

ARTICLE XVII

Consultations

1. In a spirit of close co-operation, the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Parties shall consult each other from time to time with a view to ensuring the implementation of, and satisfactory compliance with, the provisions of this Agreement.

2. Such consultations shall begin within a period of sixty (60) days of the date of receipt of such a request, unless otherwise decided.

ARTICLE XVIII

Amendment of Agreement

If either of the Contracting Parties considers it desirable to amend any provision of this Agreement, it may request consultations with the other Contracting Party. Such consultations, which may be between aeronautical authorities and which may be through discussion or by correspondence, shall begin within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the request unless otherwise jointly decided. Any amendments so negotiated shall come into force and shall form an integral part of this Agreement when they have been confirmed by an exchange of notes through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE XIX

Settlement of Disputes

1. If any dispute arises between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this 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 jointly decide to refer the dispute for decision to some person or body, or either Contracting Party may submit the dispute 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 arbitrators.

3. Within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of receipt by either Contracting Party from the other Contracting Party of a note through the diplomatic channel requesting arbitration of the dispute by a tribunal, each Contracting Party shall nominate an arbitrator. Within a period of sixty (60) days from the appointment of the arbitrator last appointed, the two arbitrators shall appoint a president who shall be a national of a third State. If within sixty (60) days after one of the Contracting Parties has nominated its arbitrator, the other Contracting Party has not nominated its own or, if within sixty (60) days following the nomination of the second arbitrator, both arbitrators have not agreed on the appointment of the president, either Contracting Party may request the President of