

3. Consultations concerning the safety standards and requirements maintained and administered by the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party relating to aeronautical facilities, crew members, aircraft, and operation of the designated airlines shall be held within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a request from either Contracting Party, or such other period as may be mutually determined by the Contracting Parties. If, following such consultations, the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party find that the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party do not effectively maintain and administer safety standards and requirements in these areas that are at least equal to the minimum standards established pursuant to the Convention, the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party shall be notified of such findings and of the steps considered necessary to conform with these minimum standards. Failure to take appropriate corrective action within fifteen (15) days, or such other period as may be accepted by the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Party that made the findings, shall constitute grounds for withholding, revoking, suspending or imposing conditions on the authorizations of the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party.

4. Pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention, each Contracting Party agrees that any aircraft operated by or, where approved, on behalf of, an airline of one Contracting Party, may, while within the territory of the other Contracting Party, be the subject of an examination by the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party, on board and around the aircraft to verify the validity of the relevant aircraft documents and those of its crew members and the apparent condition of the aircraft and its equipment (in this Article called "ramp inspection"), provided such ramp inspection does not cause an unreasonable delay in the operation of the aircraft.

5. If the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party, after carrying out a ramp inspection, find that:

- (a) an aircraft or the operation of an aircraft does not comply with the minimum standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention; and/or