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The Commission held two sessions in 2003. It was chaired for the first six months by HE Ambassador Javier Paulinich, Permanent Representative of Peru, and for the second half of the year by HE Ambassador Thomas Stelzer, Permanent Representative of Austria. At its Twentieth Session, the Commission decided to extend the terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from six months to one year with effect from 1 January 2004.

The Commission agreed to consider reviewing the organizational structure of the PTS as well as the organization and methods of work of its subsidiary bodies. The Commission also agreed to begin preparing new modalities of tenure of a future Executive Secretary. The Commission decided that with effect from 2005 annual budgetary appropriations and assessments of States Signatories' contributions shall be split between United States dollars and euros, in order to protect the Commission from currency fluctuations.

The Commission's subsidiary bodies, Working Group A (WGA), Working Group B (WGB) and the Advisory Group, each held two sessions in 2003. To facilitate the

timely consideration of matters related to the Programme and Budget, the Twenty-First Session of WGB and the Twentieth Session of the Advisory Group were each divided into two parts with an interval of several weeks.

WGA, chaired by HE Ambassador Tibor Tóth (Hungary), made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on administrative and budgetary matters, including human resources issues.

WGB, chaired by Mr Ola Dahlman (Sweden), made recommendations, subsequently adopted by the Commission, on a range of verification related issues. Special attention was devoted to the draft OSI Operational Manual, to facilitate progress. A number of expert groups were established to address specific issues related to the IDC and GCI. An evaluation of the OSI Major Programme by a team of external experts was undertaken.

The Advisory Group, chaired by Mr André Gué (France), considered and provided advice on financial, budgetary and administrative issues.