

ARTICLE 3

Designation

Each Contracting Party shall have the right to designate, by diplomatic note, an airline or airlines to operate the agreed services on the routes specified in this Agreement for that Contracting Party and to withdraw a designation or to substitute another airline for one previously designated.

ARTICLE 4

Authorization

1. Following receipt of a notice of designation or of substitution pursuant to Article 3, the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party shall, consistent with the laws and regulations¹ of that Contracting Party, issue without delay to the airline so designated the required authorizations to operate the agreed services for which that airline has been designated.

2. The Contracting Parties confirm that, upon receipt of such authorization, the designated airline may begin at any time to operate the agreed services, in whole or in part, provided that the airline complies with the provisions of this Agreement in particular, that tariffs are established in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.

ARTICLE 5

Withholding, Revocation, Suspension and Limitation of Authorization

1. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of Article 4, each Contracting Party shall ensure that its aeronautical authorities have the right to withhold the authorizations referred to in Article 4 with respect to an airline designated by the other Contracting Party, and to revoke, suspend or impose conditions on such authorization, temporarily or permanently:

- (a) in the event of failure by such airline to qualify under the laws and regulations normally applied by the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Party granting the rights;
- (b) in the event of failure by such airline to comply with the laws and regulations of the Contracting Party granting the rights;

¹ For clarity, it is understood that, in the case of El Salvador, the mention of "laws and regulations" in the Agreement also covers the term "rules" in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Law of Civil Aviation of El Salvador.