MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

OF ETHIOPIA

AND

THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authorities of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereinafter referred to as "Delegations") met on December 6 2023 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN 2023) to discuss air services arrangements between their Countries. A list of the Delegations is attached as Annex A.

The discussions were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Both Delegations expressed a desire to advance their aviation relationship in a spirit of cooperation for their mutual benefits

As a result of the discussions, the following understandings were reached between the Delegations:

New Air Services Agreement

The delegations considered the text of the draft Bilateral Air Services Agreement giving due regard to the Decision Relating to the Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration Concerning the Liberalization of Access to Air Transport Market in Africa (The Yamoussoukro Decision) and have reached agreement on the text of the draft agreement. An signed copy of the text appears as Appendix B and both delegations agreed to recommend it to their respective Governments for ratification.

2. Designation of Airlines

In accordance with Article 7 (Designation and Authorization) of the initialed ASA, the delegations agreed that both sides are entitled to designate one or more airline(s) to operate the agreed services on the specified routes.



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Route Schedule

The designated airline of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be entitled to operate scheduled international air services in both directions on the routes specified hereafter:

Points in Ethiopia	Intermediate Points	Points in Sierra Leone	Beyond Points
Any International Airport	Any point	Any International Airport	Any point

The designated airline of the Republic of Sierra Leone shall be entitled to operate scheduled international air services in both directions on the routes specified hereafter

Points in Sierra Leone	Intermediate Points	Points in Ethiopia	Beyond Points	
Any International Airport	Any point	Any International	Any point	-
		Airport		

4. Frequency and Capacity

The designated airlines of both parties have the right to operate unlimited frequency for both Passenger &/or Cargo operation within Africa without any restriction on capacity or aircraft type.

5. Traffic Rights

The designated airlines of both parties have the right to exercise full 3rd, 4th and 5th freedom traffic rights within Africa. Exercise of 5th freedom traffic rights on points beyond Africa are subject to negotiation between the two Parties.

6. Avoidance of Double Taxation

Each Contracting Party shall undertake to exempt the airline designated by the other Contracting Party from payment of any state or local community taxes on its revenues earned while operating international air services.

7. Provisional effect of the Agreement

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force with immediate effect whilst the provisions of the signed Bilateral Air Services agreement attached hereto will be brought provisionally into effect upon signing, pending notification by each party to the other of the fulfillment of their constitutional formalities with regard to the conclusion and entry into force of the Bilateral Air Service Agreement.



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For the delegation of the Aeronautical Authority of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Mrs. Musayeroh Barrie Director General SLCAA

For the delegation of Aeronautical Authority of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Annex A

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List of the Delegation of The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Head of Delegation:

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Delegates:

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Mrs. Berhane Kebede Mariam Chief, Air Services Agreement Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority

Mr. Daniel Abebe Gugsa Group Vice President Strategic Planning & Alliances Ethiopian Airlines Group

Mrs. Tigist Tassew Teklemariam Director, Group Strategic Planning, Gov't & International Affairs Ethiopian Airlines Group

Names of the Republic of Sierra Leone Delegation

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Floyd A.P. Davies Deputy Director General – Admin SLCAA Lead Negotiator

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