

Annex II

ISMA - Structure, functions of bodies and financing

On the example of other specialized agencies of the United Nations system, ISMA's plenary body could be an Assembly consisting of representatives of all members of the Agency.

For the effective conduct of the Agency's activities during the intervals between sessions of the Assembly, a Co-ordinating Council consisting of a limited number of members, would function for the purposes of developing current policies, preparing draft budgets, planning programmes, preparing reports, etc. It would seem advisable for the Co-ordinating Council to consist of appointed members of the Agency possessing national space monitoring facilities; it would also be elected by the Assembly having regard to the need for equitable geographical distribution.

The secretariat of ISMA would consist of a Director-General and such personnel appointed by the Assembly on the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Council as may be needed by the Agency.

In addition to basic procedural matters, the Charter of ISMA could deal with questions of drawing up the current budget and determining its sources of financing. Contributions could be paid to ISMA in accordance with a scale approved by the Assembly. At the same time, it would be advisable to determine some additional possibilities of financing ISMA resulting from the specific characteristics of its operations. Concretely, ISMA's member States could fulfil their financial obligations to the Agency by providing practical services, in particular by putting at ISMA's disposal space monitoring materials as well as national space monitoring equipment and facilities for launching it into space.

In addition, there could be training of ISMA secretariat personnel, experts of the Space Image Processing and Interpretation Centre and other technical personnel.

Another source of financing could be the payment by individual ISMA member States, intergovernmental organizations and other States for services provided by the Agency (monitoring the territory of these States, exploration of natural resources from outer space, verification of regional agreements, etc.).

On the whole, use could be made of the system of financing employed in IAEA (separate administrative and operational budgets, etc.).