- The persons who are responsible for transportation and escorting must first have undergone a prior security investigation, be in possession of a clearance and have received from their employers whatever instruction is required respecting the security of the classified material or equipment for which they are responsible.
- —Each Party shall specify the itineraries to be followed on its territory. In cases where periodic dispatches have to be organized, the loading and unloading points, and the measures required to guarantee the security of classified material and equipment during transit and customs clearance shall be determined by mutual consent between the Parties.

ARTICLE 8

Visits to establishments associated with the implementation of the agreements or with the performance of contracts or subcontracts are subject to prior written approval and to the following rules:

- (a) Visits that do not normally involve access to classified information covered by this Agreement or to areas in which such information is being kept or processed:
 - —clearance for the visit shall be issued in accordance with the terms and conditions in force in the host country;
 - —travel by visitors, be they nationals of either Party or nationals of a third country, shall be monitored.
- (b) Visits involving access to classified information covered by this Agreement, or to areas in which such information is being kept or processed: clearance for the visit shall be issued by the competent national authority of the host country; it may be granted only to the nationals of either Party who are cleared to a level at least equal to the highest classification of the information being kept or processed in these areas.

Request for visits must reach the competent national authority of the host country at least 30 days before the proposed date of the visit; they shall be made through the channels set out in the Appendix hereto.

Every request shall be formulated in compliance with the rules existing in the host country and shall include the following information: surname, given names, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number, position or appointment and security clearance of the visitor as well as the name and address of the establishment to be visited with the name and title of the person to be visited, if known, the employing or sponsoring organization of the visitor and the purpose of the visit, including details of the subjects and classification of information to be discussed.

A visit clearance shall be valid only for a specified date or period; in order to facilitate co-operation between the Parties, however, a schedule of visits spread over a period not exceeding 12 months may be drawn up.