

## CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Delegations representing the Government of the Republic of Maldives and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria met in Male' on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August 1996, to conclude an Air Services Agreement between the two countries.
2. The list of the members of the two delegations is attached hereto as Attachment I.
3. The meeting was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.
4. The Air Services Agreement was signed by the leaders of the two delegations.
5. The two delegations reached the following understandings:
6. DESIGNATION
  - 6.1 In accordance with Article 3 of the Air Services Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Maldives designated Air Maldives Ltd as its national carrier to operate the agreed services.
  - 6.2 The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria designated Balkan Bulgarian Airlines as its national carrier to operate the agreed services.
7. FREQUENCIES
  - 7.1 The designated airlines of either Contracting Party may operate upto three services per week with any type of aircraft.

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8. FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS

8.1 Both delegations agreed that the designated airlines of either Contracting Party are entitled to exercise fifth freedom traffic rights to the following points as intermediate and/or beyond points.

8.2 Designated airline(s) of Maldives:

Six points to be specified and agreed upon between the aeronautical authorities of both Contracting Parties.

8.3 Designated airline(s) of Bulgaria:

Intermediate Points: Dubai, Kuwait, Bahrain.

Points Beyond: Bangkok plus two points to be additionally specified and agreed upon between the aeronautical authorities of both Contracting Parties.

It was agreed that fifth freedom traffic rights between Male' and Kuwait are granted on a temporary basis and these rights will be immediately withdrawn when the designated airline(s) of Maldives starts its own operation between Male' and Kuwait.

8.4 It was understood that both aeronautical authorities will from time to time, review the fifth freedom traffic rights operation of the designated airline(s).

9. AIRLINE SALES

8.1 Notwithstanding Article 11 (1) of the Air Services Agreement, the two delegations noted that, for so long as foreign airlines which operate to/from Maldives are required by the existing decree of the President of Maldives to appoint Air Maldives LTD as their General Sales Agent in the Maldives, the designated airlines of Bulgaria may only engage on the sale of air transportation

on the agreed services in the territory of the Maldives through the agency of Air Maldives.

10. GENERALITY

- 10.1 Notwithstanding the terms of Article 22 of the Air Services Agreement, both delegations agreed that, subject to their relevant legislations, the Air Services Agreement would come into effect provisionally from the date of signature of this Confidential Memorandum of Understanding.
- 10.2 This Confidential Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature.
- 10.3 This Confidential Memorandum of Understanding (CMOU) cancels and supersedes the CMOU done at Male' on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1995.

Done at Male' on 13th August 1996

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