



Agenda item 4 - General exchange of views

STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF EUTELSAT IGO, MR PIOTR DMOCHOWSKI-LIPSKI, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SIXTY-EIGHT 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), an intergovernmental organisation based in Paris and comprising 49 Member States which are Parties to the EUTELSAT Convention, presents the following report on its activities since the 67th session of COPUOS.

I. Supervisory role

The key function of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that the French satellite operator, Eutelsat Communications S.A., fulfils its commitments regarding the observance and implementation of the four Basic Principles of the EUTELSAT Convention which are public service/universal service obligations, pan-European coverage by the satellite system, non-discrimination and fair competition.

EUTELSAT IGO maintains an excellent professional relationship with Eutelsat Communications S.A., founded on mutual respect and trust. The Company has aligned its social and environmental objectives with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and is firmly committed to the responsible use of space and to bridging the global digital divide.

Eutelsat Communications S.A. is the Parent company of Eutelsat Group, which among others include OneWeb, a Low Earth Orbit operator. The combined Geostationary and Low Orbit fleet offers Eutelsat's clients integrated satcom solutions. Together with other European players in the satellite business, Eutelsat formed a consortium called SpaceRise which will be responsible for building a sovereign European space-based secure communication system called IRIS². In this context, EUTELSAT IGO welcomes latest expressions of strengthened involvement of the French State, as well as European and non-European private investors, leading to a substantial increase of Eutelsat Group's capital. In a global landscape where governments and corporations seek safe and predictable providers of satellite telecommunications, this European effort has a high chance of meeting those demands and adding to the safety and efficiency of the overall space ecosystem. We, as an

intergovernmental organisation, will continue to monitor all commercial development from the standpoint of guardians of public interest.

II. Relations with EUTELSAT Member States

In March 2025, representatives of EUTELSAT Member States, joined by guests from other satellite and telecommunications intergovernmental organisations (IMSO, ITSO, ITU, ESA and Intersputnik), convened in Paris for the 44th ordinary meeting of the EUTELSAT Assembly of Parties. Participants acknowledged that due to the growing demand for global connectivity and the technological advancements driving the convergence of telecommunications and satellite communications, both private and intergovernmental actors are experiencing an unprecedented transformation in their sector. They emphasised the need for continued cooperation among intergovernmental organisations in order to protect the public interest. At this meeting, the Assembly of Parties reappointed Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski of Poland as Head of the Organisation with the title of Executive Secretary for a four-year term, effective 1 July 2025.

The EUTELSAT Advisory Committee, which meets on a semi-annual basis, is composed since March 2025 of the Parties of Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland. At each meeting, the Committee reviewed the information provided on Eutelsat S.A.'s ability to meet its obligations in accordance with the Basic Principles. In line with its mandate, the Committee advised the Executive Secretary on the Organisation's budget and provided comments on its activities. At each meeting of the Assembly of Parties as well as that of the Advisory Committee, the Executive Secretary provides Member States with a comprehensive report on the work of COPUOS and its subcommittees. We hope that we contribute in a small way to reinforcing the support which our Member States extend toward COPUOS and UNOOSA, along the lines of the plea voiced by the UNOOSA Director in her opening remarks on the first day of the meeting.

III. Highlighting our participation in the space eco system:

- UN COPUOS

EUTELSAT IGO is a permanent Observer to COPUOS since 2008 and, in that capacity, participates in meetings of COPUOS and its Subcommittees.

- ITU

As a member of all sectors of the International Telecommunication Union, EUTELSAT IGO monitors ITU activities in relation to its obligation to ensure continuity regarding rights and obligations under the ITU Radio Regulations for the use by Eutelsat S.A. of the radiofrequencies assigned collectively to the EUTELSAT Member States. The Organisation continues to follow the preparatory work for the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference, with a special focus on space-related issues concerning fixed satellite, mobile satellite, and scientific services.

In September 2024, EUTELSAT IGO participated in the ITU's first Space Sustainability Forum, which brought together participants from across the satellite and space sectors to discuss

policies and strategies to ensure the sustainability of outer space activities for current and future generations.

Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski, the Executive Secretary, serves also as a Commissioner on the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development – a joint initiative of ITU and UNESCO. BBCOM is a gathering of senior-level leaders in Government, International Organisations, Business and Academia tasked with combining analytical work and global advocacy to promote the UN Sustainable Development Goals through the use of digital technologies, including space technologies.

- Cooperation with intergovernmental satellite organisations

The Heads of the three intergovernmental satellite organisations EUTELSAT IGO, IMSO and ITSO meet annually to discuss matters of mutual interest. At the Fifteenth Tripartite Meeting, in November 2024, the discussions focused on the rapid evolution of the telecommunications sector driven by the expansion of LEO constellations and the growing relevance of satellite connectivity. The three organisations reaffirmed their commitment to work together to support the growth, sustainability and stability of the global satellite and telecommunications sectors.

IV. Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, Mr Chairman, EUTELSAT IGO remains firmly committed to promoting the sustainable use of outer space and to helping reduce the global digital divide through the responsible use of satellite telecommunications. EUTELSAT IGO greatly values the work of COPUOS and its Subcommittees and actively promotes awareness among its Member States of the importance of ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities for the benefit of present and future generations. Thank you for your attention.