2. During the period of provisional application pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 20, any bilateral aviation safety agreements or arrangements between the Member States of the European Union and Japan shall be suspended with respect to any matter covered by this Agreement that has been implemented in accordance with the provisions of Article 3.

3. The technical agents shall take necessary measures to revise or terminate, as appropriate, prior arrangements between them.

4. Subject to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations of the Parties under any other international agreements.

ARTICLE 14

Application

Except where otherwise specified in the Annexes to this Agreement, this Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the civil aviation regulatory system of the European Union and, on the other hand, to the civil aviation regulatory system of Japan.

ARTICLE 15

Participation of third countries

The Parties share the goal of maximising the benefits of this Agreement by possible participation of third countries in the cooperation under this Agreement. To this end the Joint Committee, established pursuant to Article 11, may consider, as appropriate, the conditions and procedures for such participation, which may include any necessary amendments to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16

Consultations and settlement of disagreements

1. The Parties shall make every effort to resolve any disagreement between them regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement by consultation between them, including through the meetings of the Joint Committee established pursuant to Article 11.

2. The technical agents shall make every effort to resolve any disagreement between them regarding the interpretation or application of the implementation procedures referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 3 by consultation between them. In the event that any such disagreement is not resolved by consultation between the technical agents either technical agent may refer the disagreement to the Parties, which shall consult on the matter, including through the meetings of the Joint Committee.