3. The designated airlines of either Contracting Party shall be permitted to transfer freely, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party, in convertible currencies, at the prevailing rate of exchange in the official market at the time of remittance, the excess of receipts over expenditure earned by those airlines in the territory of the other Contracting Party in connection with the operation of the agreed services, and to establish and maintain, for the operation of such agreed services, deposit accounts in foreign currencies and in convertible domestic currency in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party.

4. Each Contracting Party agrees to use its best efforts to ensure that the designated airlines of the other Contracting Party are, in accordance with its applicable laws and regulations, offered the choice, subject to reasonable limitations which may be imposed by its competent authorities, of providing their own services for ground handling operations; of having such operations performed entirely or in part by other airlines, organizations controlled by other airlines, or servicing agents, as authorized by the competent authorities of the first Contracting Party; or of having such operations performed by such competent authorities.

ARTICLE 14

The aeronautical authorities of either Contracting Party shall supply to the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party, at their request, such information and statistics relating to traffic carried on the agreed services by the designated airlines of the first Contracting Party to and from the territory of the other Contracting Party as may normally be prepared and submitted by the designated airlines to their national aeronautical authorities for publication. Any additional statistical traffic data which the aeronautical authorities of one Contracting Party may desire from the aeronautical authorities of the other Contracting Party shall, upon request, be a subject of mutual discussion between the aeronautical authorities of the two Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 15

1. Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligation to each other to protect the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference forms an integral part of the present Agreement. Without prejudice to their rights and obligations under international law, the Contracting Parties shall in particular act in conformity with the provisions of the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, Done at Montreal on 23 September 1971 and the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection.

2. The Contracting Parties shall provide upon request all necessary assistance in accordance with their respective laws and regulations to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.

3. The Contracting Parties should, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security provisions established by the International Civil Aviation Organization and designated as Annexes to the Convention to the extent that such security provisions are applicable to the Contracting Parties; they should require that their airlines and the operators of airports in their territory act in conformity with such aviation security provisions.

4. Each Contracting Party agrees that such airlines may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph 3 above required by the other Contracting Party for entry into, departure from, or while within, the territory of that other Contracting Party. Each Contracting Party should take appropriate measures within its territory to protect the aircraft and to inspect passengers, crew, carry-on items, baggage, cargo and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding or loading. Each Contracting Party shall also give sympathetic consideration to any request from the other Contracting Party for reasonable special security measures to meet a particular threat.