

ARTICLE 5 - Powers

In the pursuit of its mission and objectives, the Network may:

- a. Enter into contracts or agreements with governments, public or private international or national organizations and agencies, or individuals;
- b. Hire staff and advisors;
- c. Acquire and hold real property or any interest therein and alienate the same, in conformity with the laws of the countries in which such property is situated;
- d. Acquire personal property, including funds, rights and concessions, by purchase, donation, exchange, bequest, or otherwise, from any government, organization, or person, and hold, administer, own, operate, use or, dispose of, the same;
- e. Be a party in judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative proceedings in the country or countries in which it is established or elsewhere; and
- f. Engage in such activities as are conducive to the realization of its mission and purposes.

ARTICLE 6 - Membership in INBAR

1. Membership in INBAR shall be open to all States which are members of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies and accept the mission and purposes of INBAR.
2. The original members of the Network shall be the States which sign the present Agreement during the period open for signature specified in Article 20, paragraph 1.
3. After the expiration of the specified period for signature, other States as defined in paragraph 1 of this Article may apply for membership in INBAR by acceding to the present Agreement in accordance with Article 20, paragraphs 2 and 3.
4. Each Member shall designate a competent authority or agency as its focal point for the Network.