

HEREBY DECREE

Article 1. The responsibility for and control of air navigation and traffic come under the authority of the Minister of Public Works and Planning, represented by the Director of Civil Aeronautics.

Article 2. The installation, utilization, and maintenance of the technical materials necessary for functioning of the control of air navigation and traffic are the responsibility:

—of the Civil Aeronautics Administration in civilian areas.

—of the Air Force (Military Aviation) in military areas.

Article 3. In the matter of air navigation and traffic security, the Civil Aeronautics Administration applies the standards and recommendations given by the International Civil Aviation Organization, insofar as national requirements so permit.

Article 4. Military aircraft apply in the territory of the Kingdom the national regulations in force concerning air navigation and air traffic.

The maneuvers of military aircraft for the execution of their particular missions are regulated by texts issued by the Chief of the General Staff of the Laotian Armed Forces, with the consent of the Director of Civil Aeronautics, who is responsible for the security of air navigation and air traffic in the territory of the Kingdom.

Article 5. Authorizations for flight over and landing [in the territory of Laos] for foreign aircraft, civil or military, are issued by the Director of Civil Aeronautics, with the consent of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Article 6. The Civil Aeronautics Administration and the General Staff of the Laotian Armed Forces will study in common the appropriate measures for assuring search and rescue operations under the best conditions in the event of accidents or incidents in air navigation in the territory of the Kingdom.

Article 7. All orders conflicting with the present Decree are hereby rescinded, and in particular Royal Decree No. 259 dated September 23, 1955 and referred to above.

Article 8. The Prime Minister, Chairman of the Council, Minister of Public Works, Planning and Telecommunications, the Deputy Chairman of the Council, Minister of the Interior and National Defense, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs are charged with implementation of the present Decree, insofar as each is hereby affected.

INTRODUCTORY REPORT

Royal Decree No. 259 of September 23, 1955 determined authority in the matter of air navigation and traffic in Laos, the responsibility and control of which come under the sole authority of the Minister of Public Works, represented by the Director of Civil Aeronautics.

Nevertheless, the technical equipment available to the latter organization does not permit it to assure with all the desirable security the missions with which it is thereby charged.

On the other hand, the Armed Forces (Air Force) could, owing to the American aid, provide the equipment necessary for exercise of control over air navigation and air traffic in the military areas of the Kingdom, on condition that the majority of the areas currently in