

ARTICLE 12

The PrepCom through the PTS shall consult with the Government of Canada on procedures for the PTS to access a facility for checking equipment and communications links, and to make necessary changes in the equipment and other operational procedures, unless the Government of Canada takes responsibility for making the necessary changes. The PTS shall have access to the facility in accordance with such procedures.

ARTICLE 13

The Government of Canada shall transmit data recorded or acquired by any facility to the IDC using the formats and protocols to be specified in the operational manual of the facility. Such transmission of data shall be by the most direct and cost efficient means available via the National Data Centre or via appropriate communications nodes. All communications of data to the PrepCom through the PTS shall be free of fees and any other charges of the Government or any competent authority in Canada, except for charges directly related to the cost of providing a service, which shall not exceed the lowest rates accorded governmental agencies in Canada.

ARTICLE 14

In the case of any disagreement or dispute arising between the Parties relating to the implementation of this Agreement, the Government of Canada and the PrepCom through the PTS shall consult with a view to the expeditious settlement of the disagreement or dispute. In case of failure to resolve the disagreement or dispute, either the Government of Canada or the Executive Secretary of the PrepCom may raise the issue at a plenary session of the Preparatory Commission for its advice and assistance.

ARTICLE 15

The costs for the activities to implement this Agreement shall be arranged in accordance with the relevant budgetary decisions and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Preparatory Commission.

ARTICLE 16

Changes or amendments to this Agreement shall require the same authority as the Agreement itself. The Parties may enter into supplemental Agreements and Appendices as they mutually determine to be necessary.

ARTICLE 17

The Appendix or Appendices to be negotiated pursuant to Article 1 shall form an integral part of this Agreement and any reference to this Agreement shall include such Appendix or Appendices.