

Article 81. The Executive Power is authorized to adopt measures to make Costa Rica a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization and to participate in its work.

PART III. REGULATORY AGENCIES

SECTION I. CIVIL AVIATION BOARD

Article 83. A Civil Aviation Board shall be established, composed of members designated by the Ministry of the Interior (Government), who may be removed from office only for inefficiency, negligence in their duties, physical or legal incapacity, or for offenses committed in the performance of their duties, through evidence presented and judged in accordance with the civil service rules applicable to this point. They shall hold office for four years, and may be appointed for successive periods. The substitution of its members shall be made in relation to slates of candidates presented for this purpose by the Board itself and the aeronautical associations which have been duly registered in the country.

Article 84. The designation of Board members shall be made based on their capability and preparation for the effective performance of the authority and duties imposed on them by this law. They must be Costa Ricans by birth, or by naturalization, with residence in the country for a period of not less than ten consecutive years, and not have any ties, interest or connections with any air transport company, or relationship with each other up to the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; persons who have been previously condemned for crimes against the life, safety or property of other persons, shall be prevented from holding office, as well as those who hold other offices, except honorary posts or government positions which the Ministry of Interior has authorized them to accept. At least two of the members must be experts in aeronautical matters. Because of the eminently civil character of their activities, they shall not owe any military service or obedience, except for conscription declared in accordance with law.

Article 85. The sessions of the Board shall be held in the city of San José as its headquarters. Nevertheless, they may be held in other locations in the country, occasionally or accidentally, in accord with improved public service when so required by special reasons. The quorum for sessions shall be constituted by three members, but if one is prevented from attending on grounds of *force majeure*, two members may constitute a quorum. In any case, resolutions must be adopted by a majority, constituted by the vote of two of the members. Its internal administration shall be ordered by the Board by means of a regulation which, as is also applicable to its amendments, must be approved by the Ministry of Interior (Government).

Article 86. The Board shall exercise the functions conferred on it by this law independently of the Ministry of Interior, with the specified exceptions.

Article 87. For the best results of its own functions, the Board shall act with special consideration of the public interest in air transportation, and shall decide in accordance with the following requirements:

- a) Encouragement and development of an air transport system adapted to present and future needs of domestic and foreign com-