



BHARAT 6G ALLIANCE



Memorandum of Association
and
Rules & Regulations



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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF BHARAT 6G ALLIANCE

As considered and accepted by the General Body of the Society on this 24th day of May 2023.

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be “Bharat 6G Alliance”, hereinafter called “Society” in short. The Society has been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, as applicable to the state of Delhi.

2. REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Society shall be situated at any place in Delhi, the present address being C DoT Campus, Mandi Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi- 110030.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose(s) of the Society is:

- a) To design, develop and facilitate deployment of technology and innovations;
- b) To align the technology and innovations vision of the Government of India with the overall national vision of Bharat 6G Mission, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India and Make in India based on principles of Affordability, Sustainability and Ubiquity;
- c) To create synergies among the domestic industry, academia, national research institutions and standards organisations facilitated by the Government for capacity building and development of a balanced ecosystem for technology and innovations;
- d) To influence Global Standards by steering start-ups, domestic industry, and academia to become globally competitive by consistent participation;
- e) To promote and facilitate think tank activities towards policy regulation and governance advocacy for technology and innovations for the benefit of common people;
- f) To enable significant enhancement with inclusivity in the quality of living experience of citizens in India and across the world;
- g) To support development of technologies, IPRs, trials, pilots, and commercialization in furtherance of the above.

4. OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Society are as follows:

- 4.1. To enable India to become a leading global supplier of IP, products and solutions of affordable 5G and 6G and other future telecom solutions;
- 4.2. To deploy 6G technologies to act as a powerful force multiplier for India by 2030;
- 4.3. To support and energise Indian participation in standard development organizations;
- 4.4. To build coalitions with similar 6G Global Alliances and other global technology alliances and associations;
- 4.5. To address India's priorities for contribution to 6G and other future technology-related global standards, deployments, products, operations and services;
- 4.6. To promote the ecosystem for research, design, prototyping, development, proof of concept testing, IPR creation, field testing, security, certification and manufacturing of telecom products, end-to-end Solutions, Use-cases, Pilots, inter alia;
- 4.7. To study and recommend national requirements and enable their inclusion in Indian and international standardization bodies;
- 4.8. To develop recommendations for Bharat 6G Vision implementation readiness in India;
- 4.9. To bring together academic institutions, domestic industries, research and development entities, test labs, Government entities, telecommunication service providers, technology and innovation start-ups etc. as well as the Government of India, to help create synergies for a balanced growth of the technology and innovations ecosystem in the country for the benefit of the common people;
- 4.10. To identify priority areas for research by involving all stakeholders including industry, academia, and service providers, spanning theoretical and simulation studies, proof-of-concept prototypes and demonstrations, and early market interventions led by start-ups;
- 4.11. To promote specific application development, that matches with the behavioural pattern of the Indian masses and adds value to their daily activities, both economic and social;
- 4.12. To promote think tank activities in technology and innovations to help Government and industry decision-makers make well-informed choices;
- 4.13. To promote Make in India and other government policy initiatives in this regard, bridge the gap between R&D and commercialization of products and solutions and to enable early market access for Indian 6G products in India and abroad;
- 4.14. To enter into memorandum of understanding with various industry bodies and organisations within India, and globally, in relation to technological developments and innovations;

- 4.15. To participate in various national and international forums and represent interests of the member organizations and, those of the Government of India;
- 4.16. To provide mentoring services as may be required by Start-ups, incubation centres, and other organizations, subject to the service fees as may be specified by the Governing Council;
- 4.17. To collaborate with suitable organizations in India and abroad, on any area, such as research, outreach, organizing conferences, on terms and conditions as may be decided by the Governing Council, for furthering the objectives of the Society;
- 4.18. To encourage, assist, coordinate and participate in the research and development programs being conducted by any/all member organizations;
- 4.19. To represent member organizations, if required, before the Government, local authorities, state authorities, semi-Government bodies or other corporate bodies, institutions and organizations;
- 4.20. To ensure smooth and faster sharing of information among the members and to hold meetings from time to time as deemed necessary to share and exchange knowledge;
- 4.21. To help create, manage and guide systems, mechanisms and institutions that might be needed for the achievement of the objectives of the Society and to reach out to the rural sector;
- 4.22. To develop critical industry architectures for encouraging growth of technology and innovations;
- 4.23. To act as an interface between the Bharat 6G Apex Council and various other stakeholders from domestic industry, academia, startups, national R&D labs, standardization bodies and government agencies;
- 4.24. To act as a liaison and coordinate with related organizations concerning technology and innovations;
- 4.25. To receive grants, loans, subscriptions, gifts, donations or any other financial contribution in cash, securities and of any property, either movable or immovable from within the country and/or abroad subject to prevailing laws and to invest and deal with the funds and money of the Society and to vary, alter or transfer investments from time to time and to purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire temporarily or permanently, any movable or immovable property necessary for the furtherance of the objectives of the Society;
- 4.26. To sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any property, movable or immovable, for the purpose of furtherance of the objectives of the Society. In case of

termination of the Society, the amount realizable shall be distributed to other societies, trusts or associations having objects similar to that of this Society;

4.27. To receive contributions/donations on behalf of the Society for conduct of technology and innovations R&D, when necessary.

5. INCOMES, EARNINGS, AND PROPERTIES

All the incomes, earnings, movable or immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of the aims and objectives only as set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profit or in any manner whatsoever, to the present or past members. No member of the Society shall have any personal claim on any movable or immovable properties of the Society or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of their membership. However, this does not include projects being executed by Members based on the approval of the Government.

6. GENERAL BODY

The General Body shall be the highest authority of the Society. It will be constituted by Members of the Society as stated in the Rules and Regulations and elect representatives of the Governing Council which shall be responsible for running of the Society.

7. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The name, designation, occupation and address of the founding members of the Governing Council, to whom the management of the Society is entrusted, as required under Section 2 of the Societies Registration Act of 1860, as applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi, are as follows:

| S.N. | Name | Designation | Occupation and Address |
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| 1. | Mr N G Subramaniam | Chairperson | Chief Operating Officer, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd Raveline Street 1, D S Marg Fort, Mumbai 400001 |
| 2. | Prof Bhaskar Ramamurthi | Member | Professor, Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600036 |

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| 3. | Prof Abhay Karandikar | Member | Director, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Kalyanpur; Kanpur -208 016 |
| 4. | Mr Randeep Singh Sekhon | Member | CTO Airtel, Bharti Airtel Ltd, Plot No – 16, Udyog Vihar, Phase-4, Gurgaon - 122002 |
| 5. | Mr Aayush Bhatnagar | Member | Senior Vice President and CTO Jio Platforms, Mumbai |
| 6. | Mr Jagbir Singh | Member | CTO, Vodafone Idea Limited, Birla Centurian, 12th floor, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Centurian Mills Compound, Worli, Mumbai – 400 030 |
| 7. | Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay | Member | CEO, C DoT, Mandi Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi- 110030 |
| 8. | Dr. P Hanumantha Rao | Member | DG, SAMEER, IIT Bombay campus, Hill side Powai, Mumbai 400076 |
| 9. | Prof Kiran Kuchi | Member | Founder, Director, Wisig Networks Private Limited, Sohini Tech Park, 8th floor, Nanakramguda Road, Financial District, Gachibowli, Telangana, India 50032 |
| 10. | Mr Ramu T S | Member | Founder Director, Lekha Wireless Solutions Pvt Ltd 947, 24th Main, J P Nagar 2nd Phase Bengaluru 560078 |
| 11. | Dr. Kumar N. Sivarajan | Member | Chief Technology Officer, Tejas Networks Ltd., Plot No. 25, JP Software Park, Electronics City, Phase 1, Hosur Road, Bangalore 560 100 |
| 12. | Mr Himamshu Khasnis | Member | CEO, Signalchip Innovations Pvt. Ltd. 4C-116, 4th Cross, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043 |

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| 13. | Mr Puneet Agarwal | Member | CEO, VVDN - GIP. Plot No: CP-07, Sector-8, IMT Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana - 122050 |
| 14. | Mr Raghuveer B.K. | Member | CEO & MD, Nivetti Systems Pvt. Ltd. No. 166, 21 st Main Road, JP Nagar 2 nd Stage, Bangalore 560078 |
| 15. | Mr Jagdish Mitra | Member | CSO, Tech Mahindra Ltd, Plot No.58 A&B, Noida Special Economy Zone, Noida, UP. |
| 16. | Mr Rajesh Kumar Pathak | Member Secretary | Director, TCOE India, C DoT Campus, Mandi Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030 |

8. COPY OF RULES & REGULATIONS

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, certified to be a correct copy by three members of the Governing Council is filed with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi, along with this Memorandum of Association.

9. FORMATION OF SOCIETY

We, the several persons, whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association, are desirous of forming a Society under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, as applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi:

| Sl. No. | Name and Residential Address | Official Address | Occupation | Signature |
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| 1. | Mr N G Subramaniam, 171, Adarsh Vista, Vibhutipura, Basava Nagar, Bangalore North, Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560037 | Tata Consultancy Services Ltd Raveline Street 1, D S Marg Fort Mumbai 400001 | Chief Operating Officer, Tata Consultancy Limited | |
| 2. | Prof Bhaskar Ramamurthi, B-2-3, 2nd Cross Street, IIT Madras Campus, Chennai- 600036 | Indian Institute Of Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600036 | Professor, IIT Madras | |

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| 3. | Prof Abhay Karandikar Director, Bungalow IIT Kanpur | Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Kalyanpur; Kanpur -208 016 | Director, IIT Kanpur | |
| 4. | Mr Randeep Singh Sekhon Residence Address: Villa No – 6, World Spa East, Sector 30/41, Gurgaon – 122002 | Bharti Airtel Ltd, Plot no 16, Udyog Vihar, Phase-4, Gurgaon 122002 | CTO, Bharti Airtel Limited | |
| 5. | Mr Aayush Bhatnagar Tower-7/15B Beverly Park Sector 14 Koparkhairane Navi Mumbai 400709 | TC-23 C-Wing Reliance Corporate IT Park, Thane Belapur Road Navi Mumbai 400709 | SVP and CTO, Jio Platforms | |
| 6. | Mr Jagbir Singh Flat No.303, Royale Retreat-2, Charmwood Village, Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana- 121009 | Vodafone Idea Limited, Birla Centurian, 12th Floor, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Centurian Mills Compound, Worli, Mumbai – 400 030 | CTO, Vodafone Idea | |
| 7. | Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay, B-41, 2 ND Floor, Sarvodya Enclave, New Delhi- 110017 | C DoT, Mandi Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi- 110030 | CEO, C DoT | |
| 8. | Dr. P Hanumantha Rao, D1/Block 1, Springs apartments, Rajajinagar main road, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai - 600041 | SAMEER, IIT Bombay campus, Hill side Powai, Mumbai 400076 | Director general, SAMEER | |
| 9. | Prof Kiran Kuchi, 604 Turquoise block, My Home Jewel, Madinaguda, Hyderabad, Telangana, India - 500049 | Wisig Networks Private Limited, Sohini Tech Park, 8th floor, Nanakramguda Road, Financial District, Gachibowli, Telangana, 500032 | Founder, Director, Wisig Networks Private Limited | |
| 10. | Mr Ramu T S, CEO, 110, 1 st Main BTM 4 th Stage Near Sai Baba Temple | Lekha Wireless Solutions Pvt Ltd | Founder and Director Lekha Wireless | |

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| | Royal Residency Bangalore South Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076 | 947, 24th Main, J P Nagar 2nd Phase Bengaluru 560078 | Solutions Pvt Ltd | |
| 11. | Dr. Kumar N. Sivarajan, 1595, Second Cross, Nagappa Block, Bangalore 560 021 | Tejas Networks Ltd., Plot No. 25, JP Software Park, Electronics City, Phase 1, Hosur Road, Bangalore 560 100 | Chief Technology Officer, Tejas Networks Ltd. | |
| 12. | Mr Himamshu Khasnis, #110, Dhatri, 1st Cross, Ramakrishna Gardens, New BEL Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560054, India | Signalchip Innovations Pvt. Ltd. 4C-116, 4th Cross, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043 | CEO, Signalchip Innovations Pvt. Ltd. | |
| 13. | Mr Puneet Agarwal, R/o, M-072, DLF New Town Heights, Sector 90, Gurgaon, Haryana -122505 | VVDN - GIP. Plot No: CP-07, Sector-8, IMT Manesar, Gurugram, 122050 | CEO, VVDN | |
| 14. | Mr Raghuveer B.K., No. 766, "Heramba" , 24 th Cross Road, Banashankari 2 nd Stage, Bangalore 560070 | Nivetti Systems Private Limited, 166, 21 st Main, JP Nagar 2 nd Phase, Bangalore 560 078. | CEO, Nivetti systems Bangalore | |
| 15. | Mr Jagdish Mitra, Tower 7, Ground Floor, ATS ONE Hamlet Sector-104, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida- 201301 | Tech Mahindra Ltd, Plot No.58 A&B, Noida Special Economy Zone, Noida, UP. | CSO, Tech Mahindra Ltd, Noida, UP. | |
| 16. | Mr Rajesh Kumar Pathak F-501, CGRC, DDU Marg, New Delhi-110002 | C DoT Campus, Mandi Road, Mehrauli, New Delhi- 110030 | Director, TCOE India | |

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF BHARAT 6G ALLIANCE

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations may be called “Rules and Regulations for Bharat 6G Alliance” Society.

2. PREAMBLE

The Society has been established in pursuance to the goals set forth under Bharat 6G vision document, Atmanirbhar Bharat and India’s Aazadi Ka Amrit Kaal along with the goal of Digital India and Make In India which facilitates the growth of technology and innovations in India. The vision is aligned with Bharat 6G Mission to design, develop and deploy technology and innovations that provide intelligent and secure solution for high quality living experience of citizens in India and across the world. The vision of the Society is based on principles of Affordability, Sustainability, and Ubiquity. The Society is fully aligned with the national Vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and will seek to empower every Indian to become Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) in their lives. The Society shall encourage research and start-up ecosystem to pursue their innovations and new ideas in the 6G domain and other emerging technologies and translating into products and solutions. At the same time, it ensures that India takes its rightful place in the world as a leading supplier of advanced telecom technologies and solutions that are affordable and contribute to the global good.

3. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

3.1 Strategic Alliance – A form of cooperation or partnership between different actors in a specific industry or value chain. The purpose of an industry alliance is to achieve common goals, such as improving competitiveness, innovation, sustainability, or security. A non-equity strategic alliance is when two or more companies sign a contract to cooperate on a specific project.

3.2 6G Technology - It is the sixth generation mobile technology currently under development for wireless communications technologies supporting cellular data networks. It also includes the complementary next-generation optical fiber-based photonic communications technology that together with the wireless technology provides affordable, advanced and ubiquitous connectivity to the people. It is the

planned successor to 5G and will likely be significantly faster and possess more capabilities.

- 3.3 Bharat 6G Vision Statement - Design, develop and deploy 6G network technologies that provide ubiquitous, intelligent and secure connectivity for high-quality living experience for the world.
- 3.4 Bharat 6G Mission has been constituted by the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India in line with Bharat 6G Vision document to facilitate and finance research and development, design and development of 6G technologies by Indian Startups/Companies/Research bodies/Universities. It shall enable India@2030 to become a leading global supplier of IP, products and solutions of affordable 6G telecom solutions.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. The Society shall have membership in the following form, or as may be decided by the Governing Council.
- 4.1.1. Corporate Members- the following shall be eligible for admission as Corporate members of the Society:
- (i) Domestic companies/entities incorporated and registered and having Headquarters in India, who are designing and/or manufacturing products, offering services, developing software/applications or involved in the testing of technology equipment (including start-ups, venture capital funds etc.) and Government and Government institutions;
 - (ii) Academia and Research & Development entities having Headquarters in India; and
 - (iii) Telecom Service Providers licensed to operate by the Government of India.

Corporate Members shall have the power to elect the Governing Council and to participate in the various Expert Committees/Working Groups that may be constituted by the Society.

- 4.1.2. Affiliate Members- Foreign companies/entities incorporated and registered in India, who are designing and/or manufacturing products, offering services, research and development, developing software/applications or involved in the testing of technology equipment.

Affiliate Members may participate in Working Groups for technical contribution, and shall be part of the General Body. However, they shall not have voting rights in the election of Governing Council or any other Committee/Working Group.

4.1.3. Associate Members- Foreign companies/entities not registered in India and other associations registered in India, which share a common vision for the enhancement of technology and innovations, shall be eligible for admission as Associate Members. Associate Members may participate in Working Groups for technical contributions but shall not be part of the General Body.

4.1.4. Expert Members- Expert Members can be individuals who are self-employed or employed in an organization who shall be observers or Members with limited privileges. They will not form part of the General Body of Society. They shall be invited by the Chairperson for Expert Committees/Working Groups.

Individuals identified by the Governing Council to participate in Expert Committees/Working Groups (WG) as Expert Member. The Expert Members should be experts in a specific area whose expertise an Expert Committee/WG is keen to leverage. The individual Expert Member, must get the concurrence of his organization before the individual is invited. The tenure of the Expert Member shall be specified while inviting him/her to join the Expert Committee/WG.

4.1.5. Guest Members- Guest Members can be from organizations who shall be observers with limited privileges. They will not form part of the General Body of Society or of GC. Based on GC approval, they will be invited by the Chairperson. In case of organizations which wish to explore the need for becoming a Member before taking up Corporate or Affiliate Membership, the Guest Membership shall be provided only for six months and shall not be renewed for three years unless the organization becomes a Corporate or Affiliate Member during that period.

4.2. Membership Representation

4.2.1. Each Corporate Member and Affiliate Member shall authorise and communicate to the Governing Council of the Society, one individual to represent the member in all transactions with the Society and to act on behalf of the Corporate Member and Affiliate Member at any meeting of the General Body.

4.2.2. The Corporate Member and Affiliate Member may change its authorised nominee as and when needed, following the process of decision-making applicable with due notice in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council of the Society.

4.2.3. The Expert Members may submit technical contributions to the Expert Committee/Working Group.

4.2.4. The Associate Member can submit technical contributions to the Working Group.

4.2.5. The Guest Members may submit technical contributions to the Working Group and be an observer only.

4.3. Rights, Benefits and Obligations

4.3.1. Corporate Members

Corporate Members shall be entitled to:

- (i) Nominate a candidate to the Governing Council of the Society;
- (ii) Nominate a candidate to participate in and vote for the Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Council and Expert Committees/Working Groups that may be constituted by the Society;
- (iii) Nominate members of any category to participate in Expert Committees and/or Working Groups;
- (iv) Designate a representative in lieu of the nominated candidate to participate in Expert Committee/ Working Group meetings;
- (v) Any other rights, privileges and obligations as the Governing Council may specify.

4.3.2. Affiliate Members

Affiliate Members shall be entitled to:

- (i) Participate in and designate a representative to participate in WG meetings but have no voting rights;
- (ii) Any other rights, privileges and obligations as the Governing Council may specify.

4.3.3. Associate Members

Associate Members shall be entitled to:

- (i) Participate in and designate a representative to participate in WG meetings but have no voting rights;
- (ii) Any other rights, privileges and obligations as the Governing Council may specify.

4.3.4. Expert Members

- (i) Expert Members have the right to attend the Expert Committee/WG meetings but have no voting rights.

- (ii) Contributions to the Expert Committee/WG may be accepted from Expert Members at the discretion of the chairperson of the group for discussion in Expert Committee/Working Group.
- (iii) Expert Members need not pay Membership fees. However, they may be required to pay certain charges associated with the conduct of some meetings, if needed, which other Members may not have to pay.

4.3.5. Guest Members

- (i) Guest Members have the right to attend the WG meetings but have no voting rights.
- (ii) Technical contributions to the WG may be accepted from Guest Members at the discretion of chairperson of the group for discussion in Working Group.
- (iii) Guest Members need not pay Membership fees for maximum 6 (six) months. However, they may be required to pay certain charges associated with the conduct of some meetings, if needed, which other Members may not have to pay.

5. COMPOSITION OF SOCIETY, GENERAL BODY AND GOVERNING COUNCIL

5.1 The Society will have a multi-tier structure, comprising:

- (i) the General Body, which shall be the supreme organ of the Society;
- (ii) the Governing Council, which shall act on behalf of the General Body to steer the Society;
- (iii) the Expert Committees, which shall handle the activities related to a particular technology vertical or a focus area allocated by the Governing Council;
- (iv) the Working Groups, which shall assist Expert Committees in the deeper technical aspects of the particular technology vertical or a focus area.

5.2 The General Secretariat, headed by the Director General, which shall manage the day-to-day activities and support functions as per the overall direction of GC.

5.3 The Governing Council will specify detailed Working Procedures for all the entities in the structure including process.

5.4 General Body

The General Body shall comprise of eligible Corporate and Affiliate Members who have paid their membership fee, as determined by the Society. The members of the General Body of the Society shall meet at least once a year to ratify the composition of the Governing Council, approve the statement of accounts, approve modifications to the Society rules and regulations and appoint auditors for the year. Except for decisions relating to amendment or modifications to the Memorandum and Rules of the Society which fall within the purview of Section 12 or 12A of the Societies Registration Act, which requires a three-fourth majority, all other decisions of the Society can be taken by simple majority.

5.5 Governing Council

Subject to these rules and such rules as may hereafter be made from time to time, the Attainment of Purpose & Objectives, Administration, Management and Growth of the Society shall vest with the Governing Council which shall comprise of members elected from within the Corporate Members. The Governing Council, which may be expanded as required, shall be the apex body responsible for running the Society. The Chairperson/ Vice Chairperson of the Governing Council shall preside over the General Body. It shall be mandatory to hold one General Body Meeting (GBM) annually. It shall be called the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM). If, one more GBM shall be required to be convened, it will be called Extra-ordinary GBM. The Bharat 6G Mission Head, DoT would be permanent invitee to the Governing Council.

5.6 Chairperson & Vice Chairperson(s)

The Corporate Members of the General Body may elect, from among themselves, the Governing Council. The members of the Governing Council may offer themselves as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson(s) of the Governing Council. The General Body shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson(s). The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson(s) shall hold office for a period of two years. A Chairperson / Vice Chairperson shall not be elected as Chairperson / Vice Chairperson(s) for more than two consecutive terms.

5.7 Quorum

The quorum for the General Body and the Governing Council shall be 50% of the members with voting rights. Decisions as far as possible shall be taken with unanimity failing which through the majority of members present, except for matters where three-fourth majority has been specified under these rules.

6. FUNCTIONING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL

6.1 Role & Responsibility

- (i) The Governing Council will act as the management body under the strategic direction of the General Body of the Society and be collectively responsible for the attainment of its Purpose & Objectives and Growth of the Society. It will decide on the future course and oversee that the Society operates as per its aims and objectives.
- (ii) It shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations of the Society that may be made from time to time. The Governing Council has the power to make any amendments proposed to the existing Rules and Regulations of the Society; provided that any amendments falling within the scope of section 12 or 12A of the Societies Registration Act, shall require the approval of the General Body of the Society prior to coming into force.
- (iii) The Governing Council will approve the annual budget of the Society and make provisions or decide on the steps to be adopted for meeting the budgetary shortfalls or investment of reserve surpluses.
- (iv) The Governing Council will appoint one among them as treasurer of the Society.
- (v) The Governing Council shall act, through its office bearers, as an important day to day management and decision-making body of the Society. It shall ensure that the objectives of the Society are not set back due to lack of efficient and prompt management. The Governing Council shall ensure dynamism and agile decision-making process for the effective and efficient functioning of the Society so as to meet the stated objectives.
- (vi) The Governing Council shall nominate GC members to represent in Apex Council of Bharat 6G Mission.
- (vii) The Governing Council shall be responsible for the day to day decision making responsibility and management of the Society including but not limited to the following roles and responsibilities:
 - a. To maintain the books of account, record of membership and other relevant data of the Society as required by Rules & Regulation or by the Societies Registration Act;
 - b. Provide half yearly feedback on the progress and functioning of the Society to the relevant Ministry;

- c. Promote visibility of the Society and be responsible for resource mobilisation as well as strategic partnerships;
- d. To maintain two separate accounts for ease of accounting & auditing: one for receipts from Government sources and one for receipts from all other sources. The accounts shall be jointly operated by the Director General and the Treasurer of the Society or any other authorised Member of GC;
- e. To draft and implement the annual budget of the Society;
- f. To market the Society initiatives and create brand awareness about the Society both nationally and internationally;
- g. Interface and collaborate with foreign Organisations to give the Society a global reach;
- h. To assess manpower and skill levels required for efficient running of the Society office and hire suitable employees on contract at salaries per prevailing industry norms;
- i. To review, amend, enlarge or delete bye-laws where required, subject to the approval of the General Body for matters falling within the scope of section 12 and 12 A of the Societies Registration Act;
- j. To establish appropriate committees as it considers necessary or desirable to assist it in carrying out its duties and delegate to such committees such power and authority as it deems fit; and appoint staff members that would work in the Society;
- k. To open, operate and close bank accounts, in the name of the Society or upon such terms and in such manner as it shall deem fit and appoint or remove those who operate such accounts;
- l. To enter into agreements on behalf of the Society;
- m. To obtain donations/ contributions/grants from international donors. Accept funds under Corporate Social Responsibility from any entity;
- n. To apply for registration under the Income Tax Act 1961, to claim tax exemption for all income of the Society;
- o. To draw up and present to the General Body, the annual report of the activities of the Society and the audited financial statements;

- p. To draw up one or more Expert Committee(s) from among Corporate Members to handle the activities related to a particular technology vertical.
- (viii) The Governing Council may, at its sole discretion, delegate any of its roles and responsibilities as set forth herein to the Director General as and when required.

6.2 Meetings of the Governing Council

- (i) The Governing Council meetings shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Society. The Vice Chairperson(s) may chair the meeting during his brief absence in the proceedings of a meeting.
- (ii) The members of the Governing Council shall ordinarily meet at least two times in a year (preferably in the first week of January and July) to consider the status and progress of the Society's activities, including once with General Body members who shall ratify the composition of the Governing Council, approve the annual statement of account, undertake modifications to the Society rules and regulations, if any, and appoint auditors for the year as decided by the General Body.
- (iii) The Director General on instruction from the Chairperson /Governing Council shall convene the meetings from time to time.

7. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Admission Procedure

- 7.1.1 Any organisation seeking admission as a member to the Society shall make an application in writing to the Director General of the Society, in a prescribed form.
- 7.1.2 The said application shall be duly signed and stamped by the applicant, and shall be accompanied with:
 - (i) An acceptance through an affidavit to abide by the prescribed Rules of the Society;
 - (ii) Agreement to pay the annual subscription amount as decided by the Governing Council from time to time;

- (iii) Such information as details of Research and Development activities, turnover, relevant track record and experience and any other criteria as may be deemed necessary by the Governing Council.

7.1.3 The Governing Council shall decide on eligibility, admission or rejection of a candidate seeking membership of the Society in accordance with its guidelines and its decision on the matter shall be final. Further, the Governing Council shall not be bound to assign any reason for its decision.

7.1.4 The Membership of each Member shall be deemed to be commenced from the date of such Governing Council meeting in which a candidate has been accepted for admission by Governing Council after payment of applicable fees.

7.1.5 Every Member shall register with the Director General its corporate/registered address in India. Any change in the same shall be intimated by the Member(s) forthwith.

7.2 Membership Fee

The Governing Council may fix the annual membership fee and other charges to be received from its members from time to time, including differential rates for different categories of Members. The annual fees for less than six months will be half of the prescribed annual fees.

7.3 Resignation

Any member may withdraw from the membership of the Society by giving 3 months' notice, in writing, of the intention to do so to the Chairperson. Such notice period for the resignation can be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Chairperson. Such notice of resignation shall not absolve the member from paying the annual subscription for the current year and all other dues. There shall be no refund of subscriptions or payments that have already been made.

7.4 Revocation of Membership

- (i) Revocation of the Membership of any Member including a Corporate Member may be proposed by the Governing Council, if it has reason to believe that the Member is acting against the interest or objectives of the Society or against National interest or there is substantial breach of its obligations as a Member or that their conduct is detrimental to or has harmed or brought into disrepute the

Society. The same will be ratified by the General Body before proceeding with revocation of membership. It will be the responsibility of the Director General to initiate proceedings against such Member and issue a show cause notice and bring the response to the same to the notice of the Governing Council for their decision in the matter.

- (ii) Provided that such Member shall be given fifteen days' notice by the Director General to explain their point of view to the Governing Council whereupon the Governing Council shall within fifteen days thereafter take its decision to expel or not to expel the Member and the Governing Council shall not be bound to assign any reason for their decision. However, in matters of National interest, the decision of Governing Council shall be final in revoking any membership.
- (iii) Any such person, firm, company, corporation, association or other legal entity shall, thereafter cease to be a Member of the Society and cease to have the rights and privileges of Membership.

7.5 Cessation/Termination of Membership

A member shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society if:

- (i) The member resigns in the manner laid down in clause 7.3 above;
- (ii) Where a person becomes a member of the Society by virtue of his office or appointment which he holds, his membership shall terminate when he ceases to hold that particular office or appointment;
- (iii) Members of the Society nominated/elected to the Governing Council shall cease to be members of the Council on expiry of their term or on ceasing to be members of the General Body, whichever is earlier;
- (iv) In the case of a telecom operator/manufacturer/software developer, the license granted to it to operate as a telecom operator/manufacturer/software developer is revoked or suspended;
- (v) In case the member, being an individual, dies or is adjudged 'insolvent' or is found by a competent court of inquiry to be of 'unsound mind' or is convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
- (vi) In case of the member being a firm, it is dissolved or such firm is adjudicated insolvent, or is merged with any other entity, or the partners thereof are convicted of offence involving moral turpitude;

- (vii) In case of the member being a corporate body or association, upon voluntary winding up of the corporate body or association, except for reconstruction or reconstitution or upon being adjudged as insolvent;
- (viii) The member fails to pay the subscription or any other due payments within one month from the date of the same becoming due and continues in such default for a period of six months from the due date;
- (ix) The member is found to be not participating in and contributing to agreed activities, which the member is obligated to undertake;
- (x) If the member disregards the rules and regulations of the Society or is not in compliance with the decisions of the Governing Council and/or the General Body;
- (xi) In case the member suffers from any disability, incapacity or disqualification as provided in these rules.

7.6 Readmission

- (i) In case of a member who ceases to be the member of the Society on account of non-payment of dues, the membership may be renewed at the sole discretion of the Governing Council provided an explanation in writing is furnished stating the cause of non-payment of the subscription to the satisfaction of the Council and upon payment of all up to date dues.
- (ii) The Governing Council may, on an application made by such member under this sub-clause (i) above, readmit such person on conditions that it may deem fit.
- (iii) In all other cases of cessation of membership, an application for membership shall be treated as a fresh application for the membership of the Society.
- (iv) The Governing Council may however, at their absolute discretion, waive the claim of the Society to any or all arrears of subscription if any applicant for the membership were a past member.

7.7 Elections and related matters

- 7.7.1 The Annual General Body meeting, at any elections referred to in these Rules, shall ensure that:

- (i) The members of the Governing Council are elected with due regard to the need for equitable representation of the seats on the Governing Council among domestic industry, startups, academia, service providers, national R&D institutions.
- (ii) The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson(s) of Governing Council, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Expert Committees/Working Groups shall be elected among the candidates proposed by Corporate members as their representatives.
- (iii) Only entities which are members before March 31 of the year of election and have paid their dues for the current and previous years, will be eligible for nominations.
- (iv) Elections for various positions shall normally be conducted in July, however, the tenure of the existing positions will continue till its expiry.
- (v) The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) may nominate one member in the Governing Council.
- (vi) Governing Council may invite other Government nominee(s) as required in GC.

7.7.2 Nomination of Candidates

- (i) The Governing Council shall appoint a Returning Officer(s) to oversee the election process as prescribed in these Rules. If no such person is appointed by the Governing Council, the Director General of the Society shall be deemed to be so appointed as Returning Officer.
- (ii) The Returning Officer shall issue notice calling for nominations from each Corporate Member at least four weeks at the discretion of the Governing Council.
- (iii) Corporate Member companies nominating any of their representatives for the position of Members, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) of GC/EC/WG shall state the name of the person and the position for which he/she is being nominated and shall declare that he/she is qualified for the purpose under the rules. The statement/declaration/nomination has to be signed by an authorized representative of the Corporate Member company and communicated through the authorized representative to the Society's Secretariat.
- (iv) Every nomination shall be supported by a declaration signed by the candidate that he/she has given his/her consent to the nomination. If consent is given to more than one nomination, all the nominations will be treated as invalid. Such

statement/declaration shall be sent within seven days from the date of nominations by the Members.

- (v) The nomination papers and the declaration by the candidate shall be sent to the Director General of the Society so as to reach him/her at such address and by such date as may be mentioned by him/her.

7.7.3 Scrutiny and withdrawal of nomination

- (i) The Returning Officer shall scrutinize the nomination papers received from Corporate Members. Returning Officer may reject such nominations that in his/her opinion are invalid.
- (ii) A candidate nominated by a Corporate Member for election as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson or member to the Governing Council/Expert Committee/Working Groups may withdraw his/her candidature by intimation addressed to the Returning Officer and Director General and delivered before specified time and date.

7.7.4 Election of Candidates

- (i) If the nominations submitted are less than or equal to the stipulated number of positions in that category, the nominees shall automatically stand elected for the ensuing tenure.
- (ii) If the nominations are in excess of the numbers stipulated, then the Returning Officer shall call for voting for election to such positions.
- (iii) The Director General shall cause voting papers to be prepared setting forth the names of candidates for the election as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and/or Governing Council Members.
- (iv) The voting papers shall be authenticated by a person(s) authorized by the Director General and shall be issued under the authority of the Director General by any other person(s) on the day of the Annual General Body Meeting considered fit and expedient by the Chairperson, when the arrangements for polling have been completed. The voting papers shall be issued to such delegates as are authorized by the Corporate Members to receive them and are returnable by such delegates immediately after such issue. Alternatively, electronic voting mode may be adopted.

7.7.5 Declaration of Results

- (i) The result of the election shall be declared by the Returning Officer.

- (ii) The persons so declared as elected shall function in spite of any irregularity in the election until such irregularity is established as hereinafter provided.
- (iii) Whenever there is equal voting during election of Governing Council or Expert Committee/Work Group position, the Chairperson or in the absence of whom, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have the deciding vote.
- (iv) All objections shall be taken note of by the General Body Meeting and decided upon by a “simple majority”.
- (v) In case of an equality of vote, the Chairperson shall have one casting vote in addition to the vote(s) he/she has as a Member.

7.7.6 Election Procedures for Governing Council

Corporate members shall be eligible to be elected to the Governing Council.

- (i) Representatives of the Governing Council are elected by the Corporate members of the Society.
- (ii) It is the Member Company who is elected to the Governing Council, and not an individual representing the company.
- (iii) Member companies that have completed two consecutive terms can apply for Governing Council positions only after a gap of two years.
- (iv) If a Member Company resigns or its Membership gets terminated, a new Member is elected from the same category, for the remaining period only.
- (v) The current Chairperson of the Governing Council moves the motion for election.

7.7.7 Election Procedures for Expert Committees

- (i) Expert Committees shall be created by the Governing Council on a need basis with an identified focus area with members from among the Corporate Members only.
- (ii) Every Expert Committee will have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elected by the Corporate Members who are part of this Expert Committee.
- (iii) The positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are for individuals nominated by the Corporate Members, and the candidates shall be elected based on their individual credentials.
- (iv) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions shall be for a term of two years after which the individual can seek re-election for a term of two more years.
- (v) Individuals who have completed two consecutive two-year terms can apply for the positions only after a gap of two years.

- (vi) If Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns or the Membership of their organisation gets terminated or if the individual no longer represents the company, re-election is conducted for the position from among the remaining Corporate Members of the expert committee for the remaining period.

7.7.8 Election Procedures for Working Groups

- (i) Working Groups shall be created by the Governing Council on a need basis with an identified focus area based on the recommendation from an Expert Committee.
- (ii) Every Working Group will have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elected by the Corporate Members.
- (iii) The positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are for individuals nominated by the Corporate Members, and the candidates shall be elected based on their individual credentials.
- (iv) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions shall be for a term of two years after which the individual can seek re-election for a term of two more years.
- (v) Individuals who have completed two consecutive two-year terms can apply for the positions only after a gap of two years.
- (vii) If a Member resigns, the Membership gets terminated or if the individual no longer represents the company, re-election is conducted for the position from among the remaining Corporate Members for the remaining period.

7.7.9 Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Council

- (i) Elections to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Council will be held only during a General Body Meeting.
- (ii) The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are elected from among the representatives of Members in the Governing Council by eligible Corporate Members.
- (iii) In case Chairperson/Vice Chairperson has to demit office for any reason, a fresh election shall be held from amongst the GC members. The newly elected Chairperson/Vice Chairperson shall have tenure which is coterminous with the tenure of the incumbent GC.

7.7.10 Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Expert Committees/ Work Groups

- (i) Elections to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson may be held independent of the Governing Council and the General Body Meetings, in a formal meeting of the corresponding Expert Committee/ Work Group.

- (ii) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of an Expert Committee/ Work Group, who have completed two consecutive terms of two years, can be nominated for the positions only after a gap of two years. Exceptionally, they may offer themselves for further consecutive terms, subject to the condition that no valid nomination is available for the vacant position(s) at the end of the announced election nomination deadline. The Election Officer shall employ a suitable process to address this exception case, keeping the schedule of the election intact when,
- a) the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson resigns; or
 - b) ceases to represent the original Member for any reason; or
 - c) is removed from the position for any reason; or
 - d) his Member Company ceases to be a Corporate Member for any reason.

A new election will be conducted, only for the remaining term.

8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

- 8.1 Not less than 21 days of notice for the Annual General Meeting shall be given to the members, specifying the date, time and venue of the meeting along with a statement on the agenda of the meeting to be transacted. Special Meetings or other meetings of the Governing Council can be convened with 7 days' notice.
- 8.2 The members of the General Body and the members of the Governing Council may participate in a meeting of the members of the General Body or of the Governing Council or any committee of the Governing Council, respectively, by means of telephone or video conference or similar communication equipment/technology allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear and communicate with each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall be deemed to be and constitute presence in person at the meeting. Voting on resolutions by members at such meetings may be accomplished via email or online. It shall be the responsibility of the Director General to coordinate such meetings convened through electronic means.

9. APPOINTMENT AND ROLE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

- 9.1 The Governing Council shall appoint a Director General to undertake all administrative functions of the Society on behalf of the Governing Council.

- 9.2 The candidate for the position of Director General shall satisfy eligibility criteria as decided by the Governing Council, which may include aspects such as a minimum of years prior experience in the field of administrative, managerial and/or secretarial work in the government or non-governmental sector (including industry); experience in the telecommunication, information and technology sector; and appropriate educational qualifications.
- 9.3 The Director General shall be a full-time position and a suitable candidate shall be appointed for a period of two years, subject to renewal by the Governing Council upon satisfactory performance of obligations.
- 9.4 The remuneration payable to the Director General shall be decided by the Governing Council and revised from time to time in accordance with the performance of obligations by the Director General.
- 9.5 The functions of the Director General shall be as decided by the Governing Council. It shall be the sole discretion of the Governing Council to delegate its own functions to the Director General. It is understood that the Director General is a professional position responsible for the smooth administration of the Society in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth under the Memorandum and Rules and Regulations, and applicable law. Such person shall not be a member of the General Body and shall not have voting rights in meetings of the General Body or the Governing Council;
- 9.6 There shall be a Secretariat to assist the functioning of the Society and the Director General. The Secretariat shall be adequately staffed as per the requirement. The remunerations/payments of the staff or outsourced agency shall be decided by the Governing Council.

10. SEAL

The Society shall have a Seal and should be kept in Safe Custody. The Seal of the Society shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of the Director General or any other staff of the society authorized by Governing Council or Director General.

11. INDEMNITY

The Governing Council and the office bearers/officers and staff of the Society shall be indemnified in respect of each and all acts done by them in the capacity of a member/officer/office bearer either jointly or/and severally for the Society in good faith and no office-bearer or Members of the Society/Governing Council shall be liable for any act done by another office-bearer or Member of the Society/Governing Council.

12. PRESS BRIEFING

Only the Chairperson, or Vice Chairperson(s) of the GC, or the Director General under intimation to the Chairperson, shall give a press briefing on the affairs of the Society.

13. FUNDS/ INVESTMENTS

13.1. Sources of Income

The Society shall be self-sustaining and will derive its funding for the development, day to day functioning and fulfilment of objectives through the following means:

- (i) Annual membership subscriptions as mentioned above in the Rules;
- (ii) Grants as sanctioned from the Government from time to time to develop the technology and innovations ecosystem;
- (iii) Contributions from the Corporate Social Responsibility fund;
- (iv) Through loans, which the Governing Council can raise on behalf of the Society for research purposes;
- (v) Funds realized from collaboration with national and international institutions.

13.2. Utilization of Funds

- (i) The funds, income and property of the Society, however, derived shall be applied solely for the promotion of its objects as set forth in the Memorandum. The Governing Council shall have the sole discretion to decide the purpose of utilization of funds. For each disbursement of funds, a certain percentage, as decided by the Governing Council, shall be retained by the Society for furthering the objectives of the Society.
- (ii) No portion of the funds, income or property aforesaid shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to persons who at any time, are or have been members of the Society or to any one or more of them or to any persons claiming through any

one or more of them. It shall function as a not for profit organization but can build a marginal reserve to offset income fluctuations as permissible under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi.

- (iii) True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received or expended by the Society and the matter in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and shall be open to the inspection of members. At least once every year, the accounts of the Society shall be examined, and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditors or auditors appointed by the General Body.
- (iv) The Governing Council shall prepare and submit yearly Budgets of the Society and may bring about any changes in such budgets in subsequent meetings.
- (v) Up to 25% of re-appropriation between budget subheads is allowed to the Governing Council, without prior approval of the Chairperson of the Council. Any amount exceeding this limit will need to be approved by the Chairperson, with the support of sufficient reasons.
- (vi) If the overall budgeted expenditure exceeds 10% of the stipulated amount, the same needs to be approved by the Governing Council.
- (vii) The funds may be invested in low risk financial instruments to maximize gain to the Society.

14. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) The Governing Council shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Society as per the decision of the General Body. The Treasurer of the Society, through Director, shall provide all necessary books of accounts and cooperation to the auditor for the purpose.
- (ii) The appointed auditor or chartered accountant shall audit the accounts of the Society once a year and submit the balance sheet and statement account to the Governing Council.

15. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS

In addition to the Register of Members, the Governing Council shall also keep:

- (i) Book of accounts showing particulars of all the receipts and payments and the assets and liabilities of the Society;
- (ii) Minutes of Meetings of the Society;

- (iii) The Book of Accounts of the Society shall be open to the inspection of the members through an authorized representative, at the registered office of the Society during such hours, as the office of the Society remains open on any weekday excluding holidays;
- (iv) The annual report of the Society shall be sent gratis to every member of the Society at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

16. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the Director General, as per provisions laid down under Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi.

17. DISSOLUTION

In the event of a calamity or difficulty rendering it impossible for the Society to continue its existence, or upon winding up or dissolution of the Society, after the satisfaction of all the debts and/ or liabilities of the Society, all the properties/ funds/ assets, shall not be distributed amongst the Members of the Society but shall be given to or transferred to such other societies, trusts or associations having objects similar to that of this Society. The General Body, with at least three-fourth majority voting, at or before the time of dissolution shall make the decision regarding transfer of the above property, funds or assets of the Society. Being a Society formed with participation of Government, approval from Department of Telecommunications needs to be obtained prior to dissolution.

18. ARBITRATION

In case of a dispute regarding the business of the Society, a reference in writing shall be made to the General Body, who will act as the sole arbitrator, and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.

19. AMENDMENT

Alteration, extension or abridgement of purpose, aims and objects or change of name shall be carried out U/S 12 and 12A of the Societies Registration Act of 1860, as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi, shall apply to the Society.

20. APPLICATION OF THE ACT

All the provisions under all the sections of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi shall apply to the Society.

21. POWER OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

21.1. Department of Telecommunications/ Central Government shall have the power to give directions to the Society as to the performance of its functions, where it considers such directions to be necessary:

- a. In the interests of national security; or
- b. In the interests of the national economy; or
- c. Otherwise in the public interest.

21.2. Department of Telecommunications/ Central Government shall also have the power to call for such reports, return and other information with respect to the property and affairs of the Society, the conduct of its business and other matters connected with the performance of its functions, as it may consider necessary.

21.3. The Society shall be bound to comply with all directions issued by the Central Government under sub-rule (1) or (2) of these rules.

22. ESSENTIAL CERTIFICATE

Certified that this document, containing 30 pages, is the correct copy of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Bharat 6G Alliance.

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