

**ARTICLE 5:  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES**

- 5.1 The Parties shall contribute to the Programme on a long term basis so as to maintain the Space Segment of the System.
- 5.2 The contribution of a Party shall be at least one of the basic units of the Space Segment of the System.
- 5.3 Each Party shall determine its contribution to the Space Segment of the System.
- 5.4 The initial contributions of the original Parties to the Space Segment, under normal operating conditions, are as follows:
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| Union of Soviet Socialist Republics | 2 platforms<br>2 receiver-processor and memory units<br>2 repeater units |
| United States of America            | 2 platforms  |
| Republic of France                  | 2 receiver-processor and memory units                                    |
| Canada                              | 2 repeater units   |
- 5.5 In the event of a change to the contribution of a Party, that Party shall notify the Depositary of the change.
- 5.6 A Party providing a satellite platform shall be responsible for its operation. Such operation shall be consistent with any technical requirements and the satisfactory performance of the System pursuant to Article 9(d).
- 5.7 The Parties shall ensure administrative, operational and technical coordination among themselves and between the Parties and other Ground Segment Providers, and shall endeavour to keep User States fully informed regarding the System.
- 5.8 The Parties shall endeavour to deliver relevant COSPAS-SARSAT alert and location data to appropriate search and rescue authorities and to coordinate System activities with such authorities.
- 5.9 Parties shall exchange such information as is necessary to permit the performance of their respective obligations pursuant to this Agreement.