

## CHAPTER VI

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

## ARTICLE 20

*Frequency measuring stations*

The contracting Governments agree to make necessary arrangements for the maintenance of frequency measuring stations.

## ARTICLE 21

*Emergency communications*

Subject to the internal regulations of each country, any radio transmitting stations, may, during a period of emergency in which normal communications facilities are disrupted as a result of hurricane, flood, earthquake or similar disaster, carry on emergency communication with points other than those normally authorized.

## ARTICLE 22

*Safety of life at sea and in the air*

§ 1. The contracting Governments shall take appropriate measures to insure the establishment and maintenance of adequate radio services, operated or licensed by the Government for the safety of navigation by sea and air.

§ 2. Further to promote the safety of life at sea and in the air, the contracting Governments which are party to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Telecommunications Convention currently in force, or to one or more of them, undertake to give effect to the appropriate radio provisions thereof, to promulgate all related regulations necessary to give those provisions full and complete effect.

§ 3. The contracting Governments which are not party to any of the above-mentioned international instruments undertake to promulgate such regulations and to take all other necessary measures to promote the use of radio for safety of life at sea and in the air in accordance with the objectives and within the framework of those agreements.

## ARTICLE 23

*Facilities for transmission of meteorological information*

The contracting Governments recognize that the rapid collection and dissemination of meteorological information are necessary for the provision of adequate meteorological service. They agree to arrange for the use of existing telecommunications facilities and, if necessary, to establish or arrange for the establishment of additional telecommunications facilities for the purpose of transmitting and receiving meteorological information in accordance with continental, regional and bilateral agreements among the national meteorological services concerned. Such meteorological information ordinarily includes:

- a) Current meteorological reports made on land and ship board, which are based upon synoptic and supplemental surface observations, upper wind observations, and upper level soundings, and aircraft meteorological reports; and
- b) Forecast of future meteorological conditions, which are for the benefit of aviation, shipping and other users.