

Article 14. The Agency shall, in cooperation with the States Parties, establish and operate a specified network of high quality seismological stations. This network consists initially of the stations specified in Table 1, annexed to this Protocol. These stations shall fulfill the technical and operational requirements summarized in table 2 and further specified in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Seismological Data. Uninterrupted data from the Alpha stations shall be transmitted on-line to the International Data Center.

Article 15. The Agency shall control the quality of the network of Alpha stations and evaluate its overall performance. The Board of Governors of the Agency may amend the network by technically upgrading stations and by adding or deleting stations in the annexed Table 1, which is not an integral part of the Treaty.

Article 16. The Agency shall make the necessary legal and other arrangements with the States Parties to establish and operate one or several Alpha stations on its territory. For an existing facility, a State Party shall give the Agency authority to use the station as an Alpha station as specified in the Operational Manual for International Exchange of Seismological Data and to make necessary changes in the equipment and the operational procedures to meet these requirements. A State Party shall cooperate with the Agency to establish a new station at a site to be agreed upon. The State Party shall provide the required land for the station free of charge and cooperate with the Agency in establishing the station and the infrastructure needed to support it. A State Party shall also transfer authority to operate the station or stations to the Agency and cooperate with the Agency in the routine operation.