

merce, of airmail service, and to standards which respect national sovereignty;

b) Establishment of a communications network which shall serve principally the economic development of the nation, offering facilities of access to the most remote areas of the country;

c) Regulation of domestic air transportation in such a manner as to recognize and preserve its proper advantages, to guarantee the highest degree of safety, and to stimulate a stable financial condition for itself and at the same time to improve relations with, and coordinate the services of airline companies;

d) Promotion of an efficient, adequate and economic service by national airline companies, at reasonable rates, without unjust discriminations or undue privileges or advantages, and excluding all practices of unfair or destructive competition;

e) Competence in air services in such a manner as to assure the development of an air transport system adaptable to the needs of domestic and foreign commerce, postal services, and defense of our sovereignty;

f) Regulation of civil aeronautics to the degree which will promote its development and safety;

g) Progress of civil aeronautics and necessary incentives for same; and

h) Investigation of air accidents to establish the causes, and to reduce or eliminate the possibilities of their occurrence by means of adequate regulation.

*Article 88.* In the exercise and performance of its authority and duties, the Board shall observe all obligations contracted by the Republic by means of treaties, conventions, agreements and contracts; it shall also take into consideration the obligations, duties and liabilities of international air transport companies toward the countries in which they operate in order not to restrict them, and shall reject those which it judges to be contrary to the national public interest.

*Article 89.* The Board may exercise its functions with respect to its personnel, supplies and other routine administrative functions, through the Ministry of Interior, in the manner prescribed by the respective laws. Nevertheless, the selection of technical employees shall be made from among candidates presented by the office of personnel selection.

*Article 90.* In the Budget of Expenses of the Public Administration the necessary entries shall be inserted to provide for the expenses of the work of the Board, the total of which shall be the equivalent, insofar as possible in the fiscal order, of the estimates of income to be derived from present taxes or which may be imposed on air transportation of passengers and cargo, from fees charged for landing, from rentals of buildings on national airports, concessions in said buildings, from fines for violations of the provisions of the present law and regulations issued thereunder, taxes for the establishment, operation and maintenance of air navigation facilities, and other similar funds, such as fees charged for certificates and licenses.

*Article 91.* The Board has the duty to prepare and amend the air regulations, and for this purpose, when it deems it proper, it may consult with the airline companies, and later forward such regulations for promulgation to the Ministry of Interior. The annexes to the Chicago