

## ARTICLE 8

### Aviation Security

1. Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligation to each other to protect the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference forms an integral part of this Agreement.
2. Without limiting the generality of their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties shall act in conformity with the provisions of the *Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft*, done at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft*, done at The Hague on 16 December 1970, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 23 September 1971, the *Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988, and the *Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection*, done at Montreal on 1 March 1991 and any other multilateral agreement governing aviation security binding on both Contracting Parties.
3. The Contracting Parties shall provide on request all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew members, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.
4. The Contracting Parties shall act in conformity with the aviation security provisions established by the International Civil Aviation Organization and designated as Annexes to the Convention to the extent that those security provisions are applicable to the Contracting Parties; they shall require that aircraft operators of their registry, aircraft operators who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory, and the operators of airports located in their territory act in conformity with those aviation security provisions.
5. Each Contracting Party, on request, shall provide the other Contracting Party notification of any difference between its national laws, regulations and practices and the aviation security standards of the Annexes referred to in paragraph 4. Either Contracting Party may at any time request consultations, to be held without delay, with the other Contracting Party to discuss any of those differences.
6. Each Contracting Party confirms that its aircraft operators may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph 4 required by the other Contracting Party for entry into, departure from, or while within the territory of that other Contracting Party. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that adequate measures are effectively applied within its territory to protect the aircraft and to inspect passengers, crew members, carry-on items, baggage, cargo, including mail, and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding and loading.
7. Each Contracting Party shall, as far as may be practicable, meet any request from the other Contracting Party for reasonable special security measures to respond to a particular threat. These special security measures shall remain in effect until alternative equivalent measures have been accepted by the Contracting Party requesting the measures.