

c) To be in charge of all matters relating to civil aviation in the country and to be responsible for the effective development thereof;

d) To act as the consultative and advisory body of the General Direction of Civil Aeronautics in Aviation matters;

e) To draft and propose to the General Direction of Civil Aeronautics the adoption of measures tending to facilitate air traffic and development of air transportation in the Republic;

f) To study and render opinions on the advisability and timeliness of application by the Dominican Government or resolutions adopted at international conventions and congresses relating to air navigation, and of bilateral agreements on air transportation which may be proposed to it;

g) To make appropriate recommendations for instructions to Dominican delegates at International Congresses and Conferences on air navigation;

h) To decide and advise on draft legislation and regulations concerning air navigation which the Director General of Civil Aviation may have under study.

*Article 12.* As to matters within the jurisdiction of the General Direction of Civil Aeronautics and for purposes of general information, the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation may communicate directly with any public official or employee, organization, office, establishment, observatory, or public civil institution, with merchant vessels of Dominican nationality, and with any stations or agencies of public service railroads; and such officials or employees, and the heads or managers of such offices and establishments, the captains of vessels and managers of railway stations, shall reply to or inform the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation in the speediest, most comprehensive and detailed manner concerning the data desired.

*Article 13.* When the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation deems it necessary or convenient for the greatest speed and efficiency in the preparation, study, procedure or solution of any problems that comes within his jurisdiction, he may request that a public official who is an expert particularly in matters of customs, immigration, health, communications, or a professor of the University or Institute, or a naval officer, appear personally before the Commission on Aeronautics, or attend one or more of its meetings for the purpose of informing, advising or counseling it orally or in writing.

The Secretaries of State, or the Heads of Departments or independent officials in charge of the branch of service in question or to which such official is attached whose counsel or opinion is being sought, may order such person to appear before the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation on the day and at the hour designated for this purpose.

In the same manner, the Secretary of State for War, Navy and Aviation may request assistance from, or temporary use of any laboratory, workshop, office, museum, field, or experimental station, or of any apparatus, devices, instruments, tools, fixtures, equipment or materials owned by or belonging to the State when they are requested for investigation, study, tests, or experiments, when the services related to these matters serve or are of interest to the development, progress, safety or efficiency of air Navigation.