(b) coordinating, informing and cohering GCAP technical and programme requirements of the Parties inter alia through the provision of secretariat and administrative support to the SC and any subordinate committees;

(c) placements of the GCAP contracts for all the phases of the GCAP in order to deliver all joint requirements and, where requested, single or dual nation requirements;

(d) definition, prioritisation, decomposition and derivation of technical requirements into contract packages under the requirements set forth by the SC;

(e) examination and resolution of problems concerning the delivery of GCAP technical and programme requirements, reverting to the SC with proposed resolutions of programme requirements that can not be met;

(f) coordination and management for airworthiness and qualification aspects in support of national regulations and requirements;

(g) submission to the SC of an annual budget, both administrative and operational, and longer term financial plans; and

(h) management and support to GCAP exports to be carried out in accordance with laws, regulations and control regime obligations of the Parties and according to applicable international agreements.

(2) A comprehensive description of the tasks of the Agency may be detailed in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 13

(1) The GCAP contracts with Industry shall be negotiated, concluded and managed by the Agency on behalf of the GIGO in accordance with the regulations and procedures for procurement detailed in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties and in compliance with the pertinent provisions of this Convention, including the security provisions set forth in Chapter IX.

(2) The Agency shall have the responsibility of supervising and monitoring Industry activities in accordance with contract arrangements.

(3) Without prejudice to the general ability of the relevant authorities of the Parties to enter into further arrangements in relation to decision making within the GIGO, the relevant authorities of the Parties may define in a further arrangement the circumstances in which the SC must approve a contract prior to the Agency entering into it.

CHAPTER IV

THE GCAP AGENCY STRUCTURE

ARTICLE 14

(1) The Agency shall be led by a Chief Executive (hereinafter referred to as the "CE") elected by the SC.

(2) The CE shall be assisted in its function by Directors leading the main departments of the Agency.

(3) The CE shall be directly responsible to the SC for the operation of the Agency.

(4) The structure of the Agency shall be defined in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 15

(1) The CE and the Director posts shall be filled by nationals of different Parties according to a mechanism that shall preserve a balance between the Parties. Such a mechanism, the procedures for the appointment, as well as the recruitment of the Agency Personnel and their terms of office shall be defined in a further arrangement between the relevant authorities of the Parties.

(2) For the purposes of this Convention, "Agency Personnel" shall mean all personnel who have a written arrangement with the Agency to work directly for it. Each Party shall respect the international character of the responsibilities of the Agency Personnel and shall not seek to influence them in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 16

(1) The Agency Personnel shall primarily be composed of government officials drawn from the Parties. However, the Agency shall have the ability to engage (including by employing, hiring, appointing or contracting for work) the nationals of the Parties and, in case specialist competences are required for a time deemed necessary, skilled personnel who might not be nationals of the Parties.

(2) Key positions, as defined by the SC, shall be held by government officials drawn from the Parties.