

ment provided that such certificates or licences were issued or rendered valid pursuant to and in conformity with the standards established under the Convention. Each Contracting Party reserves the right, however, to refuse to recognize, for the purpose of flights above its own territory, certificates of competence and licences granted to its own nationals by the other Contracting Party.

2. If the privileges or conditions of the licences or certificates referred to in paragraph 1 above, issued by the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party to any person or designated airline operating the agreed services on the routes specified in the Schedule to this Agreement, should permit a difference from the standards established under the Convention, and which difference has been filed with the International Civil Aviation Organization, the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party may request consultations with the aeronautical authorities of that Contracting Party with a view to satisfying themselves that the practice in question is acceptable to them. Failure to reach a satisfactory agreement in matters regarding flight safety will constitute grounds for the application of Article V.

ARTICLE IX

1. The charges imposed in the territory of either Contracting Party for the use of airports and other aviation facilities by the aircraft of a designated airline of the other Contracting Party shall not be higher than those imposed on aircraft of a national airline engaged in similar international air services.

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

ARTICLE X

1. There shall be fair and equal opportunity for the designated airline of both Contracting Parties to operate the agreed services on the routes specified in the Schedule.

2. In operating the agreed services, the designated airline of each Contracting Party shall take into account the interest of the airline of the other Contracting Party so as not to affect unduly the services which the latter provides on the whole or part of the same route.

3. The agreed services provided by the designated airlines of the Contracting Parties shall bear reasonable relationship to the requirements of the public for transportation on the specified routes and shall have as their primary objectives the provision, at a reasonable load factor, of capacity adequate to carry the current and reasonably anticipated requirements for the carriage of passengers, cargo and mail between the territories of the Contracting Parties.

4. Provision for the carriage of passengers, cargo and mail both taken up and discharged at points on the specified routes in the territories of a State