

ARTICLE 8

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- 8.1 Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement should be settled by negotiations between or among the Parties concerned.
- 8.2 If a settlement cannot be reached by such negotiations, the dispute may, if the affected Parties so agree, be referred to arbitration.

ARTICLE 9

ACCESSION

A State may accede to this Agreement and thereby assume responsibility for the contribution of a basic unit of the existing SARSAT Space Segment, provided it does so in agreement with the Party currently providing that basic unit and in consultation with the other Parties.

ARTICLE 10

WITHDRAWAL

- 10.1 A Party may withdraw from this Agreement.
- 10.2 A Party intending to withdraw shall notify the other Parties to that effect. Such withdrawal shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of notification by the other Parties, or at a later date to be agreed by the Parties.
- 10.3 A Party intending to withdraw from this Agreement shall endeavour to ensure continuity of its existing contribution to the Space Segment and, in that respect, shall consult with the other Parties to determine adjustments in their respective responsibilities.