

XIII. To investigate air accidents which occur in the country in order to establish their causes and to reduce or eliminate the possibility of their recurring by means of appropriate regulations.

XIV. To establish systems of signals and rules of flight which must be observed in the Republic.

XV. To inform the Ministry of Defense of the establishment, modification, and cancellation of air routes and corridors in the national territory.

XVI. To inform the Ministry of Defense of application for permits to take aerial photographs over the national territory.

XVII. To inform the Ministry of Defense of the granting, suspension or cancellation of permits to operate air routes, on a prior opinion of the Ministry of Economics, in the cases where it is required under this law.

XVIII. To grant permits for special transit flights of foreign civil aircraft over Salvadorean territory.

XIX. To authorize special flights of Salvadorean civil aircraft in those cases in which in conformity with this law and the regulations issued thereunder, the Department of Aviation has jurisdiction to issue such authorizations.

XX.³ To inform the Ministry of Defense of the application of penalties, for violations of this Law and the regulations issued thereunder.

XXI. To propose the appointment of persons suitable for delegations to represent El Salvador in all kinds of international conferences on civil aviation.

Art. 13. Personnel of the Department of Aviation. The Department of Aviation shall have the technical staff which, in the opinion of the Ministry of Defense, is necessary for its efficient operation.

The head of the Department of Aviation and the entire staff of that agency shall be appointed by the Ministry of Defense exclusively and strictly taking into account their experience and competence in civil aviation and their suitability for their respective positions and duties.

Art. 14. Ties with commercial enterprises. No person who is associated with commercial enterprises of air transportation or who have any tie, interest or relationship with any such enterprise, may be an official or employee of the Department of Aviation, except in the case of advisers specially employed for the performance of technical work for which the Department of Aviation does not have sufficiently well trained personnel.

Art. 15. Annual Departmental report. The Department of Aviation shall annually submit to the Ministry of Defense a report on its activities to be included in the report which the Minister of Defense must submit to the legislative assembly. Such report shall include, *i.e.*, the studies and data compiled by the Department which are deemed useful in the solution of problems relating to the advancement and regulation of civil aviation, together with recommendations for new laws and amendments to existing laws.

Art. 16. Adoption of international rules. The Ministry of Defense shall propose to the Executive Power the adoption by Executive agreement of any rule, proceeding or method of air navigation approved or recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

³ As amended by Decree No. 107, July 10, 1962, see *infra*.