

3. Pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention, each Contracting Party accepts that any aircraft operated by or, where approved, on behalf of an airline of one Contracting Party, may, while within the territory of the other Contracting Party, be the subject of an examination by the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party, on board and around the aircraft to verify the validity of the relevant aircraft documents and those of its crew members and the apparent condition of the aircraft and its equipment (in this Article called "ramp inspection"), provided such ramp inspection does not cause an unreasonable delay in the operation of the aircraft.

4. If the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party, after carrying out a ramp inspection, find that:

- (a) an aircraft or the operation of an aircraft does not comply with the minimum standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention; and/or
- (b) there is a lack of effective maintenance and administration of safety standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention.

the aeronautical authorities of that Contracting Party may, for the purposes of Article 33 of the Convention and at their discretion, determine that the requirements under which the certificates or licenses in respect of that aircraft or its crew members had been issued or rendered valid, or that the requirements under which that aircraft is operated, are not equal to or above the minimum standards established pursuant to the Convention. This same determination may be made in the case of denial of access for ramp inspection.

5. Each Contracting Party, through its aeronautical authorities, shall have the right, without consultation, to withhold, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on the authorization of an airline of the other Contracting Party in the event the aeronautical authorities of the first Contracting Party conclude that immediate action is essential to the safety of airline operations.

6. Any action by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 above shall be discontinued once the basis for the taking of that action ceases to exist.

ARTICLE 9

Aviation Security

1. Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligation to each other to protect the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference forms an integral part of this Agreement.