

such damage and the operator or the person entitled to use the aircraft at the time the damage occurred, or by the law relating to workmen's compensation applicable to a contract of employment between such persons.

*Article 26.*

This Convention shall not apply to damage caused by military, customs or police aircraft.

*Article 27.*

Contracting States will, as far as possible, facilitate payment of compensation under the provisions of this Convention in the currency of the State where the damage occurred.

*Article 28.*

If legislative measures are necessary in any Contracting State to give effect of this Convention, the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization shall be informed forthwith of the measures so taken.

*Article 29.*

As between Contracting States which have also ratified the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Damage caused by Aircraft to Third Parties on the Surface opened for signature at Rome on the 29 May 1933, the present Convention upon its entry into force shall supersede the said Convention of Rome.

*Article 30.*

For the purposes of this Convention:

—“Person” means any natural or legal person, including a State.

—“Contracting State” means any State which has ratified or adhered to this Convention and whose denunciation thereof has not become effective.

—“Territory of a State” means the metropolitan territory of a State and all territories for the foreign relations of which that State is responsible, subject to the provisions of Article 36.

CHAPTER VI.

FINAL PROVISIONS.

*Article 31.*

This Convention shall remain open for signature on behalf of any State until it comes into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 33.

*Article 32.*

1. This Convention shall be subject to ratification by the signatory States.
2. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the International Civil Aviation Organization.

*Article 33.*

1. As soon as five of the signatory States have deposited their instruments of ratification of this Convention, it shall come into force between them on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit of the fifth instrument of ratification. It shall come into force, for each State which deposits its instrument of ratification after that date, on the ninetieth day after the deposit of its instrument of ratification.