

Letter of Understanding

**between Com-ITU and The Global Satellite Operators'
Association ('GSOA')**

The Parties,

Conference Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (CEPT) and its Committee for ITU policy (Com-ITU),

and

Global Satellite Operator Association (GSOA)

having noted the need of structuring and strengthening their relationship and fostering a closer co-operation;

recognising that:

Com-ITU is an organisation of governmental bodies, hence with limited possibilities to enter binding agreements with a private association;

and that

GSOA is a non-profit making association registered under the laws of Belgium and having its registered office at Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

considering that:

Com-ITU and GSOA have the common objective to promote European views in the telecommunication area;

agree to co-operate as follows:

1. Com-ITU and GSOA agree to exchange information and seek, to the maximum extent possible, a common European approach in matters related to ITU. The two parties may exchange as they may agree, free of charge, any information on programmes of work in areas of mutual interest.
2. Copies of relevant working documents from either Party shall be made available to the other Party on request. The dissemination by one Party of the documents received from the other party will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party, and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the Party's work programme.
3. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights, embodied in documents exchanged between Com-ITU and GSOA and any copies thereof, remain with the originating party and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement

of the originating party prior communication to other bodies.

4. The Com-ITU Chair and the Secretary General of GSOA can meet at their convenience. Chair of subordinate bodies and other Officers of GSOA may participate in these meetings as appropriate and will be invited accordingly.

5. Participation of one nominated Observer, or a substitute, from GSOA is normally permitted at meetings of the Com-ITU, its Working Groups, Project Teams and Task Groups.

6. In order to maintain sufficient identity of objectives, an Observer from Com-ITU shall be invited to relevant meetings of GSOA or its subordinate bodies.

7. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational statutes and rules, be entitled to participate fully in discussions on relevant work items, and may submit written contributions, but shall not be party in the decision-making process.

8. GSOA may submit proposals to the relevant Com-ITU Body. These shall be considered subject to the normal Com-ITU ToRs and working methods for approval of new positions and outputs.

9. This Agreement shall last for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent. On its expiry, the Agreement shall be automatically renewed for further one-year periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. The Agreement can be terminated by either Party on giving three months' written notice before the expiry date.

10. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the Com-ITU Chair and GSOA Secretary General.

Agreed for Com-ITU by



Cristiana Flutur
Chair of Com-ITU

Agreed for GSOA by



Aarti Holla-Maini
Secretary General GSOA

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