

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authorities of the Government of the Dominican Republic and the Government of the Hellenic Republic held discussions in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 23rd of October 2024, during the ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN 2024), in order to initial an Air Services Agreement between their respective countries.

The list of the two delegations is attached as **Appendix I**.

The discussions were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere and both delegations stressed their interest in expanding mutual relations in the field of air transport. The following understanding has been reached:

1. Air Services Agreement

The two delegations mutually consented and initialed the text of the Air Services Agreement, which is attached as **Appendix II**, except the text for the definitions of “territory” and “sovereignty”, which is put into brackets and italics and will be subjected to internal consultations by the competent authorities of both countries.

Once an agreement is reached regarding the texts of the two definitions, the two delegations confirmed that they would recommend to their respective Governments the signing of the Air Services Agreement (hereinafter referred as ‘the Agreement’) and endeavour to complete the relevant internal legal procedures for its entry into force, in conformity with Article 21. In the case of the Hellenic Republic its obligations arising from its membership to the European Union shall be respected.

2. Route Schedule

The designated airlines of each contracting Party shall have the right to operate on the routes specified in the Annex of the "Agreement", which is depicted as follows:

Schedule I

Routes to be operated by the designated airlines of Dominican Republic:

Points of Origin	Intermediate Points	Points of Destination	Points Beyond
Points in Dominican Republic	Any Points	Points in Greece	Any Points

Schedule II

Routes to be operated by the designated airlines of the Hellenic Republic:

Points of Origin	Intermediate Points	Points of Destination	Points Beyond
Points in Greece	Any Points	Points in Dominican Republic	Any Points

Notes:

1. Intermediate points and points beyond the Contracting Parties may be omitted on any section
2. Intermediate points and points beyond shall be served by the airlines of Contracting Parties without exercise of traffic rights between points in the territory of third countries and points in the territory of the other Contracting Party.
3. The right of the designated airline of the one Contracting Party to operate flights for the carriage of passengers, baggage, cargo and mail between the points in the territory of the other Contracting Party and any points in the territory of third



countries (5th freedom traffic rights) shall be subject to a separate agreement between the Aeronautical Authorities of the Contracting Parties.

3. Capacity and Frequencies

3.1. Passenger Services

Both delegations agreed that the designated airlines of both Contracting Parties shall be entitled to operate up to seven (7) weekly frequencies, for passenger services on the specified routes as stipulated on the route schedule in par. (2) above, using any type of aircraft for 3rd and 4th freedom traffic rights.

3.2. All cargo Services

Both delegations agreed that the designated airlines of both Contracting Parties shall be entitled to operate unrestricted all-cargo services on the specified routes as stipulated on the route schedule in par. (2) above, using any type of aircraft for 3rd, 4th and 5th freedom traffic rights.

4. Fifth freedom traffic rights

The exercise of fifth freedom traffic rights may be as agreed upon by the Aeronautical Authorities of the two Contracting Parties.

5. Non-scheduled operations

The two delegations agreed that the airlines of both Contracting Parties shall have the right to operate non-scheduled services in accordance with the relevant regulations in force in each Contracting Party.

6. Code-sharing provision

In operating or holding out the authorised services on the agreed routes, any designated airline of each Contracting Party may enter into cooperative marketing arrangements such as joint venture, code sharing and blocked-space with:

- an airline(s) of the either Contracting Party, and
- an airline(s) of a third country



provided that all airlines in such arrangements hold the appropriate authority to operate on the routes and segments concerned and meet the requirements normally applied to such arrangements; such as protection of and information to passengers for liability.

Each airline involved in code-sharing arrangements shall make clear to the purchasers at the point of sale which airline will actually operate each sector of the service and with which airline or airlines the purchaser is entering into contractual relationship.

Each code-sharing frequency operated by the designated airlines of either party will count as (1) frequency, whereas the code sharing services of the marketing carrier will not be counted as frequencies.

Code-sharing arrangements shall be subject to approval of the appropriate authorities before implementation.

7. Leasing

The designated airlines of each contracting party shall be entitled to provide the agreed services using aircraft leased with or without crew from any airline, including from third countries, provided that the participants in such arrangements meet the conditions prescribed under the laws and regulations normally applied by the Contracting Parties to such arrangements, all necessary approvals have been issued before the intended operations and they comply with article 7 and Article 8 of the initialed Agreement. Neither Contracting Party shall require the airlines leasing out their equipment to hold traffic rights under the Agreement. The leasing with crew (wet leasing) of an aircraft of an airline of a third country, by the designated airlines of each Contracting Party, in order to exploit the rights, set out in the Agreement, shall remain exceptional or meet temporary needs, provided that the airline of such third country is not prohibited to operate in the European Union and or/Dominican Republic. It shall be submitted for prior approval to competent authorities of both the lessor and the lessee and to the competent authority of the other Contracting Party to where it is intended to operate the wet-leased aircraft.

8. Ground Handling

Subject to the laws and regulations of each contracting Party, including, in the case of the Hellenic Republic, European Union law, each designated airline shall have, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, the right to perform its own ground handling ("self-handling") or,




as its option, the right to select among competing suppliers that provide ground handling services in whole or in part. Where such laws and regulations limit or preclude self-handling and there is no effective competition between suppliers that provide ground handling services, each designated airline shall be treated on a non-discriminatory basis as regards their access to self-handling and ground handling services provided by a supplier or suppliers.

7. Entry into force

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force from the date of its signature.

Signed in Kuala Lumpur, on 23 October 2024, in two original copies in the English language.

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APPENDIX I

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