

ARTICLE 17

Customs Duties

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(4) The Contracting Parties shall, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security standards and, so far as they are applied by them, the recommended practices established by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and designated as Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and shall require that operators of aircraft of their registry, operators of aircraft who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory, and the operators of airports in their territory, act in conformity with such aviation security provisions. In this paragraph the reference to aviation security standards includes any difference notified by the Contracting Party concerned.

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(5) Each Contracting Party agrees that its operators of aircraft may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph (4) above required by the other Contracting Party for entry into, departure from, or while within the territory of that other Contracting Party. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that effective measures are taken within its territory to protect aircraft and to screen passengers and their carry-on items, and to carry out appropriate checks on crew, baggage, cargo and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding and loading.

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(6) Each Contracting Party shall act favourably on any request from the other

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whether or not such items are

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(7) When an incident or threat of an incident of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft or other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports or air navigation facilities occurs, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other by facilitating communications and other appropriate measures intended to terminate rapidly and safely such incident or threat.

the operator of such aircraft

(8) When a Contracting Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Contracting Party has departed from the provisions of this Article, the first Contracting Party may request immediate consultations with the other Contracting Party. Failure by the Contracting Parties to reach a satisfactory resolution of the matter within 15 days from the date of receipt of such a request shall constitute grounds for withholding, revoking, limiting or imposing conditions on the operating authorisations of an airline or airlines of the other Contracting Party. When justified by an emergency, a Contracting Party may take interim action prior to the expiry of 15 days.

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