

ARTICLE 17

Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a committee composed of representatives of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee").
2. The Joint Committee shall identify aeronautical authorities and other competent authorities for matters covered under this Agreement and facilitate contacts between them.
3. The Joint Committee shall meet as and when necessary and at least once a year. Either Party may request the convening of a meeting.
4. A Party may also request a meeting of the Joint Committee to consult regarding any question relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement and to seek to resolve any concerns raised by the other Party. Such a meeting shall begin at the earliest possible date, but not later than two months from the date of receipt of the request, unless the Parties decide otherwise.
5. The Joint Committee shall adopt decisions where expressly provided by the Agreement.
6. The Joint Committee shall foster cooperation between the Parties and may consider any matter related to the operation or implementation of this Agreement, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) reviewing market conditions affecting air services under this Agreement;
 - (b) exchanging information, including advising as to changes to domestic law and policies, which affect the Agreement;
 - (c) considering potential areas for the further development of the Agreement, including the recommendation of amendments to the Agreement;
 - (d) recommending conditions, procedures, and amendments required for new Member States to become Parties to this Agreement; and
 - (e) discussing issues related to investment, ownership and control, and confirming when the conditions for the progressive opening of traffic rights as set out in Annex 2 of this Agreement are met.
7. The Joint Committee shall develop cooperation and foster expert-level exchanges on new legislative or regulatory initiatives.
8. The Joint Committee shall adopt, by decision, its rules of procedure.
9. All decisions of the Joint Committee shall be made by consensus.