

(2) Either Contracting Party may request consultations, which may be either oral or in writing and shall begin within a period of sixty (60) days of the date of receipt of the request, unless both Contracting Parties agree to an extension of this period.

ARTICLE 17

Settlement of Disputes

(1) If any dispute arises between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall in the first place endeavour to settle it by negotiation.

(2) If the Contracting Parties fail to reach a settlement by negotiation, they may agree to refer the dispute for decision to some person or body; if they do not so agree, the dispute shall at the request of either Contracting Party be submitted for decision to a tribunal of three arbitrators, one to be nominated by each Contracting Party and the third to be appointed by the two so nominated. Each of the Contracting Parties shall nominate an arbitrator within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of receipt by either Contracting Party from the other of a notice through diplomatic channels requesting arbitration of the dispute by such a tribunal, and the third arbitrator shall be appointed within a further period of sixty (60) days. If either of the Contracting Parties fails to nominate an arbitrator within the period specified, or if the third arbitrator is not appointed within the period specified, the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation may at the request of either Contracting Party appoint an arbitrator or arbitrators as the case requires. In such case, the third arbitrator shall be a national of a third State and shall act as President of the arbitral tribunal.

(3) The Contracting Parties shall comply with any decision given under paragraph (2) of this Article.

(4) The expenses of the national arbitrators shall be borne by the respective Contracting Parties. All other expenses of the arbitral tribunal, including the fees and expenses of the third arbitrator, shall be shared equally by the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 18

Amendment

If either of the Contracting Parties considers it desirable to modify any provision of this Agreement including the annexed Schedule, such modification, if agreed between the Contracting Parties and if necessary after consultation in accordance with Article 16 of this Agreement, shall come into effect when confirmed by an exchange of Notes, through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 19

Termination

Either Contracting Party may at any time give notice in writing through diplomatic channels to the other Contracting Party of its decision to terminate this Agreement; such notice shall be communicated simultaneously to the International Civil Aviation Organisation. The Agreement shall terminate one