

- (j) "Radiotelephone auto alarm" means a warning device which is capable of being actuated automatically by the radiotelephone alarm signal, and which complies with the International Radio Regulations.

## ARTICLE II

### *Purposes of the Agreement*

The purposes of the Agreement are:

- (a) To provide for cooperation between Canada and the United States in the field of governmental regulation and practices relating to fitting, usage and maintenance of radiocommunication equipment for safety purposes aboard specified classes of vessels of all nationalities operating on the Great Lakes of North America;
- (b) To provide the highest practicable standards in matters concerning use of radiocommunication and associated equipment for maritime distress, safety and efficiency of navigation on the Great Lakes;
- (c) To provide uniformity of regulations on radiocommunications for safety purposes to ships of all nationalities operating on the Great Lakes.

## ARTICLE III

### *General Provisions*

1. The Contracting Governments undertake to collaborate in encouraging the highest practicable degree of uniformity in standards for radiocommunication and associated equipment, where such uniformity will facilitate and improve maritime safety and efficiency of navigation on the Great Lakes.

2. The Technical Regulations annexed to this Agreement are an integral part thereof and every reference to this Agreement implies at the same time a reference to the Technical Regulations unless the language or context of the reference clearly excludes the Technical Regulations.

3. The Agreement shall apply to vessels of all countries as provided in Article V.

4. Each Contracting Government agrees that any vessel which is not subject to this Agreement, and which is permitted by such Government to use any radio frequency designated by this Agreement, shall be required, while on the Great Lakes, to use such radio frequency in the same manner as a vessel subject to this Agreement.

5. No provision of this Agreement shall prevent the use by a vessel or survival craft in distress of any means at its disposal to attract attention, make known its position, and obtain help.