

ARTICLE 17**Consultations**

Either Contracting Party may at any time request through diplomatic channels consultations on the implementation, interpretation, application or amendment of this Agreement or compliance with this Agreement. These consultations, which may be held between the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Parties, shall begin within sixty (60) days from the date the other Contracting Party receives a written request, unless the Contracting Parties determine otherwise or unless this Agreement provides otherwise.

ARTICLE 18**Amendment**

Any amendment to this Agreement mutually determined pursuant to consultations held under Article 17 shall come into force in accordance with the terms set out in Article 23.

ARTICLE 19**Settlement of Disputes**

1. If any dispute arises between the Contracting Parties regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall first endeavour to settle it by holding consultations in accordance with Article 17.
2. If the dispute is not resolved within 60 days of the commencement of consultations pursuant to paragraph 1, the Contracting Parties may consent 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, one to be nominated by each Contracting Party and the third to be appointed by the two arbitrators. Each of the Contracting Parties shall nominate an arbitrator within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of receipt by either Contracting Party from the other of a written notice through diplomatic channels requesting arbitration of the dispute and the third arbitrator shall be appointed within a further period of sixty (60) days. If one 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. If the President is of the same nationality as one of the Contracting Parties, the most senior vice-president who is not disqualified on that ground shall make the appointment. In all cases 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.
3. The Contracting Parties shall comply with any decision given under paragraph 2.
4. The expenses of the tribunal shall be shared equally between the Contracting Parties.