ARTICLE 15

Observance of Laws and Regulations

INMARSAT, and all persons enjoying privileges and immunities under this Protocol, shall without prejudice to the other provisions thereof, respect the laws and regulations of the Parties to the Protocol concerned and cooperate at all times with the competent authorities of those Parties in order to ensure the observance of their laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 16

Precautionary Measures

Each Party to the Protocol retains the right to take all precautionary measures necessary in the interest of its security.

ARTICLE 17

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between Parties to the Protocol or between INMARSAT and a Party to the Protocol concerning the interpretation or application of the Protocol shall be settled by negotiation or by some other agreed method. If the dispute is not settled within twelve (12) months, the parties concerned may, by common agreement, refer the dispute for decision to a tribunal of three arbitrators. One of these arbitrators shall be chosen by each of the parties to the dispute, and the third, who shall be the Chairman of the tribunal, shall be chosen by the first two arbitrators. Should the first two arbitrators fail to agree upon the third within two months of their own appointment, the third arbitrator shall be chosen by the President of the International Court of Justice. The tribunal shall adopt its own procedures and its decisions shall be final and binding on the parties to the dispute.

ARTICLE 18

Complementary Agreements

INMARSAT may conclude with any Party to the Protocol complementary agreements to give effect to the provisions of this Protocol as regards such Party to the Protocol to ensure the efficient functioning of INMARSAT.

ARTICLE 19

Signature, Ratification and Accession

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature at London from 1 December 1981 to 31 May 1982.

2. All Parties to the Convention, other than the Headquarters Party, may become Parties to this Protocol by:

(a) signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval; or