

**ARTICLE 10:
THE SECRETARIAT**

- 10.1 The Secretariat shall be the permanent administrative organ for the Programme and shall assist the Council in the implementation of its functions.
- 10.2 The Secretariat shall be managed by a Head of Secretariat, appointed pursuant to procedures approved by the Council.
- 10.3 The Secretariat shall take direction from the Council in the performance of its functions, which include:
- (a) conference services for the meetings of the Council and of its subsidiary organs;
 - (b) administrative services concerning general correspondence, system documentation and promotional materials;
 - (c) technical services including the preparation of reports as instructed by the Council;
 - (d) liaison with Ground Segment Providers, User States and international organizations; and
 - (e) such other services as may be required by the Council for the implementation of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 11:
GROUND SEGMENT PROVIDERS**

- 11.1 Any State planning to establish and operate Ground Segment equipment shall advise the Council of its intention to do so and shall:
- (a) adhere to the technical specifications and operating procedures set by the Council for the purpose of ensuring adequate system performance;
 - (b) endeavour to deliver, in accordance with procedures agreed with the Council, distress alert and location information received through the COSPAS-SARSAT Space Segment to appropriate search and rescue authorities;
 - (c) provide, as agreed with the Council, appropriate performance data in order to confirm compatibility of its Ground Segment equipment with the System;
 - (d) designate an organization to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to this Article;
 - (e) participate in appropriate meetings of the Programme, convened by the Council, on terms and conditions determined by the Council, with a view to resolving relevant administrative, operational and technical issues;