

8. Each Contracting Party shall have the right, within thirty (30) days following the serving of a notice, to have its aeronautical authorities conduct an assessment in the territory of the other Contracting Party, of the security measures being carried out, or planned to be carried out, by aircraft operators in respect of flights arriving from, or departing to the territory of the first Contracting Party. The administrative arrangements, including the setting of specific dates for the conduct of the assessments, shall be mutually determined between the aeronautical authorities of both Contracting Parties and applied without delay to ensure that they are conducted expeditiously.

9. 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 members, airports or air navigation facilities occurs, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other by facilitating communications and taking other appropriate measures intended to resolve rapidly and safely the incident or threat thereof.

10. When a Contracting Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Contracting Party has failed to comply with the provisions of this Article, it may request consultations. The consultations shall start within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a request. Failure to reach a satisfactory outcome within fifteen (15) days from the start of consultations shall constitute grounds for the Contracting Party that requested the consultations to withhold, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on the authorizations of the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party. When justified by an emergency, or to prevent further non-compliance with the provisions of this Article, the Contracting Party that believes that the other Contracting Party has failed to comply with the provisions of this Article may take interim action at any time.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **Customs Duties and Other Charges**

1. Each Contracting Party shall, to the fullest extent possible under its national laws and regulations on a basis of reciprocity, exempt the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party from import restrictions, customs duties, excise taxes, inspection fees and other national duties and charges on aircraft, fuel, lubricating oils, consumable technical supplies, spare parts (including engines), regular aircraft equipment, aircraft stores (including liquor, tobacco and other products destined for sale to passengers in limited quantities during the flight) and other items intended for use or used solely in connection with the operation or servicing of aircraft of those airlines as well as printed ticket stock, air waybills, any printed material which bears the insignia of the company and usual publicity material distributed without charge by those airlines.

2. The exemptions granted with respect to items listed in paragraph 1 shall apply when those items are:

- (a) introduced into the territory of one Contracting Party by or on behalf of a designated airline of the other Contracting Party;