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43<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE EUTELSAT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES  
10-11 May 2023

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of Parties of the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT took place 10 and 11 May 2023 in Paris, under the Chairmanship of Ms Ivana Stanković of Serbia and with Ms Viviane Arni of Switzerland as Vice-Chair. Ms Stanković is Minister Counsellor at the Embassy of Serbia in France, and her responsibilities include political and economic affairs and s Arni is International Relations Specialist at the Federal Office of Communications in Switzerland.

The Executive Secretary of EUTELSAT IGO, Mr Piotr Dmochowski-Lipski, was honoured to welcome several prominent guests who addressed the Assembly during an opening ceremony - Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, Mr Laurent Parenté, Director General of the International Mobile Satellite Organization, Mr Patrick Masambu, Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, Ms Ksenia Drozdova, Director General of the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications and Mr David Bertolotti, Company Secretary of Eutelsat Communications S.A.

Recognising that the satellite and space communities are at the dawn of major changes, all guests recognised the importance of broadband satellite services in bringing meaningful connectivity and achieving sustainable development for all. They further confirmed their commitment to actively participate in the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) and to continue to engage in cooperation in order to safeguard public interests and contribute to a sustainable digital environment worldwide.

The principal role of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that the company Eutelsat S.A. respects the commitments it made to the EUTELSAT Member States when the assets and operations of the intergovernmental organisation were transferred to the company in 2001. The Assembly reviewed information from the Executive Secretary and from Eutelsat S.A. on the subject of the observance of the four Basic Principles in the EUTELSAT Amended Convention. The Member States received a presentation on this matter by the Chief Executive Officer of Eutelsat Communications S.A., Ms Eva Berneke, which was highly appreciated. The Assembly noted that EUTELSAT IGO will continue to monitor the Company's developments to ensure that obligations to the EUTELSAT Members States are fulfilled.

Reports on the participation of EUTELSAT IGO in the activities of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the International



Telecommunication Union and other key satellite intergovernmental organisations were provided. EUTELSAT IGO will continue to closely monitor the preparatory process of WRC-23 and report on the satellite-related results and conclusions of the Conference at the next Assembly of Parties.

The Assembly appointed the Advisory Committee for a mandate of two years to provide advice to the Executive Secretary. The new Advisory Committee is composed of the Parties of Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Romania, Switzerland and Turkey.

The next ordinary meeting of the Assembly of Parties will take place during the first Quarter of 2025.



#### **More about EUTELSAT IGO**

EUTELSAT IGO is the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization. Established by an international treaty, the intergovernmental organisation is headquartered in Paris and comprises 49 Member States. Its primary mission is to ensure that the company Eutelsat S.A. complies with the Basic Principles of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention. It also ensures continuity of the rights to use radiofrequencies and orbital locations which were assigned collectively to the Member States and the Organisation by the International Telecommunication Union. EUTELSAT IGO is an active contributing member of the international telecommunications and space communities.

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