

5. If a Contracting Party, through its aeronautical authority, 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,

it may, through its aeronautical authority for the purposes of Article 33 of the Convention and at their discretion, determine that the requirements under which the certificates or licences 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 if ramp inspection is denied.

6. If its aeronautical authorities conclude that immediate action is essential to the safety of airline operations, each Contracting Party shall have the right, without consultation, through its aeronautical authorities, to withhold, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on the authorizations of an airline of the other Contracting Party.

7. Any action by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 6 above shall be discontinued once the basis for the taking of that action ceases to exist.

ARTICLE 6

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.

2. Without limiting the generality of their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties shall act in conformity with the provisions of the *Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft*, done at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft*, done at The Hague on 16 December 1970, the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 23 September 1971, the *Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation*, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988, and the *Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection*, done at Montreal on 1 March 1991 and any other multilateral agreement governing aviation security binding upon both Contracting Parties.