

through its agents. Such airline shall have the right to sell such transportation, and any person shall be free to purchase such transportation in the currency of that territory or in freely convertible currencies of other countries, subject to relevant national laws and regulations.

2. Each Contracting Party grants to the designated airline of the other Contracting Party the right of free transfer of funds obtained in the normal course of its operations. Such transfers shall be effected in accordance with relevant national regulations relating to foreign currency exchange at the time of the transfer and shall not be subject to any charges except those normally collected by banks for such transactions.

ARTICLE XVII

1. The designated airline of one Contracting Party shall be allowed, on the basis of reciprocity, to maintain in the territory of the other Contracting Party its representatives and commercial, operational and technical staff as required in connection with the operation of agreed services.

2. Such 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 each Contracting Party shall, on the basis of reciprocity and with the minimum of delay, grant the necessary work permits, employment visas or other similar documents to the representatives referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. Both Contracting Parties shall dispense with the requirement of work permits or special working visas for personnel performing certain temporary services and duties except in special circumstances determined by the National Authorities concerned. Where such work permits are required, they shall be issued promptly free of charge so as not to delay the disembarkation and entry into the State of the personnel concerned.

4. These staff requirements may, at the option of the designated airline, be satisfied by; its own personnel or by using the services of any other competent organization, company or airline operating in the territory of the other Contracting Party, and authorized to perform such services in the territory of that Contracting Party. Notwithstanding this provision, should a designated airline choose not to provide its own ground and ramp handling services, it shall only use the services of an organization approved by the aeronautical authorities of that Contracting Party.

ARTICLE XVIII

1. The provisions set out in Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, XIII, XVI and XVII, of this Agreement shall be applicable also to charter flights operated by an airline of one Contracting Party into or from the territory of the other Contracting Party and to the airline operating such flights.

2. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to imply any obligation on either aeronautical authority to approve charter flights by any airline of the other Contracting Party.