

**ARTICLE 6:  
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Each Party, in conformity with its domestic funding procedures, and subject to the availability of appropriated funds, shall be fully responsible for financing all costs associated with its contribution to the Space Segment as determined pursuant to Article 5, and the common costs arising from the obligations of this Agreement.
- 6.2 Common costs associated with the organization, administration and coordination of the Programme, as agreed in the Council, including those incurred in financing the activities of the Council and the Secretariat, shall be shared equally by the Parties.
- 6.3 The reception and transmission of distress alert data through the COSPAS-SARSAT Space Segment shall be provided free of charge to all States.
- 6.4 Non-Party States choosing to participate in activities associated with the organization, coordination and administration of the Programme as referred to in Article 6.2 may be invited to contribute to the common costs involved under terms determined by the Council.

**ARTICLE 7:  
STRUCTURE**

- 7.1 The following organs shall be established pursuant to this Agreement:
- (a) the Council; and
  - (b) the Secretariat.
- 7.2 The Council may establish subsidiary organs as required for the implementation of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 8:  
THE COUNCIL - COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES**

- 8.1 The Council shall be composed of one representative of each of the Parties who may be accompanied by deputies and advisers.
- 8.2 The Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
- 8.3 The Council shall meet as often as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions, but not less than once a year.
- 8.4 Decisions of the Council shall be taken unanimously.
- 8.5 The languages of the Council shall be English, French and Russian.