

Article 18***Costs of Meetings***

- (1) Each Party and Signatory shall meet its own costs of representation at meetings of the Organization.
- (2) Expenses of meetings of the Organization shall be regarded as an administrative cost of the Organization. However, no meeting of the Organization shall be held outside its headquarters, unless the prospective host agrees to defray the additional expenditure involved.

Article 19***Establishment of Utilization Charges***

- (1) The Council shall specify the units of measurement for the various types of utilization of the INMARSAT space segment and shall establish charges for such utilization. These charges shall have the objective of earning sufficient revenues for the Organization to cover its operating, maintenance, and administrative costs, the provision of such operating funds as the Council may determine to be necessary, the amortization of investment made by Signatories, and compensation for use of capital in accordance with the Operating Agreement.
- (2) The rates of utilization charge for each type of utilization shall be the same for all Signatories for that type of utilization.
- (3) For entities, other than Signatories, which are authorized in accordance with Article 7 to utilize the INMARSAT space segment, the Council may establish rates of utilization charge different from those established for Signatories. The rates for each type of utilization shall be the same for all such entities for that type of utilization.

Article 20***Procurement***

- (1) The procurement policy of the Council shall be such as to encourage, in the interests of the Organization, world-wide competition in the supply of goods and services. To this end:
 - (a) Procurement of goods and services required by the Organization, whether by purchase or lease, shall be effected by the award of contracts, based on responses to open international invitations to tender.
 - (b) Contracts shall be awarded to bidders offering the best combination of quality, price and the most favourable delivery time.
 - (c) If there are bids offering comparable combinations of quality, price and the most favourable delivery time, the Council shall award the contract so as to give effect to the procurement policy set out above.
- (2) In the following cases the requirement of open international tender may be dispensed with under procedures adopted by the Council, provided that in so doing the Council shall encourage in the interests of the Organization world-wide competition in the supply of goods and services: