

ARTICLE 16

Ground Handling

1. Each Contracting Party shall permit the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party when operating in its territory:

- (a) 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 those services; and
- (b) to provide ground handling services for other airlines operating at the same airport.

2. The exercise of the permissions specified in subparagraphs 1(a) and (b) shall be subject only to physical or operational constraints resulting from airport safety or security considerations. Any 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 its territory or, at the discretion of the designated airlines, in freely convertible currencies of other countries, and any person shall be free to purchase that transportation in currencies accepted by those airlines;
- (b) to convert and remit abroad, on demand, funds obtained in the normal course of their operations. The 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, other than 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.