

## **Article 15**

### **Amendment Procedure for the Annex**

1. Notwithstanding Article 14 of this Agreement, any two Parties with adjacent search and rescue regions may by mutual agreement amend information contained in paragraph 1 of the Annex to this Agreement setting forth the delimitation between those regions. Such amendment shall enter into force 120 days after the date on which the depositary has received confirmation through diplomatic channels from both Parties that such mutual agreement has entered into force.

2. Notwithstanding Article 14 of this Agreement, any Party may amend that portion of paragraph 2 of the Annex to this Agreement that does not affect the area of any other Party and shall notify the depositary of any such amendment through diplomatic channels. Such amendment shall enter into force 120 days after the date of such notification.

## **Article 16**

### **Relationship with Other Agreements**

With the exception of paragraph 1 of the Annex to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of Parties under agreements between them which are in force on the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

## **Article 17**

### **Settlement of Disputes**

The Parties shall resolve any disputes concerning the application or interpretation of this Agreement through direct negotiations.

## **Article 18**

### **Non-Parties**

Any Party to this Agreement may, where appropriate, seek cooperation with States not party to this Agreement that may be able to contribute to the conduct of search and rescue operations, consistent with existing international agreements.