

ARTICLE 19

Settlement of Disputes

1. If any dispute arises between the Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall in the first place endeavour to settle it by negotiation.

2. If the Contracting Parties fail to reach a settlement by negotiation, they may agree to refer the dispute for decision to some person or body, or either Contracting Party may submit the dispute for decision to a Tribunal of three arbitrators.

3. The arbitral tribunal shall be constituted as follows:

Each of the Contracting Parties shall nominate an arbitrator within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of receipt, through diplomatic channels, of a request for arbitration. These two arbitrators shall by agreement appoint a third arbitrator within a further period of sixty (60) days. The third arbitrator shall be a national of a third State, shall act as President of the Tribunal and shall determine the place where arbitration will be held.

If either of the Contracting Parties fails to nominate an arbitrator within the period specified, or if the third arbitrator is not appointed within the period specified, the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization may be requested by either Contracting Party to appoint an arbitrator or arbitrators as the case requires.

4. The Contracting Parties undertake to comply with any decision or award given under paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.

If either Contracting Party fails to comply with such decision, the other Contracting Party shall have grounds for the application of Article 5 of this Agreement.

5. The expenses of the Arbitral Tribunal shall be shared equally between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 20

Modifications

1. If either of the Contracting Parties considers it desirable to modify any provision of this Agreement, it may request consultations with the other Contracting Party. Such consultations, which may be between aeronautical authorities and which may be through discussion or by correspondence, shall begin within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the request.

2. If a general multilateral air convention comes into force in respect of both Contracting Parties, the provisions of such convention shall prevail. Consultations in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article may be held with a view to determining the extent to which this Agreement is affected by the provisions of the multilateral convention.