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Article 16

Freedom of Transit

Amendment proposed by the Delegations of France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Paragraph 1. For the last sentence substitute the following:

"The present Article shall apply to the operation of aircraft in transit, subject to the reservation that all movement of transport aircraft is conducted in conformity with the provisions of the special conventions concluded to this effect."

Reasons - There seems to be no reason for excluding goods and baggage in transit by air from the benefit of the provisions of Article 16 which are designed to secure freedom of transit.

On the other hand, it is clear that the movement of aircraft themselves, the conditions under which they are authorized to fly over the territory of different countries, to make use of national aerodromes, etc. can only be regulated by special arrangements.

It is with this consideration in mind that the amendment has been proposed.