

AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

Preamble

The Government of Dominican Republic and the Government of Kingdom of the Eswatini hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties";

Being Parties to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, opened for signature at Chicago on 7 December 1944;

Desiring to contribute to the progress of international civil aviation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of air transportation as a means of creating and preserving friendship, understanding and co-operation between the peoples of the two countries;

Desiring to conclude an agreement for the purpose of establishing and operating air services between and beyond their respective territories;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement, unless otherwise stated, the term:

- a) "air transportation" means the public carriage by aircraft of passengers, baggage, cargo and mail, separately or in combination, for remuneration or hire;
- b) "aeronautical authorities" means, in the case of the Government of Dominican Republic, the Civil Aviation Board, in the case of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Eswatini Civil Aviation Authority or in both cases any other authority or person empowered to perform the functions now exercised by the said authorities;
- c) "Agreed Services" means scheduled air services performed for the carriage of passengers, cargo and/or mail, separately or in combination, for remuneration or hire on the specified routes;
- d) "agreement" means this Agreement, its Annex, and any amendments thereto;
- f) "air service", "international air service", "airline", and "stop for non-traffic purposes", have the meaning assigned to them in Article 96 of the Convention.
- g) "capacity" is the amount(s) of services provided under the agreement, usually measured in the number of flights (frequencies) or seats or tons of cargo offered in a market (city pair, or country to country) or on route during specific period, such as daily, weekly, seasonally or annually;

h) "Convention" means the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December, 1944, and includes any Annex adopted under Article 90 of that Convention, and any amendment of the Annexes or Convention under Articles 90 and 94, insofar as such Annexes and amendments have become effective for both Parties;

i) "designated airline" means an airline which has been designated and authorized in accordance with Article 3 of this Agreement;

j) "domestic air transportation" is an air transportation in which passengers, baggage, cargo and mail which are taken on board in a State's territory are destined to another point in that same State's territory;

k) "spare parts" has the meaning assigned to it in Annex 9 of the Convention;

l) "ICAO" means the International Civil Aviation Organisation;

m) "intermodal air transportation" means the public carriage by aircraft and by one or more surface modes of transport of passengers, baggage, cargo and mail, separately or in combination, for remuneration or hire;

n) "international air transportation" is air transportation in which the passengers, baggage, cargo and mail which are taken on board in the territory of one State are destined to another State;

o) "Party" is a State which has formally agreed to be bound by this Agreement;

p) "price" or "tariff" means any fare, rate or charge for the carriage of passengers, baggage and/or cargo (excluding mail) in air transportation (including any other mode of transportation in connection therewith) charged by airlines, including their agents, and the conditions governing the availability of such fare, rate or charge;

q) "Territory" and "Sovereignty" in relation to a State have the meaning assigned to them in Articles 2 and 1 of the Convention, and shall read as follows: Territory: "the territory of a State shall be deemed to be the land areas and territorial waters adjacent thereto under the sovereignty, suzerainty, protection or mandate of such State"; and sovereignty: "The contracting states recognize that every State has complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above its territory"

r) "user charges" means a charge made to airlines by the competent authorities, or permitted by them to be made, for the provision of airport property facilities or of air navigation facilities, or aviation security facilities or services, including related services and facilities, for aircraft, their crews, passengers and cargo; and

Article 2

Grant of Rights

1. Each Party grants to the other Party the rights specified in this Agreement for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the Route Schedule.
2. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the airlines(s) designated by each Party shall enjoy the following rights:
 - a) the right to fly without landing across the territory of the other Party;
 - b) the right to make stops in the territory of the other Party for non-traffic purposes; and
 - c) the right to make stops at the point(s) on the route(s) specified in the Route Schedule to this Agreement for the purpose of taking on board and discharging international traffic in passengers, cargo and mail separately or in combination.
3. The airlines of each Party, other than those designated under Article 3 (Designation and Authorisation) of this Agreement, shall also enjoy the rights specified in paragraphs 2 a) and b) of this Article.
4. Nothing in paragraph (2) shall be deemed to confer on the airlines designated by one Contracting Party the privilege of taking on board, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, passengers, baggage and cargo including mail for remuneration or hire and destined for another point in the territory of that other Contracting Party ("cabotage").

Article 3

Designation and Authorisation

1. Each Party shall have the right to designate in writing to the other Party as many airlines as it wishes to operate the agreed services in accordance with this Agreement and to withdraw or alter such designation.
2. On receipt of such a designation, and of application from the designated airline, in the form and manner prescribed for operating authorisation, each Party shall grant the appropriate authorisation with minimum procedural delay, provided that:
 - a) it is satisfied that substantial ownership and effective regulatory control of that designating airline is vested in the Party designating the airline;
 - b) the airline is established and certified in accordance with the laws of the State designating it and its principal office is established in that State; and

c) the Party designating the airline is in compliance with the provisions set forth in Article 8 (Safety) and Article 9 (Aviation Security); and

d) the designated airline is qualified to meet other conditions prescribed under the laws and regulations normally applied to the operation of international air transport services by the Party receiving the designation.

3. On receipt of the operating authorisation of paragraph 2, a designated airline may at any time begin to operate the agreed services for which it is so designated, provided that the airline complies with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

Article 4

Withholding, Revocation and Limitation of Authorisation

1. The aeronautical authorities of each Party shall have the right to withhold the authorisations referred to in Article 3 (Designation and Authorisation) of this Agreement with respect to an airline designated by the other Party, and to revoke, suspend or impose conditions on such authorisations, temporarily or permanently:

a) in the event that they are not satisfied that the substantial ownership and effective regulatory control of that designated airline is vested in the Party designating the airline or nationals of the Party designating the airline; and that the airline does not have its principal office established in the territory of the Party designating it;

b) if the designated airline does not hold an Air Operator's Certificate or any other equivalent document valid under the laws and regulations of the Party designating it;

c) in the event of failure by the Party designating the airline to comply with the provisions set forth in Article 8 (Safety) and Article 9 (Aviation Security); and

d) in the event of failure that such designated airline is qualified to meet other conditions prescribed under the laws and regulations normally applied to the operation of international air transport services by the Party receiving the designation.

2. Unless immediate action is essential to prevent infringement of the laws and regulations referred to above or unless safety or security requires action in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (Safety) or Article 9 (Aviation Security), the rights enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be exercised only after consultations between the aeronautical authorities in conformity with Article 29 (Consultation) of this Agreement.

Article 5
Application of Laws

1. The laws and regulations of one Party governing entry into and departure from its territory of aircraft engaged in international air services, or the operation and navigation of such aircraft while within its territory, shall be applied to the aircraft of the designated airline of the other party.
2. The laws and regulations of one Party relating to the entry into, stay in and departure from its territory of passengers, crew and cargo including mail such as those regarding immigration, customs, currency and health and quarantine shall apply to passengers, crew, cargo and mail carried by the aircraft of the designated airline of the other Party while they are within the said territory.
3. Neither Party shall give preference to its own or any other airline over a designated airline of the other Party engaged in similar international air transportation in the application of its immigration, customs, quarantine and similar regulations.

Article 6
Direct Transit

Passengers, baggage, cargo and mail in direct transit through the territory of any Party and not leaving the area of the airport reserved for such purpose shall not undergo any examination except for reasons of aviation security, narcotics control, prevention of illegal entry or in special circumstances, subject to approval from other government agencies. Baggage and cargo in direct transit shall be exempt from customs duties and other similar taxes.

Article 7
Recognition of Certificates

1. Certificates of airworthiness, certificates of competency and licences issued or rendered valid by one Party and still in force shall be recognized as valid by the other Party for the purpose of operating the agreed services provided that the requirements under which such certificates and licenses were issued or rendered valid are equal to or above the minimum standards which may be established pursuant to the Convention.
2. If the privileges or condition of the licenses or certificates referred to in paragraph 1 above, issued by the aeronautical authorities of one Party to any person or designated airline or in respect of an aircraft used in the operation of the agreed services, should permit a difference from the minimum standards established under the Convention, and which difference has been filed with International Civil Aviation Organization, the other Party may request consultations between the aeronautical authorities with a view to clarifying the practice in question.

3. Each Party reserves the right, however, to refuse to recognize for the purpose of flights above are landing within its own territory, certificates of competency and licenses granted to its own nationals by the other Party.

Article 8

Safety

1. Each Party may request consultations at any time concerning the safety standards maintained by the other Party in areas relating to aeronautical facilities, flight crew, aircraft and the operation of aircraft. Such consultations shall take place within thirty (30) days of that request.

2. If, following such consultations, one Party finds that the other Party does not effectively maintain and administer safety standards in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 that meet the Standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Doc 7300), the other Party shall be informed of such findings and the steps considered necessary to conform with the ICAO Standards, The other Party shall then take appropriate corrective action within an agreed time period.

3. Pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention, it is further agreed that, any aircraft operated by, or on behalf of an airline of one Party, on service to or from the territory of another Party, may while within the territory of the other Party be the subject of a search by the authorized representatives of the other Party, provided this does not cause unreasonable delay in the operation of the aircraft. Notwithstanding the obligations mentioned in Article 33 of the Convention, the purpose of this search is to verify the validity of the relevant aircraft documentation, the licensing of its crew, and that the aircraft equipment and the condition of the aircraft conform to the Standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention.

4. If any such ramp inspection or series of ramp inspections gives rise to:

a) serious concerns that an aircraft or the operation of an aircraft does not comply with the minimum standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention, or

b) serious concerns that there is a lack of effective maintenance and administration of safety standards established at that time pursuant to the Convention,

the Contracting Party carrying out the inspection shall, for the purposes of Article 33 of the Convention, be free to conclude that the requirements under which the certificate or licences in respect of that aircraft or in respect of the crew of that aircraft had been issued or rendered valid, or that the requirements under which that aircraft is operated, are not equal to or above the minimum standards established pursuant to the Convention.

5. In the event that access for the purpose of undertaking a ramp inspection of an aircraft operated by or on behalf of the airline or airlines of one Contracting Party in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Article is denied by a representative of that airline or airlines, the other Contracting Party shall be free to infer that serious concerns of the type

referred to in paragraph (4) of this Article arise and draw the conclusions referred in that paragraph.

6. When urgent action is essential to ensure the safety of an airline operation, each Party reserves the right to immediately suspend or vary the operating authorisation of an airline or airlines of the other Party.

7. Any action by one Party in accordance with paragraph 4 above shall be discontinued once the basis for taking of that action ceases to exist.

8. With reference to paragraph 2, if it is determined that one Party remains in non-compliance with ICAO should be advised thereof. The latter should be advised of the subsequent satisfactory resolution of the situation.

Article 9

Aviation Security

1. Consistent with their rights and obligations under international law, the Parties reaffirm that their obligation to each other to protect the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference forms an integral part of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of their rights and obligations under international law, the Parties shall, in particular, act in conformity with the provisions of the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, the Convention for Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at the Hague on 16 December 1970 and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971, its Supplementary Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988, the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, signed at Montreal on 1 March 1991 as well as with any other convention and protocol relating to the security of civil aviation which both Parties adhere to.

2. The Parties shall provide, upon request, all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.

3. The Parties shall, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security provisions established by ICAO and designated as Annexes to the Convention; they shall require that operators of aircraft of their registry or operators of aircraft who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory and the operators of airports in their territory act in conformity with such aviation security provisions. Each Party shall advise the other Party of any difference between its national regulations and practices and the aviation security standards of the Annexes. Either Party may request immediate consultations with the other Party at any time to discuss any such differences.

4. Each Party agrees that such operators of aircraft may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph 3) above required by the other Party for entry into, departure from, or while within, the territory of that other Party. Each Party shall ensure that adequate measures are effectively applied within its territory to protect the aircraft and to inspect passengers, crew, carry-on items, and baggage, cargo and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding or loading. Each Party shall also give sympathetic consideration to any request from the other Party for reasonable special security measures to meet a particular threat.

5. When an incident or threat of an incident of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft or other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports or air navigation facilities occurs, the Parties shall assist each other by facilitating communications and other appropriate measures intended to terminate rapidly and safely such incident or threat thereof.

6. Each Party shall have the right, within sixty (60) days following notice (or such shorter period as may be agreed between the aeronautical authorities), for its aeronautical authorities to conduct an assessment in the territory of the other Party of the security measures being carried out, or planned to be carried out, by aircraft operators in respect of flights arriving from, or departing to the territory to the first Party. The administrative arrangements for the conduct of such assessment shall be agreed between the aeronautical authorities and implemented without delay so as to ensure that assessments will be conducted expeditiously.

7. When a Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Party has departed from the provisions of this Article. The first Party may request immediate consultations with the aeronautical authorities of that Party. Such consultations shall start within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such a request from either Party. Failure to reach a satisfactory agreement within thirty (30) days from the start of consultations shall constitute grounds for withholding, revoking, suspending or imposing conditions on the authorisations of the airline designated by the other Party. When justified by an emergency, or to prevent further non-compliance with the provisions of this Article, the first Party may take interim action at any time.

Article 10

Security of Travel Documents

1. Each Party agrees to adopt measures to ensure the security of their passports and other travel documents.

2. In this regard, each Party agrees to establish controls on the lawful creation, issuance, verification and use of passports and other travel documents and identity documents issued by, or on behalf of, that Party.

3. Each Party also agrees to establish or improve procedures to ensure that travel and identity documents issued by it are of such quality that they cannot easily be misused and cannot readily be unlawfully altered, replicated or issued.

4. Pursuant to the objectives above, each Party shall issue their passports and other travel documents in accordance with ICAO *Doc 9303, Machine Readable Travel Documents*:

5. Each Party further agrees to exchange operational information regarding forged or counterfeit travel documents, and to cooperate with other to strengthen resistance to travel document fraud, including the forgery or counterfeiting of travel documents, the use of valid travel documents by imposters, the misuse of authentic travel documents by rightful holders in furtherance of the commission of an offence, the use of expired or revoked travel documents, and the use of fraudulently obtained travel documents.

Article 11

Inadmissible and Undocumented Passengers and Deportees

1. Each Party agrees to establish effective border controls.

2. In this regard, each Party agrees to implement the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Convention concerning inadmissible and undocumented passengers and deportees in order to enhance cooperation to combat illegal migration.

3. Pursuant to the objectives above, each Party agrees to issue, or to accept, as the case may be, the letter relating to "fraudulent, falsified or counterfeit travel documents or genuine documents presented by imposters" set out in Appendix 9 b) to Annex 9 (11th edition), when taking action under relevant paragraphs of Chapter 3 of the Annex regarding the seizure of fraudulent, falsified or counterfeit travel documents.

Article 12

User Charges

1. Neither Party shall impose or permit to be imposed on the designated airlines of the other Party user charges higher than those imposed on its airlines operating similar international services.

2. The fees charged for the use of airports, their facilities and other facilities and services, as well as any charges for the use of air navigation facilities, communications and air services, shall be established in accordance with the laws and regulations of each Party.

3. Airports, airways, air traffic control and air navigation services, aviation security, and other related facilities and services that are provided in the territory of one Party shall be available for use by the airlines of the other Party on terms no less favourable than the most favourable terms available to any airline engaged in similar international air services at the time arrangements for use are made.

Article 13

Customs Duties

1. Each Party shall on the basis of reciprocity exempt a designated airline of the other Party to the fullest extent possible under its national law from import restrictions, customs duties, excise taxes and charges not based on the cost of services provided on arrival on aircraft, fuel, lubricating oils, consumable technical supplies, spare parts including engines, regular aircraft equipment, aircraft stores and other items such as printed ticket stock, air waybills, any printed material which bears the insignia of the company printed thereon and usual publicity material distributed free of charge by that designated airline intended for use or used solely in connection with the operation or servicing of aircraft of the designated airline of such other Party operating the agreed services.

2. The exemptions granted by this article shall apply to the items referred to in paragraph 1:

- (a) introduced into the territory of the Party by or on behalf of the designated airline of the other Party;
- (b) retained on board aircraft of the designated airline of one Party upon arrival in or leaving the territory of the other Party; or
- (c) taken on board aircraft of the designated airline of one Party in the territory of the other Party and intended for use in operating the agreed services;

whether or not such items are used or consumed wholly within the territory of the Party granting the exemption, provided the ownership of such items is not transferred in the territory of the said Party.

3. The regular airborne equipment, as well as the materials and supplies normally retained on board the aircraft of a designated airline of either Party, may be unloaded in the territory of the other Party only with the approval of the customs authorities of that territory. In such case, they may be placed under the supervision of the said authorities up to such time as they are re-exported or otherwise disposed of in accordance with customs regulations.

Article 14

Taxation

1. Profits derived from the operation of aircraft of a designated airline engaged in international air services shall be taxed in accordance with the provisions of the legislation of each State.

2. Where a special agreement exists between the Parties to avoid double taxation with respect to taxes on income and capital, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.

Article 15

Capacity

1. Each Party shall allow each designated airline to determine the frequency and capacity of the international air transportation it offers based on commercial considerations of the marketplace.
2. Neither Party shall unilaterally limit the volume of traffic, frequency, or regularity of service, or the aircraft type or types operated by the designated airlines of the other Party, except as may be required for customs, technical, operational, or environmental reasons under uniform conditions consistent with Article 15 of the Convention.
3. Neither Party shall impose on the other Party's designated airlines a first refusal requirement, uplift ratio, no-objection fee, or any other requirement with respect to the capacity, frequency or traffic which would be inconsistent with the purposes of this Agreement.
4. Neither Party shall require the filing of schedules, programmes for charter flights, or operational plans by airlines of the other Party for approval, except as may be required on a non-discriminatory basis to enforce uniform conditions as foreseen by paragraph 2) of this Article or as may be specifically authorized in an Annex to this Agreement. If a Party requires filings for information purposes, it shall minimize the administrative burdens of filing requirements and procedures on air transportation intermediaries and on designated airlines of the other Party.

Article 16

Pricing (Tariffs)

1. Each Party shall allow prices for air transportation to be established by each designated airline based upon commercial considerations in the marketplace. Intervention by the Parties shall be limited to:
 - (a) prevention of unreasonably discriminatory prices or practices;
 - (b) protection of consumers from prices that are unreasonably high or restrictive due to the abuse of a dominant position; and
 - (c) protection of airlines from prices that are artificially low due to direct or indirect governmental subsidy or support.
2. Each Party may require notification to or filing with its aeronautical authorities of prices to be charged to or from its territory by airlines of the other Party. Notification or filing by the airlines of both Parties may be required no more than thirty (30) days before the proposed date of effectiveness. In individual cases, notification or filing may be permitted on shorter notice than normally required.

3. Neither Party shall take unilateral action to prevent the inauguration or continuation of a price proposed to be charged or charged by (1) an airline of either Party for international air transportation between the territories of the Parties, or (2) an airline of one Party for international air transportation between the territory of the other Party and any other country, including in both cases transportation on an interline or interlines basis. If either Party believes that any such price is inconsistent with the considerations set forth in paragraph (1) of this Article, it shall request consultations and notify the other Party of the reasons for its dissatisfaction as soon as possible. These consultations shall be held not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, and the Parties shall cooperate in securing information necessary for reasoned resolution of the issue. If the Parties reach agreement with respect to a price for which a notice of dissatisfaction has been given, each Party shall use its best efforts to put that agreement into effect. Without such mutual agreement, the price shall go into effect or continue in effect.

Article 17

Safeguards

1. The Parties agree that the following airline practices may be regarded as possible unfair competitive practices which may merit closer examination:
 - a) charging fares and rates on routes at levels which are, in the aggregate, insufficient to cover the costs of providing the services to which they relate;
 - b) the addition of excessive capacity or frequency of service;
 - c) the practices in question are sustained rather than temporary;
 - d) the practices in question have a serious negative economic effect on, or cause significant damage to, another airline;
 - e) the practices in question reflect an apparent intent or have the probable effect, or crippling, excluding or driving another airline from the market; and
 - f) behavior indicating an abuse of dominant position on the route.
2. If the aeronautical authorities of one Party consider that an operation or operations intended or conducted by the designated airline of the other Party may constitute unfair competitive behavior in accordance with the indicators listed in paragraph 1, they may request consultation in accordance with Article 29 (Consultation) with a view to resolving the problem. Any such request shall be accompanied by notice of the reasons for the request, and the consultation shall begin within 15 days of the request. If the Parties fail to reach a resolution of the problem through consultations, either Party may invoke the dispute resolution mechanism under Article 30 (Settlement of disputes) to resolve the dispute.

Article 18

Currency Conversion and Remittance of Earnings

Each Party shall permit airline(s) of the other Party to convert and transmit abroad to the airline's(s') choice of State, on demand, all local revenues from the sale of air transport services and associated activities directly linked to air transport in excess of sums locally disbursed, with conversion and remittance permitted promptly without restrictions, discrimination or taxation in respect thereof at the rate of exchange applicable as of the date of the request for conversion and remittance.

Article 19

Sale and Marketing of Air Service Products

1. Each Party shall accord airlines of the other Party the right to sell and market international air services and related products in its territory (directly or through agents or other intermediaries of the airline's choice), including the right to establish offices, both on-line and off-line.
2. Each airline shall have the right to sell transportation in the currency of that territory or, at its discretion, in freely convertible currencies or other countries, and any person shall be free to purchase such transportation in currencies accepted by that airline.

Article 20

Non-national Personnel and Access to Local Services

Each Party shall permit designated airlines of the other Party to:

- a) Bring in to its territory and maintain non-national employees who perform managerial, commercial, technical, operational and other specialist duties which are required for the provision of air transport services, consistent with the laws and regulations of the receiving State concerning entry, residence and employment; and
- b) Use the services and personnel of any other organisation, company or airline operating in its territory and authorized to provide such services.

Article 21

Change of Gauge

On any international segment or segments of the agreed routes, a designated airline may perform international air transportation without any limitation as to change, at any point on the route, in type or number of aircraft operated; provided that the transportation beyond such point is a continuation of the transportation from the territory of the Party that has designated the airline and, in the inbound direction, the transportation to the territory of the Party that has designated the airline is a continuation of the transportation from beyond such point.

Article 22
Ground Handling

1. Subject to applicable safety provisions, including ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) contained in Annex 6, each Party shall authorize airline(s) of the other Party, at each airline's choice, to:

a) perform its own ground handling services; and

b) select among competing service providers.

2. An air carrier is permitted to choose freely from among the alternatives available and to combine or change its option, except where this is demonstrably impractical and also where constrained by relevant, safety and security considerations, and (with the exception of self-handling in a) above) by the scale of airport operations being too small to sustain competitive providers.

3. Parties would always be required to take the necessary measures to ensure reasonable cost-based pricing and fair and equal treatment for air carrier(s) of the other Party/Parties.

Article 23
Codesharing / Cooperative Arrangements

1. In operating or holding out the authorized services on the agreed routes, any designated airline of one Party may enter into cooperative marketing arrangements such as joint venture, blocked space or codesharing arrangements, with:

a) an airline or airlines of either Party;

b) an airline or airlines of a third country; and

c) a surface transportation provider of any country,

provided that all airlines in such arrangements 1) hold the appropriate authority and 2) meet the requirements normally applied to such arrangements.

2. The Parties agree to take the necessary action to ensure that consumers are fully informed and protected with respect to codeshared flights operating to or from their territory and that, as a minimum, passengers be provided with the necessary information in the following ways:

a) orally and, if possible, in writing at the time of booking;

b) in written form, on the ticket itself and/or (if not possible), on the itinerary document accompanying the ticket or on any other document replacing the ticket, such as a written

confirmation, including information on whom to contact in case of a problem and a clear indication of which airline is responsible in case of damage or accident; and

c) orally again, by the airline's ground staff at all stages of the journey.

3. The airlines are required to file for approval any proposed cooperative arrangement with the aeronautical authorities of both Parties at least sixty (60) days before its proposed introduction.

Article 24

Aircraft Leasing

1. Either Party may prevent the use of leased aircraft for services under this Agreement which does not comply with Articles 8 (Safety) and 9 (Aviation Security).
2. Subject to paragraph 1, the designated airlines of each Party may operate services under this agreement by using leased aircraft which meets applicable safety and security requirements.

Article 25

Intermodal Services

Each designated airline may use surface modes of transport without restriction in conjunction with the international air transport of passengers and cargo.

Article 26

Computer Reservation Systems (CRS)

Each Party shall apply the ICAO Code of Conduct for the Regulation and Operation of Computer Reservation Systems within its territory consistent with other applicable regulations and obligations concerning computer reservation systems.

Article 27

Ban on Smoking

1. Each Party shall prohibit or cause their airlines to prohibit smoking on all flights carrying passengers operated by its airlines between the territories of the Parties. This prohibition shall apply to all locations within the aircraft and shall be in effect from the time an aircraft commences enplanement of passengers to the time deplanement of passengers is completed.

2. Each Party shall take all measures that it considers reasonable to secure compliance by its airlines and by their passengers and crew members with the provisions of this Article, including the imposition of appropriate penalties for non-compliance.

Article 28
Environmental Protection

The Parties support the need to protect the environment by promoting the sustainable development of aviation. The Parties agree with regard to operations between their respective territories to comply with the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of Annex 16 and the existing ICAO policy and guidance on environmental protection.

Article 29
Consultations

Either Contracting Party may at any time request consultations on any matter related to this Agreement. Such consultations shall begin within a period of thirty(30) days from the date the other Contracting Party receives the request, unless otherwise agreed by the Contracting Parties.

Article 30
Settlement of Disputes

Any difference or dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation and/or application of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

Article 31
Revision, Modification and Amendment

1. Either Party may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this Agreement.
2. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the Parties shall be reduced into writing and shall form part of Agreement.
3. Such revision, modification or amendment shall come into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties.
4. Any revision, modification or amendment shall not prejudice the rights and obligations arising from or based on this Agreement before or up to the date of such revision, modification or amendment.

Article 32
Multilateral Agreements

If a multilateral agreement concerning air transport comes into force in respect of both Parties, the present Agreement shall be [deemed to be] amended so as [so far as is necessary] to confirm with the provisions of that multilateral agreement.

Article 33
Termination

Notwithstanding anything in this Article of the Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement by notifying the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement by a notice in writing through diplomatic channels, at least twelve (12) months prior to its intention to do so. Such termination notice shall be simultaneously communicated to ICAO.

Article 34
Registration with ICAO

This Agreement and any amendment thereto shall be registered upon its entry into force with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Article 35
Provision of Statistics

The Aeronautical Authorities of both Parties shall supply each other, on request, with periodic statistics and other similar information relating to the traffic carried on the agreed services.

Article 36
Confidentiality

Each Contracting Party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to the other Contracting Party during the implementation and after the termination of this Agreement.

Article 37
Suspension

Each Contracting Party reserves the right for reasons of national security, national interest, public order or public health to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement which suspension shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

Section 1

Scheduled Air Transportation

Routes

Airlines of each Party designated under this Annex shall, in accordance with the terms of their designation, be entitled to perform scheduled international air transportation between points on the following routes:

A. Routes for the airline or airlines designated by the Government of Kingdom of Eswatini

Points of Departure	Intermediate Points	Points of Arrival	Beyond Points
Points in Kingdom of Eswatini	Any points	Points in Dominican Republic	Any points

B. Routes for the airline or airlines designated by the Government of Dominican Republic

Points of Departure	Intermediate Points	Points of Arrival	Beyond Points
Points in Dominican Republic	Any points	Points in Kingdom of Eswatini	Any points

Section 2

Operation Flexibility

The designated airline of either Party may, on any or all flights and at its option:

1. Operate flights in either or both directions;
2. Combine different flight numbers within one aircraft operation;
3. Serve behind, intermediate, and beyond points and points in the territories of the Parties on the routes in any combination and in any order;
4. Omit stops at any point or points;
5. Transfer traffic from any of its aircraft to any of its other aircraft at any point on the routes; and

6. Serve points behind any point in its territory with or without change of aircraft or flight number and may hold out and advertise such services to the public as through services;

7. Exercise 5th Freedom of the Air traffic rights at intermediate points or beyond; [The exercise of this right is at the discretion of both Parties; they may be agreed upon by the aeronautical authorities];

8. For cargo services, both Parties shall benefit from traffic rights up to 7th Freedom of the Air.

without directional or geographic limitation and without loss of any right to carry traffic otherwise permissible under this Agreement; provided that, the service serves a point in the territory of the Party designating the airlines.

Section 3

Charter Air Transportation

Airlines of each Party designated pursuant to this Agreement to operate under this Annex shall have the right to operate non-scheduled international air transport over the routes specified and in accordance with the rights granted for scheduled services in this Agreement.

2. The designated airlines of each Party have the right to carry international charter traffic of passengers (and their accompanying baggage) and/or cargo (including, but not limited to, a combination of passengers and cargo).

3. Each Party shall, on a reciprocal basis, respond promptly to requests for non-scheduled or charter operations from airlines duly authorized by the other Party.

4. The provisions relating to the Application of Laws, Recognition of Certificates, Operational Safety, Aviation Security, User Fees, Customs Duties, Taxes, Fees, Currency Conversion and Transfer of Profits, Ground Handling Services, Statistics, and Consultations on this Agreement also apply to non-scheduled or charter flights operated by the airlines of one Party to and from the territory of the other Party.


Article 38
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of the exchange of notes whereby a Party communicates to the other Party, through the diplomatic channels, that all necessary internal procedures have been complied with.

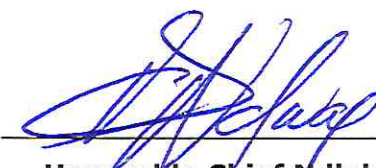
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Punta Cana, this 12 day of November 2025, in the Spanish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of differences in interpretation of provisions of this Agreement the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Dominican
Republic


Héctor Porcella Dumas
President of the Civil Aviation Board

For the Government of the Kingdom of
Eswatini


**Honorable Chief Ndhlahlaza
Ndwandwe**
Minister Ministry of Public Works and
Transport