



Agenda item 5

STATEMENT FROM EUTELSAT IGO FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS)

Distinguished Chair, Distinguished Madam Director, Distinguished Delegates,

The European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT, is an Intergovernmental Organization based in Paris. It consists of 49 Member-States which are Parties to the EUTELSAT Convention. For many years we have been an observer and a staunch supporter of COPUOS, regularly informing our Member States on the latest developments regarding the activities of COPUOS and its Subcommittees.

It is my honour to report on EUTELSAT and its activities since the last session of COPUOS in 2023.

One of the key roles of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that the French based commercial satellite operator, Eutelsat Communications S.A, respects the commitments it made to the EUTELSAT Member States since 2001 and the four Basic Principles of: public service/universal service obligations, pan-European coverage by the satellite system, non-discrimination and fair competition.

In September 2023, the Eutelsat Communications acquired UK-based OneWeb's low-Earth orbit constellation and became the Eutelsat Group. To date it is the only global operator with wholly owned satellites in LEO and GEO thus providing multi-orbit solutions for the telecommunications needs of both the private and public sectors worldwide.

As a member of all sectors of the International Telecommunications Union, EUTELSAT IGO monitors its activities in relation to the obligation to ensure continuity regarding rights and obligations under the ITU Radio Regulations for the use by Eutelsat S.A. and assigned collectively to the EUTELSAT Member States. EUTELSAT IGO followed and reported to Parties on the satellite-related results and conclusions of the WRC-23 related to spectrum efficiency, interference and coordination for fixed-satellite service and broadcasting-satellite service.

Mr. Chairman Currently, one of the primary areas of concern is the subject of deliberate interference, or simply put, jamming of signals carried on satellites operated by different commercial operators. This harmful practice is perpetrated in breach of international laws (and of Regulation 15.1 of the ITU Radio Regulations in particular). We insist that these

harmful practices stop and that necessary actions to cease jamming are taken, to comply with the law, to maintain space sustainability as well as to protect freedom of communication and expression as defined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr. Chairman, EUTELSAT IGO is a regional European organisation. We closely follow regulatory changes in European countries where the Company under our supervision operates and the latest developments at the European Union level. We also strongly support the activities of the European Space Agency.

Finally, as Executive Secretary I am actively involved as a Commissioner in the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, operating under the auspices of ITU and UNESCO, which aims at expanding broadband infrastructure and internet access in support of the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In this context, satellite telecommunications play an important role providing connectivity in areas of the world lacking terrestrial infrastructure.

Mr Chairman, Honourable Delegates, the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT highly values the role played by COPUOS and its Subcommittees and intends to remain a committed and a supporting observer.

This concludes my intervention, thank you for your attention.

Statement delivered by Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski, Executive Secretary of EUTELSAT IGO, on the 26th of June 2024 under Agenda item 5 of the 67th session of COPUOS during the 828 meeting.