



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

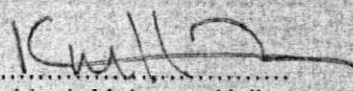
**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

AND

**THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT
ASSOCIATION (IATA)**

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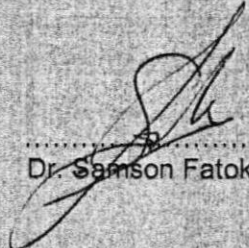
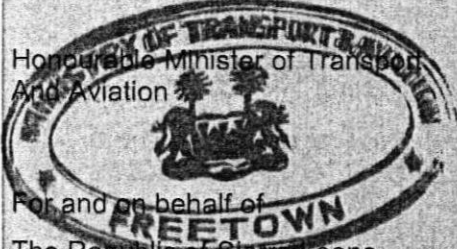
Done at Freetown on this 25th day of 11 2019



Kabineh Moinama Kallon

Honourable Minister of Transport
And Aviation

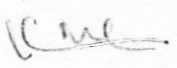
For and on behalf of
The Republic of Sierra Leone



Dr. Samson Fatokun

Head of Account Management
West and Central Africa Region

For and on Behalf of
The International Air Transport
Association (IATA)



The Government of Sierra Leone represented by

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duly empowered for the purposes of this Agreement ("the Government"), as First Party;

The International Air Transport Association, ("IATA"), a not-for-profit organisation incorporated by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada on 18 December 1945, with its headquarters located at 800 Place Victoria, Montreal H4Z 1M1, Quebec, Canada, and with its Regional Office for the Middle East located at IATA Regional Office for Africa and the Middle East, Business Park, Building No 8, Floors 2, 3 and 4, King Abdullah Street, Al Shaab Roundabout, Amman, 11194, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, represented by Mr. Alexandre de Juniac, Director General & CEO, duly empowered for the purposes hereof, as Second Party;"

Collectively the "Parties";

Noting that IATA is an international organisation established by Special Act of Parliament of Canada in 1945, with its Head Office in Montreal, Canada;

Taking into consideration that both Parties recognize the mutual benefits of IATA having IATA conduct activities in the Republic of Sierra Leone ("Sierra Leone");

Taking into consideration that the advantages that IATA brings to the local travel industry;

Noting that IATA is a unique entity representing a vital global industry, and has as objectives among others:

- a. The promotion of safe, regular and economic air transportation to benefit passengers and to foster air trade;
- b. To provide means of collaboration and cooperation among air transport enterprises in compliance with applicable law;
- c. To cooperate with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other international organizations;

Recognizing the benefits of the IATA Billing and Settlement Plan ("BSP"), and Cargo Account Settlement System ("CASS") to the air transportation infrastructure;

Whereas the Government and IATA now wish to clarify in a formal document IATA's corporate status in Sierra Leone and the special rights and privileges that the Government will grant to IATA and its staff to perform their activities in Sierra Leone; and

Whereas the Parties are desirous to conclude an Agreement ("the Agreement"), which would describe the status of IATA in Sierra Leone, and guarantee the continuity of IATA's operations;

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HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Article 1 - Scope

1. The terms of the present agreement will apply to IATA's Activities in Sierra Leone.
2. The Agreement will not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties regarding aspects not expressly mentioned in the Agreement.

Article 2 - Definitions

For the purposes of the Agreement:

1. "Government" means the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone.
2. "IATA" means the International Air Transport Association.
3. "IATA Activities" means any activity performed by or on behalf of IATA, whether or not such activity is physically performed in Sierra Leone.

Article 3 - IATA in Sierra Leone

1. The Government grants IATA the authorisation to establish a legal presence in Sierra Leone, to carry out IATA Activities as described in IATA's Act of Incorporation and Articles of Association, as amended from time to time, and/or by the governance bodies of the IATA Traffic Conferences or as authorised by IATA's Director General, as appropriate. The presence shall have the status of a Branch Office, or any other corporate form that IATA may select and that is available under the laws of Sierra Leone.
2. The Government grants IATA all the legal powers and authorities under the laws of Sierra Leone, and any additional power necessary and consistent with this Agreement so as to enable IATA to carry out the IATA Activities in Sierra Leone, including the power to enter into contracts, to open bank accounts in any currency and to repatriate money.

Article 4 - Grant of Privileges to IATA

All of the IATA Activities in Sierra Leone, including the operation of the IATA Settlement Services and Financial Services shall be exempt from all taxes, including withholding taxes and taxes on movement of funds into and out of a bank account.

Article 5 - Exchange Controls

IATA shall have the right to transfer out of Sierra Leone provided that they are derived from the sale of airline tickets or cargo space, or from any fees and charges levied by IATA on any participant in any IATA Activities, or provided that they have been transferred or brought into Sierra Leone by IATA.

IATA shall have the right to freely convert any currency into and from Sierra Leonean Leone.

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Article 6 - Dispute Resolution

Any disagreement with regards to the application and interpretation of this Agreement, if it cannot be resolved through negotiations between the Parties, shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by three arbitrators appointed in accordance with the said Rules. The arbitration shall be in London, and the language of arbitration shall be English.

Article 7 - Term

1. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signature by the delegates accredited to this effect.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by a two (2) years written notice given by either of the Parties to the other Party by registered mail with return receipt or other form of notification where an acknowledgement of receipt is given by the receiving Party, and the Agreement shall terminate at the end of the period of notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the International Air Transport Association and of the Government, respectively, have on behalf of the Parties signed the present Agreement in the English language in two copies at Freetown this 26th day of November 1979.



For the Government of the Republic of
Sierra Leone

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26th/11/79



For the International Air Transport
Association

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Dr. Samson Fortukan

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