

ARTICLE 13

Charges for Airports and Aviation Facilities and Services

1. For the purposes of this Article, "user charge" means a charge imposed on airlines for the provision of airport, air navigation, or aviation safety or security facilities or services including related services and facilities.
2. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that user charges that may be imposed by the competent charging authorities or bodies of each Contracting Party on the airlines of the other Contracting Party for the use of air navigation and air traffic control services shall be just, reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory. In any event, any such user charges shall be assessed on the airlines of the other Contracting Party on terms not less favourable than the most favourable terms available to any other airline.
3. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that user charges that may be imposed by the competent charging authorities or bodies of each Contracting Party on the airlines of the other Contracting Party for the use of airport, aviation security and related facilities and services shall be just, reasonable, not unjustly discriminatory, and equitably apportioned among categories of users. In any event, any such user charges shall be assessed on the airlines of the other Contracting Party on terms not less favourable than the most favourable terms available to any other airline at the time the charges are assessed.
4. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that user charges imposed under paragraph 3 of this Article on the airlines of the other Contracting Party shall not exceed the full cost to the competent charging authorities or bodies of providing the appropriate airport, aviation security and related facilities and services at the airport or within the airport system. Such charges may include a reasonable return on assets, after depreciation. Facilities and services for which charges are made shall be provided on an efficient and economic basis.