

Article 17. To supplement the Alpha network, a number of additional high quality stations referred to as Beta stations shall be established. The Beta stations to be used initially are listed in Table 3, annexed to this Protocol. The Beta stations shall be established and operated by the State Party on which territory it is situated. The Agency shall, if requested, provide technical assistance to a State Party in this regard. The Beta stations shall meet the technical and operational requirements specified in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Seismological Data. Data from the Beta stations is to be requested by the International Data Center and shall be immediately available through on-line computer connections.

Article 18. The Agency shall control the quality of the network of Beta stations and evaluate its overall performance. The Board of Governors of the Agency may amend the network by adding or deleting stations in the annexed Table 3, which is not an integral part of the Treaty.

Article 19. The International Data Centre shall routinely receive all seismological data contributed to the international exchange by its participants, process and distribute these data to all participants within two days, store all data contributed by participants as well as the results of the processing at the Centre. The procedures to be used at the Centre are laid down in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Seismological Data. The Centre shall further coordinate requests for additional seismological data from one State Party to another Party and make such data available to all States Parties.

Article 20. Each State Party is encouraged to assist in the assessment of the nature of the seismic events located by the International Data Centre by contributing any additional information available about events located in its own territory.