

- 9.4.4 As an emergency measure, use of flight levels spaced by half the applicable vertical separation minimum may be resorted to temporarily if standard procedural separation cannot be provided immediately.

## 9.5 GROUND RADIO FAILURE

- 9.5.1 In the event of complete failure of the ground radio equipment used for control, the controller will, unless able to continue to provide the Radar surveillance service by means of other available communication channels, proceed as follows:
- a. without delay inform all adjacent control positions or ATC units, as applicable, of the failure;
  - b. apprise such positions or units of the current traffic situation;
  - c. request their assistance, in respect of aircraft which may establish communications with those positions or units, in establishing and maintaining separation between such aircraft; and
  - d. instruct adjacent control positions or ATC units to hold or re-route all controlled flights outside the area of responsibility of the position or ATC unit that has experienced the failure until such time that the provision of normal services can be resumed.
- 9.5.2 In order to reduce the impact of complete ground radio equipment failure on the safety of air traffic, the control positions and ATC units should follow the contingency procedure.