



## **Corporate Governance Charter**

as last amended by the Board of Directors on

13 June 2019



## **I. Preamble**

The present Charter has been adopted by the SES Board of Directors as a complement to the Company's legal and regulatory obligations, its articles of incorporation ("the Articles") and its internal regulations ("the Internal Regulations"). It has last been amended on 13 June 2019.

The primary purpose of the present charter is to consolidate the corporate governance rules and procedures applied by SES in one document, and to ensure that the Company complies with the Ten Principles of Corporate Governance adopted by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange both in letter and in spirit. As a company which is also listed on Euronext Paris, SES also intends to comply with the corporate governance rules applicable in France. The Company's annual report will include a statement explaining how it has applied these principles and confirming whether or not it has complied with the provisions thereof during the applicable accounting period.

Where the present charter deviates from the Company's Articles, the latter shall prevail.

## **II. Board of Directors (Board)**

Pursuant to the applicable law and the Articles, the Company is managed by the Board.

In accordance with articles 441-6 and 441-10 of the Luxembourg Company Law, as amended, the Board delegates the daily management of the Company, as well as the representation of the Company in relation to this daily management, to the Executive Committee (cf. IV below).

The Board also attributes specific duties and tasks to various committees and/or working groups ("Committees").

### **1. Composition and Nomination**

Pursuant to Article 9A of the Articles, the Directors shall be natural persons but need not be shareholders. They are elected by the annual general meeting of shareholders ("AGM"), which determines their number, their remuneration and their term of office.

The Board elects from its members a Chairperson and a minimum of two Vice-Chairpersons, one from each group of directors proposed by each class of shareholders.

The age limit of the Directors is set at 72 years. Any Director who reaches this age during his/her mandate will resign at the AGM following this date.

The Board is further composed in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.



At least one third of the Directors shall be independent Directors. Independence is defined as having no relationship of any kind as listed hereafter with the Company or Management which may impact the Director's judgment:

- not having been a director for more than 12 years;
- not having been an employee or officer over the last 5 years;
- not having had a material business relationship with the Company over the last 3 years; or
- not representing a significant shareholder holding directly or indirectly over 5% of the voting shares.

## **2. Meetings**

### **a) Frequency of Meetings**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board shall meet every time when required by the Company's business but at least once in a quarter.

The Board shall further meet upon the written request of at least two Directors within fifteen days following such request.

### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings must be convened in writing by the Chairperson or, in case of impediment, by one of the Vice-Chairpersons.

Pursuant to the Articles, the notices shall be given in writing, contain the place, date time and agenda of the meeting. The notices shall be sent at least ten days before the meeting by letter, e-mail, facsimile or any other electronic means individually accepted by each of the Directors.

Any supporting material as may be required for the Board to adopt an informed decision shall be sent at least one week before the meeting.

In exceptional cases being, situations of particular urgency, a 24 hours prior notice shall suffice for convening a Board. The notice shall duly set out the reason for the urgency and the Board shall acknowledge such at the relevant meeting.

If all Directors are present or represented and no objection is raised, the convening formalities may be waived, and the meeting may be held without observing the aforementioned formalities. At such a meeting, discussions may take place and resolutions may be adopted on all business matters within the Board's scope of authority.

Any Director may participate in any meeting of the Board by conference call or other means of communications allowing all the persons taking part in the meeting to hear each other. In such case, the participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting when considering whether the quorum has been reached.



Any Director may act at any meeting of the Board by appointing in writing by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission as from time to time accepted by the Board another member of the Board as his or her proxy. Such proxy will only be valid for one meeting of the Board (unless such meeting is a meeting that has been reconvened upon a first meeting with the same agenda not having been quorate). A Director may not represent more than one of his or her colleagues.

All members of the Executive Committee shall in principle be invited to attend all meetings of the Board. They shall have no voting rights.

Any other person whether internal or external, whose presence may be useful may be invited by the Board or the CEO to attend all or part of the Board meeting.

### **c) Quorum, Adoption of Resolutions and Minutes**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board may deliberate or act validly only if the majority of the Directors are present or represented.

If such quorum is not achieved at a first meeting, the Board may validly deliberate at a second meeting whatever the number of Directors present or represented.

The Board adopts its resolutions by means of a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present or represented, without considering abstentions. Pursuant to the Articles, in case of a tie, the Chairperson (or to this effect any person chairing the meeting) shall not have a casting vote.

The vote of the Board shall not be secret, except if the Chairperson or three Directors expressly require so. Such request does not have to be justified and may be made at any moment before the vote. The minutes shall mention such circumstances.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution of the Board may also be passed by unanimous consent in writing which may consist of one or several counterparts containing the resolutions and signed by each and every member of the Board. The date of such a resolution shall be the date of the last signature.

Minutes of the deliberations and resolutions shall be kept in writing. They shall be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting. Circular resolutions of the Board shall be included in the minutes of the subsequent meeting.

The approved minutes will be signed by the Chairperson of the Board. Any extract thereof may be duly certified by the Secretary of the Board.

### **3. Powers and Duties**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board is vested with the broadest powers to perform all acts in the Company's interest. All powers not expressly reserved by law or by the Articles to the approval of the shareholders fall within the competence of the Board. The Directors will devote as much of their time, attention, ability and skills as are reasonably required for the performance of their duties. The Directors shall in principle assess on a regular basis



their individual and collective performance as well as of the different Committee and the Executive Committee in accordance with prevailing governance standards.

Without prejudice to the delegation of the power of representation of the Company within the daily management to the Executive Committee or within other defined missions to specific persons or committees, the Company shall be bound as far as third parties are concerned by the joint signature of any two Directors, as foreseen by Article 16 of the Articles.

In addition, but without prejudice and subject to the provisions of the delegation of powers and representation of the Company to the Executive Committee pursuant to the Articles, these Regulations or by applicable law, the Board may grant special powers as well as the representation of the Company in relation to these special powers to one or several Directors, managers or other agents, acting alone, jointly or in committee.

The Board establishes, upon the proposal of the Executive Committee the strategic objectives of the Company, its subsidiaries and its other controlled affiliates (the "SES Group"), supervises the implementation of the general policies of the Company and, in general, is responsible vis-à-vis shareholders and third parties for the management of the Company.

In particular, the Board approves, upon the proposal of the Executive Committee other than in relation to items (l) to (m) where there shall be prior consultation of the Nomination Committee, the following and item (n) where there shall be prior consultation of the Remuneration Committee:

- a) the Company's and the SES Group's Strategic Plan;
- b) the Company's and the SES Group's medium term business plan;
- c) the consolidated annual budget of the Company and the SES Group;
- d) the annual consolidated accounts of the Company and the SES Group and the allocation of results;
- e) the management report or any other report to be submitted to the meeting of shareholders;
- f) all resolutions to be submitted for a vote to the shareholders;
- g) any material contract that is proposed to be signed by any member of the SES Group with a shareholder owning, directly or indirectly, at least 5% of the shares of the Company;
- h) all real estate investments by the Company or any member of the SES Group, whether in a single or a series of related transactions, in excess of EUR 10 million;
- i) all acquisitions, strategic alliances, joint-ventures or equity participations, whether in a single or a series of related transactions, in excess of EUR 10 million;
- j) all other CapEx or unbudgeted OpEx investments or commitments resulting from transactions of the Company or any member of the SES Group whether in a single or a series of related transactions, in excess of EUR 10 million. This includes, but is not limited to the procurement of satellites, launch vehicles and associated ground equipment;
- k) all disposal of assets, including but not limited to the sale of participations, whether in a single or a series of related transactions, in excess of EUR 10 million but excluding the sale of transponders in the ordinary course of business;



- l) the appointment of the CEO;
- m) the appointment of members to the Executive Committee, in consultation with the CEO;
- n) the terms of employment of all the members of the Executive Committee;
- o) all policies directly affecting the members of the Board, such as the SES Group's Dealing Code;
- p) the amendment of any terms of reference to be signed by any new Director;
- q) the Corporate Governance Charter, as well as the Charters of any Board Committee and of the Executive Committee;
- r) the representation of the Company on the Board of SES ASTRA.CEO

#### **4. Chairperson of the Board and Vice-Chairpersons**

The Chairperson chairs the meetings of the Board and the general meeting of shareholders. The convening notices including the agenda for such meetings shall be sent out by the Chairperson after consultation with the CEO.

The Chairperson has further such powers and duties as conferred upon him or her by the Board either as a result of the corporate governance adopted by the Board generally or in specific matters. Towards third parties, he or she acts as the spokesperson for the Board. The Chairperson is specifically in charge of the relations with the Company's shareholders.

If the Chairperson of the Board is unavailable for a meeting, that meeting shall be chaired by the longest serving Vice-Chairperson present. To determine the longest-serving Vice-Chairperson, only the time spent in that role is taken into account.

Pursuant to the Articles, a shareholder or a potential shareholder who envisages to acquire by whatever means, directly or indirectly, more than 20%, 33% or 50% of the shares of the Company (a "Demanding Party") must inform the Chairperson of the Board of the Company of such intention.

The Chairperson of the Board shall forthwith inform in writing the Luxembourg Government of the envisaged acquisition which may be opposed by the Luxembourg Government within three months from such information should the Luxembourg Government determine that such acquisition would be against the general public interest.

In case of no opposition from the Luxembourg Government, the Board shall convene an Extraordinary Meeting of shareholders which may decide at a majority provided for in article 450-3 of the Luxembourg law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, to authorize or not the Demanding Party to acquire more than 20%, 33% or 50% of the shares of the Company. If the Demanding Party is a shareholder of the Company, it may attend the general meeting and will be included in the count for the quorum but may not take part in the vote.

In the event of a breach of the ownership threshold or restrictions provided for in the above paragraph by a person or a group of persons acting together or under the control of one person, the ownership of shares above the threshold or in breach of the relevant restriction may not be enforced vis-à-vis the Company, and the Board is authorised to suspend the



voting rights and any rights to dividends and other distributions of the non-compliant shareholder.

In order to prepare the meetings of the Board, preparatory meetings with different Directors may be held on invitation by the Chairperson, but without prejudice to proper information, discussion and deliberation at the Board.

The Chairperson acts as the interface between the Board and the Executive Committee. The Chairperson shall entertain with the CEO for this purpose a permanent contact for information and consultation.

## **5. Secretary of the Board**

The Board is assisted by a secretary designated by the Board upon proposal by the Chairperson (the “Secretary”).

The Secretary has those missions and functions as may from time to time be conferred upon him or her by the Board either as a result of the corporate governance adopted by the Board generally or in specific matters.

In particular, the Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Board. He or she participates in the preparation of the meetings of the Board and of the Committees and shall draw up the minutes of each meeting. The minutes drawn up by the Secretary shall: (i) summarize the deliberations; (ii) note the decisions taken; (iii) indicate the votes cast by the Directors or Committee members; (iv) record any reservations that might have been expressed by certain Directors or Committee members; and (v) record any abstentions due to a conflict of interest.

The Secretary may duly certify extracts from the approved minutes of the Board meetings or of the meetings of any Committee of the Board, as required.

## **III. Committees of the Board**

The Board may create from time to time one or several committees composed of Board members and/or external persons and to which it may delegate such powers and roles as appropriate. These Regulations shall be binding upon all the committees created by the Board from time to time. All committees shall be created on the basis of article 54 of the Luxembourg Company Law as amended and in accordance with the Articles.

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board shall create a Nomination Committee, a Remuneration Committee, an Audit and Risk Committee and an Executive Committee. It may create other committees, from time to time, as the need arises.

The Board has further created the Strategy and Investment Committee.



### **III. A Audit and Risk Committee**

#### **1. Composition and Nomination**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board has set up an Audit and Risk Committee which is composed of elected Board members.

The members of the Audit and Risk Committee are designated by the Board for a term of one year. The Audit and Risk Committee is composed of six members, at least four of whom shall be independent Directors.

The Audit and Risk Committee elects its chairperson by simple majority.

The Secretary shall assist the Audit and Risk Committee in performing its duties.

#### **2. Meetings**

##### **a) Frequency of the Meetings**

The Audit and Risk Committee meets upon invitation by its chairperson at least four times a year and at any time at the request of at least two of its members.

##### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee will be convened in writing by the chairperson of the Committee.

Notices shall be given in writing, contain the place, date, time and agenda and be sent at least one week before the meeting by letter, e-mail or facsimile.

Any supporting material as may be required for the Audit and Risk Committee to have an informed discussion shall be sent at least one week before the meeting.

In exceptional cases, being situations of particular urgency, a 24 hours prior notice shall suffice for convening an Audit and Risk Committee. The notice shall duly set out the reason for the urgency and the Audit and Risk Committee shall acknowledge such at the relevant meeting.

If all Committee Members are present or represented and no objection is raised, the convening formalities may be waived, and the meeting may be held without observing the aforementioned formalities. At such a meeting, discussions may take place and resolutions may be considered for referral and recommendation to the Board on all business matters within the Board's scope of authority.

Any Committee Member may participate in any meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee by conference call or other means of communications allowing all the persons taking part in the meeting to hear each other. In such case, the participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting when considering whether the quorum has been reached.





Any Committee Member may act at any meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee by appointing in writing or by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission as from time to time accepted by the Audit and Risk Committee another member of the Committee as his or her proxy. Such proxy will only be valid for one meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee (unless such meeting is a meeting that has been reconvened upon a first meeting with the same agenda not having been quorate). A Committee Member may not represent more than one of his or her colleagues.

Any other person whether internal or external, whose presence may be useful may be invited by the Audit and Risk Committee or the CEO to attend all or part of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

### **c) Quorum and Minutes**

The Audit and Risk Committee may only validly deliberate if at least four (4) of its members are present or represented.

The CEO, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Legal Officer shall be invited in principle to attend the meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Audit and Risk Committee may also invite to its meetings the following persons:

- the head of internal audit;
- a representative of the external auditor; and
- any other person whose presence may be seen as useful.

The Audit and Risk Committee advises on the work plans of the internal audit and may ask for any document or information it considers useful or necessary for the fulfillment of its mission.

Minutes of the deliberations shall be kept in writing. They shall be submitted for approval at the next Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

Any extract of the approved minutes may be duly certified by the Secretary of the Board.

### **3. Powers and Duties**

The role of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Board in carrying out its oversight responsibilities by:

- (i) monitoring the financial reporting process and reviewing the financial information provided to the shareholders and the public;
- (ii) monitoring the effectiveness of the Company's internal control, internal audit risk management systems and compliance;
- (iii) monitoring the external audit of the annual and consolidated accounts; and
- (iv) reviewing and monitoring the independence of the external auditor and, in particular, the provision of additional services to the Company.



The Committee provides an independent direct channel of communication between the Board of Directors and the internal and external auditors for any matters that fall within its scope.

Furthermore, it shall review prior to their transmission to the Board the semi-annual and annual accounts of the Company, consolidated and non-consolidated, and shall give its opinion on the changes and adaptations of the accounting principles, rules and valuation methods used by the Company in order to establish its accounts.

The Audit and Risk Committee may be required by the Board to address any question the latter may have, and it may submit to the Board any suggestion which it considers useful for the implementation of its mission.

The Audit and Risk Committee has no decision power. It provides a written report after each meeting to the Board through its chairperson.

More details on the organisation and the work of the Audit and Risk Committee are set out in the charter of the Audit and Risk Committee, any amendment of which will need to be approved by the Board.

Management shall present written reports on internal audit and on risk management to the Audit and Risk Committee at least twice a year and more frequently in case of exceptional developments or if the Audit and Risk Committee so requests.

### **III. B Remuneration Committee**

#### **1. Composition and Nomination**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board has set up a Remuneration Committee which is composed of elected Board members.

The members of the Remuneration Committee are designated by the Board for a term of one year. The Remuneration Committee is composed of six members, at least one third of whom shall be independent Directors. The Chairperson of the Board shall be one of the members of the Remuneration Committee.

The Remuneration Committee elects its chairperson by simple majority.

#### **2. Meetings**

##### **a) Frequency of the Meetings**

The Remuneration Committee meets upon invitation by its chairperson at least four times a year and at any time at the request of at least two of its members.

##### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings of the Remuneration Committee will be convened in writing by the chairperson of the Committee.



Notices shall be given in writing, contain the place, date, time and agenda and be sent at least one week before the meeting by letter, e-mail or facsimile.

Any supporting material as may be required for the Remuneration Committee to have an informed discussion or decision shall be sent at least one week before the meeting.

In exceptional cases, being situations of particular urgency, a 24 hours prior notice shall suffice for convening a Remuneration Committee. The notice shall duly set out the reason for the urgency and the Remuneration Committee will acknowledge such at the relevant meeting.

If all Committee Members are present or represented and no objection is raised, the convening formalities may be waived, and the meeting may be held without observing the aforementioned formalities. At such a meeting, discussions may take place and resolutions may be adopted or considered for referral and recommendation to the Board on all business matters within the Remuneration Committee's scope of authority.

Any Committee Member may participate in any meeting of the Remuneration Committee by conference call or other means of communications allowing all the persons taking part in the meeting to hear each other. In such case, the participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting when considering whether the quorum has been reached.

Any Committee Member may act at any meeting of the Remuneration Committee by appointing in writing or by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission as from time to time accepted by the remuneration Committee another member of the Committee as his or her proxy. Such proxy will only be valid for one meeting of the Remuneration Committee (unless such meeting is a meeting that has been reconvened upon a first meeting with the same agenda not having been quorate). A Committee Member may not represent more than one of his or her colleagues.

Any other person whether internal or external, whose presence may be useful may be invited by the Remuneration Committee or the CEO to attend all or part of the Remuneration Committee meeting.

### **c) Quorum and Minutes**

The Remuneration Committee may only validly deliberate if at least four (4) of its members are present or represented.

The CEO and the Chief Human Resources Officer shall be invited in principle to attend the meetings of the Remuneration Committee, except when personally concerned by the deliberations.

The Remuneration Committee may invite to its meetings any other person (internal or external) whose presence it deems useful.



Minutes of the deliberations shall be kept in writing. They shall be submitted for approval at the next Remuneration Committee meeting.

Any extract of the approved minutes may be duly certified by the Secretary of the Board.

### **3. Powers and Duties**

The primary role of the Remuneration Committee is to ensure that the remuneration policies of the Company and of the SES Group support and enhance its strategic objectives. The Remuneration Committee will review and advise the Board on the establishment of employee benefit plans and on long term incentive schemes for Executives.

The Remuneration Committee's goal is to ensure that:

- (i) the Company and the SES Group attract and retain employees with sufficient experience and expertise to meet their business plans and objectives;
- (ii) the Company and the SES Group fulfil their ethical and legal responsibilities to its employees;
- (iii) executive remuneration is reasonable in light of the Company's and the SES Group's objectives, when compared to remuneration for similar personnel in other companies and other relevant factors; and
- (iv) executive remuneration is structured, implemented and disclosed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (including the rules of any exchange on which the Company's stock may be listed).

In line with the authority delegated by the Board, the Committee will decide on Executive Committee performance matters and Executive Committee compensation matters as well as act as 'The Plan Administrator' in dealing with all matters arising from the group-wide Long Term Equity Plans (LTEPs).

The Remuneration Committee will have oversight and responsibility to advise the Board in the following matters:

- (i) executive remuneration programs;
- (ii) employee benefit plans;
- (iii) remuneration of the members of the Board; and
- (iv) remuneration report that will be integrated into the activities report for the shareholders.

The Remuneration Committee provides a written report after each meeting to the Board through its chairperson.

More details on the organisation and the work of the Remuneration Committee are set out in the charter of the Remuneration Committee, any amendment of which will need to be approved by the Board.



### **III. C Nomination Committee**

#### **1. Composition and Nomination**

Pursuant to the Articles, the Board has set up a Nomination Committee which is composed of elected Board members.

The members of the Nomination Committee are designated by the Board for a term of one year. The Nomination Committee is composed of six members, at least one third of whom shall be independent Directors. The Chairperson of the Board shall be one of the members of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee elects its chairperson by simple majority.

#### **2. Meetings**

##### **a) Frequency of the Meetings**

The Nomination Committee meets upon invitation by its chairperson at least twice a year and at any time at the request of at least two of its members.

##### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings of the Nomination Committee will be convened in writing by the chairperson of the Committee.

Notices shall be given in writing, contain the place, date, time and agenda and be sent at least one week before the meeting by letter, e-mail or facsimile.

Any supporting material as may be required for the Audit and Risk Committee to have an informed discussion shall be sent at least one week before the meeting.

In exceptional cases, being in situations of particular urgency, a 24 hours prior notice shall suffice for convening a Nomination Committee. The notice shall duly set out the reason for the urgency and the Nomination Committee shall acknowledge such at the relevant meeting.

If all Committee Members are present and no objection is raised, the convening formalities may be waived, and the meeting may be held without observing the aforementioned formalities. At such a meeting, discussions may take place and resolutions may be considered for referral and recommendation to the Board on all business matters within the Nomination Committee's scope of authority.

Any Committee Member may participate in any meeting of the Nomination Committee by conference call or other means of communications allowing all the persons taking part in the meeting to hear each other. In such case, the participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting when considering whether the quorum has been reached.



Any Committee Member may act at any meeting of the Nomination Committee by appointing in writing or by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission as from time to time accepted by the Nomination Committee another member of the Committee as his or her proxy. Such proxy will only be valid for one meeting of the Nomination Committee (unless such meeting is a meeting that has been reconvened upon a first meeting with the same agenda not having been quorate. A Committee Member may not represent more than one of his or her colleagues.

Any other person whether internal or external, whose presence may be useful may be invited by the Nomination Committee or the CEO to attend all or part of the Nomination Committee meeting.

### **c) Quorum and Minutes**

The Nomination Committee may only validly deliberate if at least four (4) of its members are present or represented.

The CEO and the Chief Human Resources Officer shall be invited in principle to attend the meetings of the Nomination Committee, except when personally concerned by its deliberations.

The Nomination Committee may invite to its meetings any other person (internal or external) whose presence it deems useful.

Minutes of the deliberations shall be kept in writing. They shall be submitted for approval at the next Nomination Committee meeting.

Any extract of the approved minutes may be duly certified by the Secretary of the Board.

### **3. Powers and Duties**

The role of the Nomination Committee is to advise the Board on the following:

- (i) appointment of new directors;
- (ii) reappointment of existing directors;
- (iii) filling of a vacancy;
- (iv) appointment of members to the Executive Committee; and
- (v) succession planning.

The Nomination Committee provides a written report to the Board after each meeting through its Chairperson.

More details on the organisation and the work of the Nomination Committee are set out in the charter of the Nomination Committee, any amendment of which will need to be approved by the Board.



### **III. D Strategy and Investment Committee**

#### **1. Composition and Nomination**

The Board has set up a Strategy and Investment Committee which is composed of elected Board members.

The Strategy and Investment Committee is composed of five members, designated by the Board.

The purpose of the Strategy & Investment Committee (SIC) is to provide support to the Board and to Management on strategic matters and to provide a conduit for regular exchange of information between Management and the Board.

#### **2. Meetings**

##### **a) Frequency of the Meetings**

The Strategy and Investment Committee will meet on a regular basis, in principle at least once a month.

##### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings of the Strategy and Investment Committee will be scheduled at the request of the CEO. At the end of each meeting, the date and time of the next regular meeting will be fixed. The Strategy and Investment Committee may only deliberate validly if at least three (3) of its members are present or represented. Any member of the Strategy and Investment Committee may participate in any meeting by conference call or other means of communication.

##### **c) Quorum and Minutes**

In addition to the five Strategy and Investment Committee members, the CEO will attend. Other members of Management will be invited to attend subject to the agenda topics to be discussed.

The CEO will provide a written summary of the deliberations of the Strategy and Investment Committee to committee members for review following each meeting. The Strategy and Investment Committee will provide a brief written report to the Board as to its activities and its recommendations prior to each Board meeting. When presenting any recommendation to the Board, the Strategy and Investment Committee will provide the background and supporting information as may be necessary to support the Board in making informed decisions.

#### **3. Powers and Duties**

The Strategy and Investment Committee is an informal, advisory body of the Board of Directors. It does not have decision-making authority, and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Board retains full responsibility for approving the corporate strategy of the company, as



well as its investments and divestments, as developed, prepared and executed by Management.

The Strategy and Investment Committee will perform the following functions:

- 1) Support Management in planning, preparing and implementing the corporate strategy and the Strategy Plan for approval by the Board;
- 2) Support Management in the preparation of any investment or divestment decision for approval by the Board;
- 3) Discuss and review important industry and company developments as presented by Management; and
- 4) Review with Management the implementation of strategic and investment decisions approved by the Board.

#### **IV. The Executive Committee**

##### **1. Composition and Nomination**

Pursuant to the Articles, and pursuant to article 441-6 and 441-10 of the Luxembourg Company Law as amended from time to time, the Board has set up an Executive Committee.

The Board, upon proposal of the Nomination Committee, nominates the CEO.

The other members of the Executive Committee are nominated by the Board upon proposal by the Nomination Committee after prior consultation with the CEO

The following persons are members of the Executive Committee: the CEO who will assume the chairpersonship of the Executive Committee, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Strategy and Development Officer, the Chief Technology Officer, the CEO of SES Video NBU, the CEO of SES Networks NBU, the Chief Services Officer, the Chief Human Resources Officer and the Chief Legal Officer.

##### **2. Meetings**

###### **a) Frequency of Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall meet every time when required by the Company's business and interest but generally at least every two weeks.

The Executive Committee shall further meet upon the written demand of the CEO.

###### **b) Convening of Meetings and Agenda**

Meetings must be convened in writing by the CEO.





The notices shall be given in writing, contain the agenda and be sent at least two days in advance by letter, e-mail or facsimile. The meeting notice shall specify the location at which the meeting will be held.

The supporting material shall be sent two days before the meeting.

In exceptional cases, in particular in situations of urgency, a shorter notice period shall suffice which shall duly set out the reason for the urgency.

If all Executive Committee members are present and no objection is raised, the convening formalities may be waived, and the meeting may be held without observing the aforementioned formalities. At such a meeting, discussions may take place and resolutions may be adopted on all business matters within the Executive Committee's scope of authority.

Any Executive Committee member may participate in any meeting of the Executive Committee by conference call or other means of communications allowing all the persons taking part in the meeting to hear each other. In such case, the participation in a meeting by these means is equivalent to a participation in person at such meeting when considering whether the quorum is reached.

Any Executive Committee member may be replaced at a meeting of the Executive Committee by his/her designated deputy who will have full powers to represent him/her.

### **c) Quorum, Adoption of Resolutions and Minutes**

The Executive Committee may deliberate or act validly only if the majority of its members are present or represented. The Executive Committee works as a collegial body. It is the role of the CEO to seek unanimity on all decisions to be taken. In case of a tie, the CEO shall not have a casting vote.

The vote of the Executive Committee shall not be secret.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resolution of the Executive Committee may also be passed by unanimous consent in writing which may consist of one or several counterparts containing the resolutions and signed by each and every member of the Executive Committee. The date of such a resolution shall be the date of the last signature.

Minutes of the deliberations and resolutions shall be kept in writing. If the decision has not been taken unanimously, the minutes will reflect the details of the majority vote.

The minutes shall be submitted for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting. Circular resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be included in the minutes of the subsequent meeting.

The approved minutes will be signed by the CEO of the Executive Committee. A copy of the Executive Committee minutes will be circulated to the Chairperson of the Board and the members of the Executive Committee. Any extract thereof may be duly certified by the Secretary of the Board.



### 3. Powers and Duties

The Board delegates to the Executive Committee the daily management of the Company as well as the representation towards third parties in relation to such function within the meaning of article 441-10 of the Luxembourg Company Law as amended from time to time.

Furthermore, the Board mandates the Executive Committee with the preparation and planning of:

- (i) overall policies and strategies of the Company; and
- (ii) decisions exceeding the framework of daily management

for discussion and decision by the Board.

The Executive Committee is specifically authorized to approve the following:

- a) all real estate investments by the Company or any member of the SES Group, whether in a single or a series of related transactions, up to and including EUR 10 million;
- b) all acquisitions, strategic alliances, joint-ventures and equity participations, whether in a single or a series of related transactions, up to and including EUR 10 million;
- c) all other CapEx or unbudgeted OpEx investments or commitments resulting from transactions of the Company or any member of the SES Group whether in a single or a series of related transactions up to and including EUR 10 million. This includes, but is not limited to the procurement of satellites, launch vehicles and associated ground equipment;
- d) all disposal of assets, including but not limited to the sale of participations whether in a single or a series of related transactions up to and including EUR 10 million but excluding the sale of transponders in the ordinary course of business;
- e) any intra-group transactions irrespective of the amount provided that they are consistent with the consolidated annual budget of the Company
- f) any external credit facilities or debt instruments such as bonds which do not give rights to convert into or subscribe to share capital, or external guarantees, pledges, mortgages and any other encumbrances of the Company or any wholly owned affiliate for as long as the Company will not lose its investment grade rating as a result of said facility or guarantee and subject to such further restrictions as the Board may from time to time impose.
- g) any increase of up to 5% in the capital expenditure budget for a satellite procurement already approved by the Board, it being understood that the IRR for that procurement will not be reduced by more than 1 percentage point and will not fall below the benchmark minimum investment return for satellite infrastructure projects of 10%. The Executive Committee shall inform the Board at its next meeting on each such increase.

The Executive Committee shall inform the Board at its next meeting on each transaction approved under a)-c) above, it being understood that the aggregate amount for such transactions can at no time be higher than EUR 30 million.



The Executive Committee may - in the interest of the Company - sub delegate part of its powers and duties to its members acting individually or jointly through the adoption of a delegation of authority (the “Delegation of Authority”). The sub-delegated powers may be revoked at any time. They cease automatically if and when the functions of the person to whom such powers have been sub-delegated come to an end.

Each member of the Executive Committee has the power to entrust employees of the Company and the SES Group with various functions and duties within the limits of its own sub-delegation rights and under its responsibility.

The Executive Committee establishes an organisational chart of the Company (“organigramme”). Such chart shows the Executive Committee members and the reporting lines. It shall be notified to the Board upon each amendment/ on an annual basis.

The Executive Committee further has the following powers and duties:

- h) approve the Delegation of Authority under which it sub-delegates the powers received from the SES Board. In this context, it will review annually the list of external signatories that are authorized to bind the companies of the SES Group;
- i) submit to the Board via the CEO those measures which it deems necessary to be taken in order to meet the purposes of the Company and the SES Group;
- j) prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, submit via the CEO to the Board for approval a consolidated budget;
- k) act upon and implement accordingly all decisions taken by the Board and by the Committees specially mandated by the Board within all budgets approved by the Board;
- l) give due consideration to the guidance given by the Committees constituted by the Board;

The Executive Committee will inform the Board on the following:

- m) monthly financial results of the Group;
- n) monthly Investor Relations Report
- o) annual business objectives
- p) annual social report
- q) updates on the main frameworks such as but not limited to: (i) risk management report; (ii) go-to-market strategy; (iii) financial framework; (iv) tax framework; (v) market updates;

Notwithstanding all of the above, the Executive Committee coordinates and controls the activities of the various departments and consultants of the Company.

#### **4. CEO**

The CEO shall be responsible for the overall coordination of the implementation of the delegations to the Executive Committee referred to in these Regulations. In this context, he or she organises the work of the Executive Committee and coordinates the activities of its members, who report directly to him or her.



The CEO shall ensure that all members of the Executive Committee commit themselves to their duties, which require their intervention or involvement. He or she further has the ultimate power of direction and supervision of all Company and SES Group personnel.

The CEO shall on behalf of the Executive Committee submit to the Board monthly management reports including on the financial situation of the Company and SES Group (including in particular a status on operating budgets and on capital investment budgets). In case of exceptional developments, specific management reports shall be issued.

In order to facilitate the implementation by the Board of its overall duty to supervise the affairs of the Company and the SES Group, the CEO shall keep the Chairperson informed on a regular basis. The Chairperson shall in particular be provided with the agenda and the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee in due time. He or she may convene meetings with the Executive Committee.

Without prejudice to the above, the CEO shall be in charge, in particular, of the internal audit of the Company. Such internal audit will be exercised in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board. The Head of Internal Audit may directly access the Chairperson of the Board or the chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### **V. Confidentiality**

Unless otherwise provided for by law, the Directors, the Secretary, the members of the Executive Committee and all other persons who attend the meetings of the Board and of its Committees must observe the confidentiality of its deliberations and votes in compliance with applicable legal, regulatory or contractual provisions as may apply from time to time to the Company and the SES Group, except with regard to reporting obligations as provided for by applicable law and regulations. Furthermore, such persons may not render public any confidential information.

The same rules apply to members of the Executive Committee, the Secretary of the Executive Committee and all other persons who may attend the Executive Committee with regard to the meetings of the Executive Committee.

#### **VI. Minority Opinions**

All decisions or recommendations to be made by or to the Board, whether from a Board Committee or from the Executive Committee, are taken, if not based on a consensus, by a majority vote of the members of the relevant Committee present or represented. Minority opinions should be reported to the Board.

#### **VII. Conflicts of Interest**

Each Director, who has a direct or indirect financial interest contrary to the Company's interest in a matter submitted to the approval of the Board, must inform the Board. In the case where the Chairman of the Board faces a potential or actual conflict of interest, he or she will advise a Vice-Chairperson of the Board. A Director is also to be considered as having an opposing interest subject to the conflict of interest regime if such Director is a



director, manager or adviser of an entity which has an opposing interest to the Company and the SES Group. This declaration is registered with the minutes of the meeting. Such director may not deliberate or vote on this matter.

The same rules apply to members of the Executive Committee with regard to the meetings of the Executive Committee.

### **VIII. Regular Evaluation**

The Board and each of the Committees created by the Board shall perform a regular review and evaluation of its performance. This review will include compliance of the Board and of the Committee with this Charter. The evaluations and reviews shall be conducted as it is deemed appropriate, consistent with internationally recognized principles of good corporate governance.

### **IX. Shareholders**

#### **1. Classes of shares**

The Company has issued two classes of shares; Class-A and Class-B. Each share is entitled to one vote.

Fiduciary Depositary Receipts (FDRs) which have been issued by Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat who holds the underlying A-shares (1 A-share for 1 FDR) are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and on Euronext Paris.

#### **Class-A shares**

Class-A shares are defined as shares held by private and institutional investors.

#### **Class-B shares**

Class-B shares are owned by the Luxembourg State and by 2 entities wholly owned by the Luxembourg State. Class-B shares have 40% of the economic rights of Class-A shares.

#### **Restrictions on the Ownership of the Company's shares**

In accordance with the Company's Articles, no shareholder of class A may hold, directly or indirectly, more than 20% (twenty per cent), 33% (thirty-three per cent) or 50% (fifty per cent) of the Company's Shares unless it has obtained prior approval from the Meeting of Shareholders in accordance with the procedure described here-below. Such limit shall be calculated by taking into account the Shares of all classes held by a shareholder of Class A.

A shareholder or a potential shareholder who envisages to acquire by whatever means, directly or indirectly, more than 20%, 33% or 50% of the Shares of the Company (a "Demanding Party") must inform the Chairperson of the Board of the Company of such intention. The Chairperson of the Board will forthwith inform the Luxembourg Government



of the envisaged acquisition which may be opposed by the Luxembourg Government within three months from such information should the Luxembourg Government determine that such acquisition would be against the general public interest.

In the event that there is no opposition from the Luxembourg Government, the Board will convene an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders which may decide with a majority of at least two thirds of the votes of the shareholders present or represented to authorise the Demanding Party to acquire more than 20%, 33% or 50% of the Shares, as the case may be. If the Demanding Party is a shareholder of the Company, it may attend the general meeting and will be included in the count for the quorum but may not take part in the vote.

## **2. Convening of Shareholders Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is held on the first Thursday in April at 10.30 AM or if such day is a legal holiday, on the preceding business day. The meeting will be held at the Company's registered office, unless otherwise specified in the convening notice which shall also include the agenda of the meeting and the draft resolutions.

The convening notice shall be sent to registered shareholders at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

FDR holders shall be notified through notices in the press as well as through the two international clearing systems, Clearstream and Euroclear.

All Directors and all the members of the Executive Committee shall be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders may be called by the Board at any time. Upon request of shareholders holding together at least one tenth of all shares, the meeting shall be called by the Chairperson, or in the case of impediment, by one of the vice-chairpersons of the Board within thirty (30) days of the shareholders' request.

One or more shareholders holding together at least one twentieth of the share capital may (i) request that one or more items be added to the agenda of any meeting of shareholders, provided that such item is accompanied by a justification and a draft resolution to be adopted in the Meeting; or (ii) table draft resolutions for items included or to be included on the agenda of the Meeting and indicate the postal or electronic address of the sender. Such request must be addressed to the Company's registered office by registered mail at the latest the twenty-second day preceding the meeting. The Company will confirm the receipt of the request within forty-eight hours of such receipt. The Company will then, at the latest fifteen days preceding the Meeting, publish a revised agenda.

## **3. Attendance and Voting at Shareholders meetings**

In order to be authorised to attend and to vote at any shareholders meeting, shareholders have to be recorded in the shareholders' register at the moment of the record date (the "Record Date"), which is fourteen days prior to any such meeting at 24.00 hrs CET.



Any shareholder which cannot attend the meeting in person may appoint a proxy which needs not be a shareholder.

Each share is entitled to one vote.

FDR holders shall be represented at the annual general meeting of shareholders by the Fiduciary.

An FDR holder which wants to attend the meeting in person, has to be recorded as a shareholder in the share register of the Company at the Record Date. Consequently, the FDR holder has to request the conversion of FDRs into A-shares in accordance with conditions 12 and 16 of the Terms and Conditions of the Amended and Restated Fiduciary Deposit Agreement dated September 26, 2001. A copy of this document is available at the bank where the FDRs are held. No charge for conversion will be requested for natural persons who are not yet A-shareholders and who proceed to a conversion of a maximum of 10,000 FDRs into A-shares, for any such conversions requested after the publication of the convening notice but not later than the Record Date.

Any FDR holder is entitled, subject to any applicable provisions (e.g. under Luxembourg Law, the Articles of Incorporation, shareholders' thresholds and the Concession Agreement of SES Astra) to instruct the Fiduciary as proxyholder as to the exercise of the voting rights by means of a voting certificate available on request at the bank where the FDRs are held.

In order for the voting instructions to be valid, the voting certificate form must be completed and duly signed by the FDR holder or, as the case may be, the beneficial owner. Upon receipt of the voting certificate on or before the date determined by the Fiduciary with such certification and evidence as requested by the Fiduciary or by the Company, the Fiduciary shall transmit to the Company the relevant certifications and supporting evidence and the Company shall verify whether the relevant holders of FDRs or the beneficial owners thereof would qualify as an A-shareholder of the Company if in lieu of FDRs they would hold the corresponding number of A-shares.

If within eight Luxembourg business days from the receipt of such certification and supporting evidence, the Company has not notified the Fiduciary of its rejection of the request of a holder to exercise its voting rights pertaining to the A-shares underlying its FDRs, the Company shall be deemed to have accepted the relevant voting request.

After receipt of the written approval of the voting request by the Company, the Fiduciary shall vote or cause to be voted in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests. The Fiduciary may designate and appoint authorised representatives to attend the meeting and vote on behalf of the FDR holders.

The voting instructions are deemed to be irrevocable and definitive 48 hours prior to the time for which the meeting has been convened.

If the Fiduciary has not received voting instructions from the FDR holder, the Fiduciary shall be deemed to have been instructed to vote in the manner proposed by the Board of Directors in the relevant meeting.



## **X. Remuneration**

### **1. Remuneration of Board members**

The remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors is determined each year by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Members receive a fixed annual fee as well as a fee per Board meeting which they attend. Half of that fee will be paid if the director participates via telephone or videoconference in the meeting. Board members who sit on a Board Committee are also entitled to a fee per Committee meeting attended. A Director participating in more than one committee meeting on the same day shall receive the remuneration for one meeting only. There is no annual fee paid for being a member of any of the Committees, except for the chairpersons of the Committees who receive an additional fee per year for chairing the Committees.

All these fees are net of any Luxembourgish withholding taxes on directors' fees.

Board members do not receive any stock options.

### **2. Remuneration of Members of the Executive Committee**

The remuneration of the members of the Executive Committee is determined by the Remuneration Committee. It is composed of a fixed and a variable part. Part of the variable is paid in cash, another part in equity.

The cash part of the compensation is composed of the base salary and of a bonus. The bonus target represents between 50 and 100% of the base salary and is capped at 150% of the target. The bonus is determined on the basis of three parts: (i) financial objectives (for 50%), (ii) personal objectives (25%) and (iii) a discretionary part (25%) to be determined by the Remuneration Committee.

The equity part of the remuneration is composed of two different elements:

- Members of the Executive Committee take part in an Executive Stock Option Plan. The number of options allocated to a member of the Executive Committee is determined by the Remuneration Committee. The factors impacting the number of stock options allocated are a percentage of the base salary (between 20% and 36%), the individual performance rating, the strike price, and the Black Scholes valuation. The strike price is determined as the average of the closing price of the FDRs on the Paris Stock Exchange on the first fifteen trading days following the allocation period after the annual general meeting of shareholders. The options are vesting in quarters on January 1 of each of the first four years following their grant and remain exercisable until 10 years after the grant.
- Members of the Executive Committee also benefit from a long term incentive plan established by the Company. This entitles them to receive a percentage of their base salary ( ) in the form of restricted shares (between 10% and 18%) and performance shares (between 30% and 54%). Performance shares are only





allocated if the compounded Economic Value Added over the vesting period exceeds the target adopted by the Remuneration Committee as well as the individual objectives over the vesting period are fully met or exceeded.

The Company's complementary pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The contribution for the members of the Executive Committee is linked to their base salary.

Members of the Executive Committee are entitled to a company car.

Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to two years of base salary in case his or her contract is terminated without cause. If they resign they are not entitled to any compensation.

In its annual report, the Company will disclose the aggregate total gross compensation of the members of its Executive Committee split between base salary and cash bonus. The disclosure will also indicate the aggregate number of allocated stock options, restricted shares and performance shares, as well as the aggregate number of contributions into the complementary pension schemes.

## **XI. Share Dealings**

Any Director or any employee of SES who wishes to deal in SES Securities must obtain prior permission from the Secretary to the Board of Directors. He or she should contact the Secretary by e-mail and send a copy of his or her request to deal to the Chief Financial Officer of SES.

The person will be notified as quickly as possible, but not later than twenty-four hours after having sent his or her request. Only after having obtained prior approval, may the person trade in SES Securities.

Any Director or any member of the Executive Committee or any person closely associated with him or her, as defined in the SES Dealing Code, who has dealt in SES Securities in accordance with the above-mentioned rules, needs to inform the Chairman of the SES Compliance Committee with the relevant information about the transaction in SES Securities as soon as possible after the transaction. The Chairman of the SES Compliance Committee will then take care of the relevant publication.

Details of these transactions will be

- (i) notified to the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "CSSF");
- (ii) published on the SES website, where the information will be published under "Management Disclosures" and be kept for a minimum of five years; and
- (iii) disseminated via Businesswire in the same manner as any other regulated information and press release.

No Director shall deal in the Company's Securities during a closed period. The closed periods for each year shall be determined by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each calendar year and published on the Company's website.



Prior to the commencement of each closed period, the Chairman of the SES Compliance Committee will inform the Directors and employees of the Company of the exact timing of such closed period.

Furthermore, a Director must not deal in any of the Company's Securities when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information or when he/she has not obtained clearance from the Secretary.

The detailed rules on how to deal in the Company's Securities are included in a specific Dealing Code.

## **XII. Risk Management**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for ensuring that the SES Group maintains a sound system of internal controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls and appropriate risk management.

The internal control and risk management procedures are designed to ensure:

- that operations are performed efficiently and achieve effective results;
- the integrity and reliability of financial information, both for internal and external use;
- that assets are safeguarded; and
- that actions and decisions are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards internal rules and contracts.

The Board of Directors has delegated the design, implementation and maintenance of a rigorous and effective system of internal controls and risk management to the Executive Committee of SES.

The Internal Audit function evaluates the relevance of, and the compliance with, internal control and risk management procedures.

Under its charter, which has been adopted by the Audit and Risk Committee, the Internal Audit function reports to the CEO of SES, but it may also report directly to the Audit and Risk Committee.

The activities of the Internal Audit function are executed in accordance with an annual audit plan. This annual plan is established using a risk assessment methodology based on a risk mapping exercise. This exercise involves identifying the inherent risks relative to all business processes and then assessing the levels of residual risks after consideration of specific mitigating controls. The annual plan is reviewed and approved by the Audit and Risk Committee.

Internal Audit monitors the implementation of internal control and risk management recommendations and regularly reports on effective compliance to the CEO of SES and to the Audit and Risk Committee.



Internal Audit also regularly coordinates audit planning and exchanges relevant information with the Group's external auditors.

The external auditors are elected by the Annual General Meeting of shareholders for periods of one year.