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I understand that the air carrier's liability for loss or damage to baggage, or for death or injury to person or property, is limited to their tariffs and/or by the Warsaw Convention.

I understand that as a foreign citizen in another country that I am subject to the laws of that country. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with the regulations of the host country, those of Grand Valley State University, and those of my home institution.

In exchange for the opportunity to earn credit for this activity, I hereby release and forever discharge COST, Grand Valley State University, and my home institution, their members

