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AN ACT to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap. 49:02 and for matters incidental thereto

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Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Airports Authority Act, Chap.49:02 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") to clarify certain anomalies with respect to the functions and powers of the Security Committee of the Airports Authority, as well as to provide for the appointment of staff to serve the needs of the Security Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

Clause one of the Bill provides the short title and commencement of the Bill.

Clause two provides the interpretation section and is self-explanatory.

Clause three repeals sections 4 and 5 of the Act which provide for the establishment and functions of the Security Committee. These matters are now contained in the proposed "Part 11A" of the Bill.

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend the Act:

(a) by deleting subsection (1) of section 8 of the Act and substituting a new provision which would enable the Airports Authority to appoint on such terms and conditions as it sees fit, not only staff of the Airports Authority, but also such staff as may be required for the efficient performance of the functions of the Security Committe;

(b) by deleting subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act and substituting a new provision which would require the Airports Authority to develop and implement adequate Airport security training programmes and to provide funding for those programmes. The Airports Authority would also be required to consult the Security Committee on all matters relating to security at all airports.

Clause five of the Bill would insert, in the Act, a new "Part 11A", which would establish the Security Committee, provide for its constitution and set out its functions.

Clause six would amend section 43 of the Act to require the Minister where necessary, to consult the Security Committee before making regulations pursuant to that section.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:— Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Airports Authority (Amendment) Act, 2001. Citation and commencement

(2) This Act comes into operation on such date as the President may by Proclamation appoint.

Interpretation Chap. 49:02

2. In this Act, "the Act" means the Airports Authority Act.

Sections 4 and 5 repealed

3. The Act is amended by repealing sections 4 and 5.

Section 8 amended

4. Section 8 of the Act is amended—

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:

" (1) The Authority may appoint, at such renumeration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit—

(a) a General Manager, a Secretary and such other officers and employees as it considers necessary or appropriate for the efficient performance of its functions; and

(b) such employees as it considers necessary for the due and efficient exercise and performance of the functions of the Security Committee under this Act."; and

(b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following:

" (3) The Authority —

(a) may provide out of its funds and make such arrangements for the training of any of its officers or employees as it may consider expedient for the efficient conduct of its business;

(b) shall, with the advice and assistance of the Security Committee, develop and

implement airport security training programmes adequate to the needs of international traffic for airports serving international civil aviation and to ensure the effectiveness of the national civil aviation security performance;

(c) shall utilise a portion of its funds for the implementation of the training programmes referred to in paragraph *(b)*; and

(d) shall consult the Security Committee on all matters relating to security at all airports.".

New Part 11A inserted

5. The Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following:

"PART 11A

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Establishment and constitution of Security Committee

13A. (1) There is hereby established a Security Committee which shall consist of the following members:

(a) a Chairman, to be appointed by the Chairman of the National Security Council;

(b) the Chairman of the Authority;

(c) the Chief of Defence Staff;

(d) the Commissioner of Police;

(e) the Chief Fire Officer; and

(f) a senior officer appointed by the Chairman of the National Security Council.

(2) The Security Committee is accountable directly to the Prime Minister and in his absence to the Minister with responsibility for National Security.

Functions

13B. (1) The Security Committee is responsible for the maintenance of security at all airports and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Security Committee shall, in furtherance of this objective, have and exercise the following powers and functions:

(a) to develop and co-ordinate security measures and procedures at each airport;

(b) to provide assistance with respect to the development and implementation of security programmes appropriate to meet the requirements of the national civil aviation security programme; and

(c) to advise the Authority on the development and implementation of training programmes to ensure the effectiveness of the national civil aviation security programme.

Personal liability of committee members

13C. (1) No personal liability shall be attached to any member of the Security Committee for—

(a) any act or omission of the Security Committee; or

(b) anything done or permitted in good faith in the course of the operations of the Security Committee under this Act.

(2) Any sums of money, damages or costs which may be recovered against any member of the Security Committee for anything done, omitted or permitted as aforesaid, shall be paid out of the funds of the Authority.”.

6. Section 43(1) of the Act is amended by inserting, after the words "The Minister may", the words "after consultation with the Security Committee". Section 43 amended

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2001.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2001.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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