

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authorities of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand whose names appear in Attachments "A" and "B" met in Sofia on 19th April 1996 to discuss matters related to the air transport between the two countries.

As a result of these discussions which were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere, the following understandings have been reached:

### **1. DESIGNATION OF AIRLINES**

Pursuant to Article 3 of the Agreement for Civil Air Transport, the Delegation of the Aeronautical Authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria hereby accepts THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL LTD as the designated airline of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Delegation of the Aeronautical Authorities of the Kingdom of Thailand hereby accepts BALKAN BULGARIAN AIRLINES as the designated airline of the Republic of Bulgaria.

### **2. CAPACITY AND FREQUENCIES**

Pursuant to paragraph (4) of Article 7 of the Agreement, the designated airlines of both Contracting Parties shall each be entitled to operate three weekly air services with any type of aircraft. This provision shall be applied provisionally as from today's date and shall come into force when confirmed by an exchange of diplomatic notes in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement.

### **3. TRAFFIC RIGHTS**

3.1. In operating the air services on their respective routes the designated airlines of the two Contracting Parties shall enjoy full rights in 3rd and 4th freedom traffic.

3.2. The designated airline of one Contracting Party may enjoy 5th freedom traffic rights on the sectors where the designated airline of the other Contracting Party is not operating, but the designated airline

of one Contracting Party shall not exercise 5th freedom traffic rights on the sectors where the designated airline of the other Contracting Party is operating, unless there is a Commercial Agreement between the designated airlines which shall be submitted for the approval of both aeronautical authorities.

#### 4. INTERMEDIATE POINTS AND POINTS BEYOND

4.1. Both delegations agreed that the designated airline of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be permitted to operate via Male and one additional point to be selected from the following points: Colombo, Dubai, Dhaka, Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Jiddah.

Likewise, the designated airline of the Kingdom of Thailand shall be permitted to operate via two intermediate points selected in 4.2. below.

Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (3.2) of this Confidential Memorandum of Understanding, the designated airline of Republic of Bulgaria shall enjoy 5th freedom traffic rights on the sector Male-Bangkok-Male.

4.2. As regards the THAI route, the two intermediate points shall be selected at Thailand's choice at a later date from the following points namely Damascus, Baghdad, Amman, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Karachi, Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Dhaka, Dubai, Tehran, Colombo, Male and Tashkent.

4.3 As regards the matter of point beyond, both Delegations agreed that the designated airline of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be permitted to operate beyond Bangkok to Singapore up to 3 weekly service with any type of aircraft and without 5th freedom traffic rights.

Likewise, the designated airline of the Kingdom of Thailand shall be permitted to operate beyond Sofia to any one point at Thailand's choice up to 3 weekly service with any type of aircraft and without 5th freedom traffic rights. / /

**5. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Bulgarian Delegation made a proposal that Balkan Bulgarian Airlines to be granted stop-over rights for the operation on the specified routes. Both Delegations agreed that this matter may be later discussed between the respective Aeronautical Authorities at an appropriate time.

**6. GENERALITY**

6.1. Both Delegations agreed that this Confidential Memorandum of Understanding will come into force on the date of its signature.

6.2 The Confidential Memorandum of Understanding dated 27th May 1994 shall be no longer in force as from 19th of April 1996.

**DONE IN DUPLICATE** at Sofia, this 19 day of April, 1996 in the English language.

**FOR THE DELEGATION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

*На основание §1, т.1 от ДР на ЗЗЛД*

**APIK GARABEDIAN**

**FOR THE DELEGATION OF  
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

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**SAWAT SITTIWONG**