

ARTICLE XVII

Airline Representatives

1. The designated airline or airlines of one Contracting Party shall be allowed, on the basis of reciprocity, and in accordance with Article XV, to bring into and to maintain in the territory of the other Contracting Party their representatives and commercial, operational and technical staff as required in connection with the operation of agreed services.
2. These staff requirements may, at the option of the designated airline or airlines of one Contracting Party, be satisfied by its own personnel or by using the services of any other organization, company or airline operating in the territory of the other Contracting Party, and authorized to perform such services in the territory of that Contracting Party.
3. The representatives and staff shall be subject to the laws and regulations in force of the other Contracting Party, and, consistent with such laws and regulations:
 - (a) each Contracting Party shall, on the basis of reciprocity and with the minimum of delay, grant the necessary employment authorizations, visitor visas or other similar documents to the representatives and staff referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article; and
 - (b) both Contracting Parties shall facilitate and expedite the requirement of employment authorizations for personnel performing certain temporary duties not exceeding ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE XVIII

Ground Handling

1. In the case of operation of direct scheduled flights, the designated airline(s) of one Contracting Party shall have the right to provide its own ground handling of these flights in the territory of the other Contracting Party and, at its option, to have ground handling services provided in whole or in part by any agent authorized by the competent authorities of that other Contracting Party to provide such services.
2. The exercise of the rights set forth in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be subject only to physical, operational or technical constraints, imposed by the airport authorities resulting from considerations of airport safety or to the limitations of existing airport facilities. Any constraints shall be applied uniformly and without preference to any airline engaged in similar international air services.
3. Notwithstanding limitations on ground handling envisaged in paragraph 2 of this Article, the designated airline(s) of one Contracting Party shall have the right to have its passengers handled by its code-sharing partner in the territory of the other Contracting Party. For the purposes of this Article "Passenger Handling" refers to the conduct and/or supervision of the handling of passengers at airport terminals, including such passenger services as: ticketing, check in and boarding of passengers.