

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS' AIR SERVICES ENGAGEMENT WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "ASEAN" or "ASEAN Member States", or individually as "ASEAN Member State");

**RECALLING** the conclusion of the Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalisation of Air Freight Services, the Multilateral Agreement on Air Services and the Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalisation of Passenger Air Services;

**NOTING** ongoing and future negotiations on multilateral air services agreements with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners;

**RECALLING** the unanimous agreement reached by the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting held on 10 December 2009 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, that in line with one of the key principles of the ASEAN Charter – to maintain the centrality of ASEAN in its relations and cooperation with its Dialogue Partners – ASEAN should first liberalise air services within the region before liberalising air services with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners and the direction given by the ASEAN Transport Ministers to the ASEAN Secretariat to propose an acceptable form to enshrine this principle,

## **HAVE AGREED** as follows:

- 1. The integrity, solidarity and integration of ASEAN shall be accorded priority in the implementation of air services agreements and their implementing protocols between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners.
- 2. An ASEAN Member State shall ratify/approve the ASEAN-wide air services agreements before ratifying/approving the corresponding air services agreements between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners.
- 3. An ASEAN Member State shall also ratify/approve the implementing protocols to ASEAN-wide air services agreements before ratifying/approving the corresponding implementing protocols to air services agreements between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners. For avoidance of doubt, the term 'corresponding implementing protocols' shall refer to the implementing protocols which correspond in terms of traffic rights conferred.
- 4. An ASEAN Member State which has ratified/approved air services agreements and/or implementing protocols between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners before ratifying/approving the corresponding ASEAN-wide air services agreements and/or implementing protocols shall (with effect from the date of such ratification/approval), accord to all ASEAN Member States which have ratified/approved the said corresponding ASEAN-wide air services agreements and/or implementing protocols, treatment not less favourable than what is accorded by that ASEAN Member State to the Dialogue Partners with respect to the traffic rights laid out in the air services agreements and/or implementing protocols so ratified/approved.
- 5. The Secretary-General of ASEAN shall maintain an accurate and updated register of the ratifications/approvals of an ASEAN Member State of the ASEAN-wide air services agreements and/or implementing protocols and the multilateral air services agreements and/or implementing protocols between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners. Further, the Secretary-General of ASEAN shall accept

ratifications/approvals only upon the fulfilment of the prerequisites as specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 by that ASEAN Member State.

- 6. The provisions of this MOU shall apply to all existing and future ASEAN-wide air services agreements and/or implementing protocols as well as to all existing and future air services agreements and/or implementing protocols between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners.
- 7. This MOU shall enter into force once all ASEAN Member States have notified the Secretary-General of ASEAN in writing of their completion of internal formalities. The date of entry into force for this MOU shall be the date the last written notification is received. The Secretary-General of ASEAN shall notify ASEAN Member States of the entry into force of this MOU. The MOU shall enter into provisional effect upon signature for ASEAN Member States where their internal formalities permit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' Air Services Engagement with Dialogue Partners, on the dates herein below indicated, in a single original copy in the English Language.

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PEHIN DATO ABDULLAH BAKAR

Minister of Communications

Date: 12 Nov 2010

For the the Government of Kingdom of Cambodia:

MAO HAVANNALL
Secretary of State
State Secretariat of Civil Aviation

Date: 12 Nov 2010

For the Government of the Republic of Indonesia:

MOH. IKSAN TATANG Secretary General Ministry of Transportation

Date: 12 Nov 2010

For the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:

SOMMAD PHOLSENA
Minister of Public Works and
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Date: 12 Nov 2010

For the Government of Malaysia: Date: 12 Nov 2010 DATO' SERI KONG CHO HA Minister of Transport For the Government of the Union of Myanmar: Date: 12 Nov 2010 **U THEIN SWE** Minister for Transport For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines: Date: 12 Nov 2010 JOSE P. DE JESUS Secretary of Transportation and Communications For the Government of the Republic of Singapore: RAYMOND LIM Date: 12 Nov 2010

Minister for Transport

For the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand:

SOPHON ZARAM Minister of Transport Date: 13 Jan 2011

For the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam:

**HO NGHIA DZUNG**Minister of Transport

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