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- 6. When a Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Party has departed from the provisions of this Article, the first Party may request immediate consultations with the other Party. Failure by the Parties to reach a satisfactory resolution of the matter within 15 days from the date of receipt of such request shall constitute grounds for withholding, revoking, limiting or imposing conditions on the operating authorizations or technical permissions of an operator of aircraft of the other Party to operate air transport services authorized by this Agreement. When justified by an emergency, a Party may take interim action prior to the expiry of 15 days.
- 7. Each Party shall also give sympathetic consideration to a request from the other Party to enter into reciprocal administrative arrangements whereby the aeronautical authorities of one Party could make in the territory of the other Party their own assessment of the security measures being carried out by aircraft operators in respect of flights destined to the territory of the first Party.

ARTICLE 15

Statistics

The aeronautical authorities of both Parties shall continue the program which has been inaugurated of joint preparation of agreed true origin and destination statistics for air passenger traffic over the routes operated pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16

Consultations and High Level Meetings

- 1. The Parties shall at all times endeavour to agree on the interpretation and application of this Agreement, and shall make every attempt through cooperation, exchange of information and consultations to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution of any matter that might affect its operation.
- 2. Either Party may request consultations regarding any aspect of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any actual or proposed measure or any matter that it considers affects the interpretation or application of this Agreement. On matters which the requesting Party deems and states to be urgent, such consultations shall commence within 15 days of the date of delivery of the request, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties. In all other cases consultations shall commence at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days from the date of receipt of the request for consultations, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.
- 3. The Parties shall make every attempt to arrive as expeditiously as possible at a mutually satisfactory resolution of any matter through consultations. To the extent one Party has requested consultations regarding an actual or proposed measure of a State, Provincial, or local government or authority of the other Party, which the requesting Party believes to be inconsistent with this Agreement, such other Party shall bring the requesting Party's views to the attention of the relevant governmental unit or authority.