

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 that territory or, at the discretion of the designated airlines, in freely convertible currencies of other countries, and any person shall be free to purchase the 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 effected in freely convertible currencies and 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 except normal service charges collected by banks for those transactions. Those service charges shall be established in accordance with the national applicable laws of that Contracting Party; 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.

ARTICLE 18**Taxation**

1. Profits or income from the operation of aircraft in international traffic derived by an airline of a Contracting Party, including participation in inter-airline commercial agreements or joint business ventures, shall be exempt from any tax on profits or income imposed by the government of the other Contracting Party.
2. Capital and assets of an airline of a Contracting Party pertaining to the operation of aircraft in international traffic shall be exempt from any tax on capital and assets imposed by the government of the other Contracting Party.
3. Gains from the alienation of aircraft operated in international traffic and movable property pertaining to the operation of such aircraft derived by an airline of a Contracting Party shall be exempt from any tax on gains imposed by the government of the other Contracting Party.