

ARTICLE 17

The Contracting Parties or the agencies designated by them will agree upon principles for the public release of information relating to operations carried out under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18

(1) The present Agreement shall be subject to any prior international commitments of the Contracting Parties in the field of space research, in particular to the agreement between Canada and the United States of 11 June 1965 concerning the continued joint use, operation and maintenance of the CRR, and to the commitments of the Federal Republic of Germany arising from its membership in the European Communities and in ESRO (European Space Research Organization) and ELDO (European Space Vehicle Launcher Development Organization) as well as from its participation in CETS (European Conference on Telecommunication Satellites).

(2) This Agreement shall be reviewed if difficulties, especially in relation to other international obligations of the Contracting Parties, arise in its implementation.

ARTICLE 19

(1) Disputes between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the present Agreement should as far as possible be settled by the Contracting Parties.

(2) If a dispute cannot thus be settled, it shall upon the request of either Contracting Party be submitted to a tribunal of arbitration.

(3) Such a tribunal shall be constituted for each individual case as follows: Each Contracting Party shall appoint one member, and these two members shall agree upon a national of a third State as their chairman to be appointed by the Governments of the two Contracting Parties. Such members shall be appointed within two months, and such chairman within three months after either Contracting Party has informed the other Contracting Party that it wants to submit the dispute to a tribunal of arbitration.

(4) If the periods specified in paragraph 3, above, have not been observed, either Contracting Party may, in the absence of any other relevant arrangement, invite the President of the International Court of Justice to make the necessary appointments. If the President is a national of either Contracting Party or if he is otherwise prevented from discharging the said function, the Vice-President should make the necessary appointments. If the Vice-President, too, is a national of either of the two Contracting Parties or if he, too, is prevented from discharging the said function, the Member of the Court of Justice next in seniority who is not a national of either Contracting Party should make the necessary appointments.

(5) The tribunal of arbitration shall reach its decisions by a majority of votes on the basis of the agreements existing between the two Contracting Parties and of general international law. Its decisions shall be binding. Each Contracting Party shall bear the cost of its own member and of its representatives in the tribunal's proceedings. The costs of the chairman and the remaining costs shall be borne in equal parts by both Contracting Parties unless the tribunal otherwise decides. In all other respects, the tribunal shall determine its own procedure.