2. All classified information transmitted between the Parties pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to and protected in accordance with applicable security of information agreements and arrangements between the Parties.

Article XVI

1. The Sending State shall ensure that the members of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component are medically fit to conduct cooperative activities upon entry into the Receiving State.

2. Unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties, any medical treatment or medical evacuation provided or arranged by the Receiving State for members of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component shall be on a full cost-recovery basis.

Article XVII

1. The Visiting Force and the Civilian Component may acquire or use materials, supplies, equipment and services in the Receiving State, for their own consumption or for the exclusive and official use of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component, under conditions comparable in respect of any taxes, duties or similar charges on acquisition or the use of such materials, supplies, equipment and services to those applicable to the Force of the Receiving State, to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of the Receiving State.

2. Such materials, supplies and equipment subject to the preferential treatment under paragraph 1 shall not be disposed of in the Receiving State to persons not entitled to acquire or use such materials, supplies and equipment under such condition, unless otherwise authorised by the Receiving State.

3. Neither members of the Visiting Force nor of the Civilian Component shall, by reason of this Article, enjoy any preferential treatment relating to personal acquisitions or use of materials, supplies, equipment and services in the Receiving State.

4. When the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component engages local labour in the Receiving State, the conditions of employment and work, the conditions for the protection of workers, and the rights of workers concerning labour relations shall comply with the laws and regulations of the Receiving State.

Article XVIII

1. Unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties, each Party shall, within the limits of its available resources, be responsible for its own costs of participation in the cooperative activities.

2. Where the Parties decide to share any costs of participation associated with the implementation of this Agreement or with the conduct of cooperative activities, such costs shall be shared on an equitable basis, taking into account the principle of proportionality, unless otherwise mutually determined by the Parties.

Article XIX

1. The members of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the Receiving State on foreign exchange, and, where applicable, to those of the Sending State.

2. The liability for taxes and duties, other than those for which other provisions are made under this Agreement, of a member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component shall be governed by the applicable laws and regulations of the Parties, as well as any agreement between the Parties in relation to such taxes or duties, including any convention between the Parties for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital gains.

Article XX

1. The Parties shall implement this Agreement in a manner consistent with the protection of the environment, cultural heritage and human health and safety.

2. Upon request from either Party, the Parties shall consult and exchange appropriate information regarding issues that could affect the environment, cultural heritage or human health and safety in the Receiving State.

3. The Sending State shall, in cooperation with the Receiving State, promptly take appropriate measures to address any damage or potential damage to the environment, cultural heritage or human health and safety, having regard to the laws and regulations of the Receiving State and following consultation between the Parties through the Joint Committee established under Article XXVII.