

- (e) "INMARSAT space segment" means the space segment owned or leased by INMARSAT.
- (f) "Ship" means a vessel of any type operating in the marine environment. It includes *inter alia* hydrofoil boats, air-cushion vehicles, submersibles, floating craft and platforms not permanently moored.
- (g) "Property" means anything that can be the subject of a right of ownership, including contractual rights.

## Article 2

### *Establishment of INMARSAT*

- (1) The International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), herein referred to as "the Organization", is hereby established.
- (2) The Operating Agreement shall be concluded in conformity with the provisions of this Convention and shall be opened for signature at the same time as this Convention.
- (3) Each Party shall sign the Operating Agreement or shall designate a competent entity, public or private, subject to the jurisdiction of that Party, which shall sign the Operating Agreement.
- (4) Telecommunications administrations and entities may, subject to applicable domestic law, negotiate and enter directly into appropriate traffic agreements with respect to their use of telecommunications facilities provided pursuant to this Convention and the Operating Agreement, as well as with respect to services to be furnished to the public, facilities, division of revenues and related business arrangements.

## Article 3

### *Purpose*

- (1) The purpose of the Organization is to make provision for the space segment necessary for improving maritime communications, thereby assisting in improving distress and safety of life at sea communications, efficiency and management of ships, maritime public correspondence services and radiodetermination capabilities.
- (2) The Organization shall seek to serve all areas where there is need for maritime communications.
- (3) The Organization shall act exclusively for peaceful purposes.

## Article 4

### *Relations between a Party and its Designated Entity*

Where a Signatory is an entity designated by a Party:

- (a) Relations between the Party and the Signatory shall be governed by applicable domestic law.