

technical, operational and other specialist staff who are required for the provision of air services.

(2) The designated airline or airlines of a Contracting Party shall have the right to engage in the area of the other Contracting Party in the sale of air services either directly or through agents. Each designated airline shall have the right to sell, and any person shall be free to purchase such transportation in local currency or in any other freely convertible currency.

ARTICLE 13

Transfer of Earnings

The designated airline or airlines of Hong Kong shall have the right to convert and remit to Hong Kong on demand local revenues in excess of sums locally disbursed. The designated airline or airlines of Canada shall have the right to convert and remit to Canada on demand local revenues in excess of sums locally disbursed. Conversion and remittance shall be permitted without restrictions at the rate of exchange applicable to current transactions which is in effect at the time such revenues are presented for conversion and remittance.

ARTICLE 14

Airports and Other Facilities

Neither Contracting Party shall give preference to its own airlines over an airline of the other Contracting Party engaged in similar international air services in the application of its customs, immigration, quarantine and similar regulations or in access to airports or in the use of airways, air traffic services and associated facilities under its control.

ARTICLE 15

User Charges

(1) The term "user charge" means a charge made to airlines by the competent authorities or permitted by them to be made for the provision of airport property or facilities or of air navigation facilities, including related services and facilities, for aircraft, their crews, passengers and cargo.

(2) Neither Contracting Party shall impose or permit to be imposed on the designated airline or airlines of the other Contracting Party user charges higher than those imposed on its own airlines operating similar international air services.

(3) Each Contracting Party shall encourage consultation between its competent charging authorities and airlines using the services and facilities, where practicable through the airlines' representative organisations. Reasonable notice should be given to users of any proposals for changes in user charges to enable them to express their views before changes are made. Each Contracting Party shall further encourage the