

ARTICLE 16

Ground Handling

1. Each Contracting Party shall permit the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party when operating in its territory, on the basis of reciprocity, to perform their own ground handling in its territory and, at their option, to have ground handling services provided in whole or in part by any agent authorized by its competent authorities to provide such services.
2. The exercise of the rights set forth in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be subject only to physical or operational constraints resulting from considerations of airport safety or security. Any such constraints shall be applied uniformly and on terms no less favourable than the most favourable terms available to any airline engaged in similar international air services at the time the constraints are imposed.

ARTICLE 17

Sales and Transfer of Funds

Each Contracting Party shall permit the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party:

- (a) to engage in the sale of air transportation in its territory directly or, at the discretion of the designated airlines, through their agents and to sell transportation in the currency of that territory or, at the discretion of the designated airlines, in freely convertible currencies of other countries, and any person shall be free to purchase such transportation in currencies accepted by those airlines;
- (b) to convert and remit abroad, on demand, funds obtained in the normal course of their operations. Such conversion and remittance shall be permitted without restrictions or delay at the foreign exchange market rates for current payments prevailing at the time of submission of the request for transfer, and shall not be subject to any charges except normal service charges collected by banks for such transactions; and
- (c) to pay local expenses, including purchases of fuel, in its territory in local currency, or at the discretion of the designated airlines, in freely convertible currencies.