MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authonities of the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Sierra Leone met in Aqaba, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan during the ICAN 2019-event organised by ICAO, on 3 December 2019, to initiate a Bilateral Air Service Agreement and to negotiate the operating rights and other related matters.

The lists of the Members of the two Delegations are attached hereto as Attachment (1).

As a result of these discussions, which were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, the two Delegations have agreed the following:

1. TEXT OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT (ASA):

The text of the ASA and its Annex, attached hereto as Attachment (2), was agreed and initialled by the Heads of both Delegations.

As from the date of signature of this Memorandum of Understanding and until the ASA and its Annex enter into force, the two Delegations agree to apply the principles included therein, on a provisional basis and within the scope of their administrative competences.

Both Delegations undertook to advise their respective Authorities to begin the internal legal procedure conducive to an early signature, and completion of their respective constitutional /legal requirements, for the entry into force of the ASA, as soon as possible.

2. DESIGNATION OF AIRLINES:

The Aeronautical Authority of the Republic of Sierra Leone accepts Oman Air and SalamAir as the designated airlines of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.

The Aeronautical Authority of the Republic of Sierra Leone will advise their designated airlines in due course.

3. CAPACITY AND FREQUENCIES:

Both Delegations agreed that the designated airlines of each Party will be permitted to operate unlimited weekly frequencies for passengers, cargo or in combination services with 3rd and 4th freedom traffic rights in each direction on their respective routes with any type of aircraft.

4. FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS:

The designated airlines of each Party will be permitted to exercise full 5th freedom rights for intermediate and beyond points for all passengers, cargo and combination services on the respective routes specified in the Annex to the Agreement.

5. CODE-SHARING:

- 5.1 In operating or holding out the authorized Air services on the specified agreed routes, any designated airline of one Party may enter into cooperative marketing arrangements such as code-share or any Commercial arrangements with:
 - An airline or airlines of the same Party;
 - b) An airline or airlines of the other Party; and
 - c) An airline or airlines of a third country, provided that such third country authorizes or allows comparable arrangements between the airlines of the other Party and other airlines on services to, from and via such third country.
- 5.2 The above provisions are, however, subject to the condition that all airlines in such arrangements hold the appropriate authorization (traffic rights).
- 5.3 The code-sharing airlines are required to submit proposed code-sharing arrangements to the Aeronautical Authorities of both Parties for approval at least fifteen (15) days before their proposed introduction.
- 5.4 Each airline involved in code-sharing arrangements pursuant to this paragraph must, in respect of any ticket sold by it:
 - a) Make it clear to the purchaser at the point of sale, which airline or airlines will actually operate each sector of the services and with which airline or airlines the purchaser is entering into a contractual relationship.
 - -b) Meet the requirements normally applied to such arrangements by the Aeronautical Authorities of both Parties, especially those related to the protection of and information to passengers and liability.

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6. CHARTER SERVICES:

Both Delegations agreed that the airlines of both Parties may operate charter flights between the territories of their respective countries provided that such services fully comply with the rules and regulations enforced by each Party.

7. AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION:

Both Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective concerned authorities to enter into an agreement for avoidance of double taxation on the air transport revenue of the designated airlines and on the employment income of their expatriate staff.

8. COOPERATION

The Sierra Leone Delegation expressed its interest for the Omani Government/investors to explore the opportunity of investing in Sierra Leone's aviation sector by using the official call sign of the Republic of Sierra Leone to establish/operate as a national carrier of Sierra Leone.

9. ENTRY INTO EFFECT:

Both Delegations agreed that this Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon the date of its signature.

Signed in Aqaba, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 3 December 2019.

For the Aeronautical Authorities of the Sultanate of Oman



For the Aeronautical Authorities of

the Republic Sierra Leone

Mr. Salim Hamed Said AL Husaini	Mr. Patrick Jaia Kaikai
Head of the Omani Delegation	Head of the Republic of Sierra Leone Delegation

Attachment (1)

DELEGATION OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

Head of Delegation

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Delegates

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Dr. Abdulrazaq Juma Essa Alraisi Advisor to CEO's Office - Oman Air

DELEGATION OF THE Republic of Sierra Leone

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