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

Distinguished Chair, Distinguished Acting Director, distinguished Delegates,

The European Telecommunications Satellite Organization EUTELSAT is an Intergovernmental Organization based in Paris comprising 49 Member-States which are Parties to the EUTELSAT Convention.

It is my honour to report on EUTELSAT and its activities since the last session of COPUOS in 2022.

Last month, the Member States of EUTELSAT IGO and guests from Satellite and Telecommunications Intergovernmental Organisations, as well as the international satellite operator Eutelsat Communications S.A. participated in the 43rd meeting of the EUTELSAT Assembly of Parties in Paris. The Participants recognised the importance of broadband satellite services in bringing meaningful connectivity and achieving sustainable development for all. It was agreed that satellite-based solutions will continue to play a major role in reducing the global digital divide thus contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, as well as supporting the development of the commercial market for the public benefit

One of the key roles of EUTELSAT IGO is to ensure that Eutelsat S.A, which is a commercial satellite communication operator based in France, is fulfilling its commitments in keeping with the observance and implementation of the Basic Principles of the EUTELSAT Amended Convention. These principles are: public service/universal service, pan-European coverage, non-discrimination and fair competition.

Since 2008, EUTELSAT IGO is a permanent Observer of COPUOS. Our Member States are regularly informed on the Organisation's participation in meetings of the COPUOS and its Subcommittees. The commitment of the Organisation towards the mission of COPUOS, in advocating the importance of space technologies in support of the 2030 UN agenda and the importance of raising awareness on the matter of long-term sustainability of outer space activities is recognised by the EUTELSAT Parties.

As a member of all International Telecommunications Union sectors. EUTELSAT IGO continues to monitor relevant activities of the ITU. In relation to the Organisation's obligation to ensure continuity regarding rights and obligations under the ITU Radio Regulations for the use by Eutelsat S.A. of radiofrequencies assigned collectively to the EUTELSAT Member States, EUTELSAT will follow and report to Parties on the satellite-related results and conclusions of the WRC-23 which will meet at the end of the year.

EUTELSAT IGO maintains its vigilance with regard to regulatory changes in European countries where Eutelsat S.A. operates and reviews the developments of the Space Policy in the European Union.

Finally, Distinguished delegates, 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.

Mr Chair, 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.