

- (f) the Parties shall ensure that assistance be provided to any person in distress. They shall do so regardless of the nationality or status of such a person or the circumstances in which that person is found; and
- (g) a Party shall promptly provide all relevant information regarding the search and rescue of any person to the consular or diplomatic authorities concerned.

Article 8

Request to Enter the Territory of a Party for Purposes of Search and Rescue Operations

1. A Party requesting permission to enter the territory of a Party or Parties for search and rescue purposes, including for refueling, shall send its request to a search and rescue agency and/or RCC of the relevant Party or Parties.
2. The Party receiving such a request shall immediately confirm such receipt. The receiving Party, through its RCCs, shall advise as soon as possible as to whether entry into its territory has been permitted and the conditions, if any, under which the mission may be undertaken.
3. The Party receiving such a request, as well as any Party through whose territory permission to transit is needed, shall apply, in accordance with its law and international obligations, the most expeditious border crossing procedure possible.

Article 9

Cooperation Among the Parties

1. The Parties shall enhance cooperation among themselves in matters relevant to this Agreement.
2. The Parties shall exchange information that may serve to improve the effectiveness of search and rescue operations. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - (a) communication details;
 - (b) information about search and rescue facilities;