

## ARTICLE 7

### Certificates and Licenses

1. Certificates of airworthiness, certificates of competency and licenses issued or rendered valid by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party and still in force, shall be recognized as valid by the other Contracting Party for the purpose of operating the agreed services provided always that such certificates or licenses were issued, or rendered valid, pursuant to, and in conformity with, as a minimum, the standards established under the Convention. Each Contracting Party, through its aeronautical authorities reserves the right to refuse to recognize, for the purpose of flights above its own territory, certificates of competency and licenses granted to its own nationals by the other Contracting Party.
2. If the privileges or conditions of the certificates or licenses referred to in paragraph 1 above, issued by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party to any person or designated airline or in respect of an aircraft used in the operation of the agreed services, should permit a difference from the minimum standards established under the Convention, and which difference has been filed with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the other Contracting Party may request consultations between the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Parties in conformity with Article 21, with a view to clarifying the practice in question.

## ARTICLE 8

### Aviation Safety

1. Consultations concerning the safety standards and requirements maintained and administered by the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party relating to aeronautical facilities, crew members, aircraft, and operation of the designated airlines shall be held within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a request from either Contracting Party, or such other period as may be mutually determined by the Contracting Parties.
2. If, following such consultations, the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party find that the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party do not effectively maintain and administer safety standards and requirements in these areas that are at least equal to the minimum standards established pursuant to the Convention, the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party shall be notified of such findings and of the steps considered necessary to conform with these minimum standards. Failure to take appropriate corrective action within fifteen (15) days of such notification or such other period as may be accepted by the aeronautical authorities of the Contracting Party that made the findings, shall constitute grounds for the application of Article 5 of this Agreement on the authorization of the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party.