

ARTICLE XVII
(Airline Representatives)

1. The designated airline or airlines of one Contracting Party shall be allowed, on the basis of reciprocity, to bring into and to maintain in the territory of the other Contracting Party their representatives and commercial, operational and technical staff as required in connection with the operation of agreed services.
2. These staff requirements may, at the option of the designated airline or airlines of one Contracting Party, be satisfied by its own personnel or by using the services of any other organization or company authorized to perform such services in the territory of the other Contracting Party in accordance with the laws and regulations of that Contracting Party.
3. The representatives and staff shall be subject to the laws and regulations in force of the other Contracting Party, and, consistent with such laws and regulations:
 - (a) each Contracting Party shall, on the basis of reciprocity and with the minimum of delay, grant the necessary employment authorizations, visitor visas or other similar documents to the representatives and staff referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article; and
 - (b) both Contracting Parties shall facilitate and expedite the requirement of employment authorizations for personnel performing certain temporary duties not exceeding ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE XVIII
(Ground Handling)

Each designated airline may provide its own ground handling in the territory of the other Contracting Party and, subject to the domestic laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party, to have ground handling services provided in the whole or in part by selecting among organizations or companies authorized by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party to provide such services. Where a designated airline of one Contracting Party is precluded from using its own ground handling in the territory of the other Contracting Party, access to such services shall be available without preference or discrimination to any airline engaged in similar international air services. To the extent permitted under the national laws and regulations, designated airlines shall be permitted to acquire the services of any entity or personnel authorized by the other Contracting Party to perform ground handling and technical services. The foregoing shall be effected on the basis of reciprocity.