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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ITSO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I. COMPOSITION

1. The ITSO Advisory Committee (“IAC”) shall be a committee established to undertake the duties set forth below. It shall be comprised of representatives from 23 Parties to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization Agreement¹.

II. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2. The IAC shall advise the Director General on any and all matters on which the Director General, within the framework of his/her responsibilities under Article X of the amended Agreement, requests the advice of the IAC.

3. The advice of the IAC shall be consultative.

III. WORKING METHODS

4. In furtherance of the Advisory Committee’s mandate:

- (a) the IAC shall select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members;
- (b) the IAC shall adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the Assembly of Parties;
- (c) in order to fulfill its terms of reference, the IAC may invite other stakeholders, including representatives of bilateral cooperation and development aid agencies, multilateral development institutions, and the telecommunications private sector, to participate in the activities of the IAC;
- (d) the Director General shall provide assistance to the IAC, as may be necessary;
- (e) the IAC shall incorporate the use of new technology, including electronic mail, to render its working methods more effective.

¹ As decided by AP-41.

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IV. COSTS

5. Costs associated with all travel, accommodation, and subsistence of the members of the IAC at their meetings shall be borne by their respective Parties. The costs associated with holding the meetings of the IAC shall be budgeted and assumed by ITSO.

V. REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE IAC

6. The Director General shall regularly report to the Parties on the work of the IAC, and also shall report to the Assembly of Parties.

VI. TERM OF THE IAC

7. The membership and terms of reference of the IAC will be reviewed at the next Assembly of Parties².

² The word "ordinary" was deleted as decided by AP-29.