragraph, paragraphs d), e) and g) of Article XVIII of the Convention shall govern the rights and obligations of the Party and of its designated Signatory.
- (e) Despite the provisions of this Article, the convention shall neither enter into force, nor be applied provisionally for any State, unless the conditions in paragraph c) of Article XXI of the convention have been satisfied.
- (f) Upon entry into force, the Convention shall replace and terminate the Provisional Agreement. However, nothing in the convention or the Operating Agreement shall affect any right or obligation