

- (viii) to take decisions, pursuant to subparagraph (b) (i) of Article XVI of this Agreement, in connection with the withdrawal of a Party from INTELSAT;
- (ix) to decide upon questions concerning formal relationships between INTELSAT and States, whether Parties or not, or international organizations;
- (x) to consider complaints submitted to it by Parties;
- (xi) to select the legal experts referred to in Article 3 of Annex C to this Agreement;
- (xii) to act upon the appointment of the Director General in accordance with Articles XI and XII of this Agreement;
- (xiii) pursuant to Article XII of this Agreement, to adopt the organizational structure of the executive organ; and
- (xiv) to exercise any other powers coming within the purview of the Assembly of Parties according to the provisions of this Agreement.
- (d) The first ordinary meeting of the Assembly of Parties shall be convened by the Secretary General within one year following the date on which this Agreement enters into force. Ordinary meetings shall thereafter be scheduled to be held every two years. The Assembly of Parties, however, may decide otherwise from meeting to meeting.
- (e) (i) In addition to the ordinary meeting provided for in paragraph (d) of this Article, the Assembly of Parties may meet in extraordinary meetings, which may be convened either upon request of the Board of Governors acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV or XVI of this Agreement, or upon the request of one or more Parties which receives the support of at least one-third of the Parties including the requesting Party or Parties.
- (ii) Requests for extraordinary meetings shall state the purpose of the meeting and shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary General or the Director General, who shall arrange for the meeting to be held as soon as possible and in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly of Parties for convening such meetings.
- (f) A quorum for any meeting of the Assembly of Parties shall consist representatives of a majority of the Parties. Each Party shall have one vote. Decisions on matters of substance shall be taken by an affirmative vote cast by at least two-thirds of the Parties whose representatives are present and voting. Decisions on procedural matters shall be taken by an affirmative vote cast by a simple majority of the Parties whose representatives are present and voting. Disputes whether a specific matter is procedural or substantive shall be decided by a vote cast by a simple majority of the Parties whose representatives are present and voting.
- (g) The Assembly of Parties shall adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall include provision for the election of a Chairman and other officers.
- (h) Each Party shall meet its own costs of representation at a meeting of the Assembly of Parties. Expenses of meetings of the Assembly of Parties shall be regarded as an administrative cost of INTELSAT for the purpose of Article 8 of the Operating Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### *Meeting of Signatories*

- (a) The Meeting of Signatories shall be composed of all the Signatories. In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of Article VI of this Agreement,