without endangering his own aircraft or the persons on it, and must immediately inform the proper authority in charge of directing aircraft traffic.

Sec. 41. A commander of a civil aircraft in distress must take all measures to rescue the life of the people, the aircraft and the property on it. He may leave the aircraft last, after the passengers and the crew.

Sec. 42. In case of military or provocative actions, the commander of a civil aircraft must take all measures to prevent its seizure and to rescue the passengers, the crew, the cargo, the property, the board

documents and the aircraft itself.

Sec. 43. In case of a crash or an emergency involving a civil aircraft, all departments, people's councils, enterprises, offices, organizations and citizens must render the necessary aid and assistance to the crew and the passengers. They must also render such aid and assistance in case of the crash or distress of a foreign aircraft.

Sec. 44. In case of damage to, or the crash of a civil aircraft, an investigation shall be made according to regulations issued by the

Minister of Transport and Communications.

Sec. 45. The regulations governing the aid and rescue of oceangoing or river ships shall apply to aid or rescue of a civil aircraft on a water surface.

## VII. PENALTIES

Sec. 46. Violations of the provisions of this Law, or of regulations, ordinances, etc., issued for the implementation of this law, shall be punishable by a fine up to 100 leva, if such provisions refer to flight safety; for all other violations, the fine shall not exceed 50 leva unless other laws provide for more sovere penalties.

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Sec. 47. Criminal warrants shall be issued by the Minister of Transport and Communications, or by a public official authorized by him, upon a protocol issued by an aircraft commander or by other public officials specified by the Minister of Transport and Communications.

Criminal warrants under 10 leva shall not be subject to appeal.

## VIII, FINAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 48. For implementation of the present Law, the Minister of Transport and Communications shall issue regulations and ordinances in cases provided by the law.

Sec. 49. The present Law shall repeal the Law on Aerial Navigation

of 1948.

Execution of this Law shall be assigned to the Minister of Transport and Communications.