

- (f) confirm that it will not make any claims or bring actions against the Parties for injury, damages or financial losses arising out of activities, or lack thereof, pursuant to this Agreement;
- (g) adhere to the provisions of Article 12 in relation to its use of the System; and
- (h) fulfill any other requirement as may be agreed with the Council.

11.2 Any such State wishing to become a Ground Segment Provider shall notify formal acceptance of its obligations pursuant to Article 11.1 to the Depository which shall inform the Parties. Such notification shall be in the form of a standard letter and shall include the conditions of participation in the System previously agreed with the Council pursuant to Article 11.1.

ARTICLE 12: USER STATES

- 12.1 Any State may utilize the System both through the reception of COSPAS-SARSAT alert and location data and through the deployment of radiobeacons.
- 12.2 Any such State wishing to become a User State shall assume certain responsibilities including:
- (a) to advise the Council or the competent international organization of its point or points of contact for distress alert purposes;
 - (b) to make use of radiobeacons for operation in the System, the characteristics of which comply with appropriate provisions of the International Telecommunication Union and COSPAS-SARSAT specifications;
 - (c) to maintain, as applicable, a radiobeacon register;
 - (d) to exchange COSPAS-SARSAT data in a timely and non-discriminatory manner, in accordance with procedures agreed with the Council;
 - (e) to confirm that it will not make any claims or bring actions against the Parties for injury, damages or financial losses arising out of activities, or lack thereof, pursuant to this Agreement;
 - (f) to participate as necessary in appropriate meetings of the Programme, convened by the Council, on terms and conditions determined by the Council, with a view to resolving relevant administrative, operational and technical issues; and
 - (g) to fulfill any other requirement as may be agreed with the Council.