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Dominica	9 May	2008	s
Guyana	2 Jul	2008	s
St. Kitts and Nevis	9 May	2008	s
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St. Vincent and the Grenadines	6 Jun	2008	s
Trinidad and Tobago	3 Jul	2008	s

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Antigua-et-Barbuda	9 mai	2008	s
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Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis	9 mai	2008	s
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Sainte-Lucie	3 juil	2008	s
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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

AGREEMENT

**ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN AVIATION SAFETY
AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT SYSTEM (CASSOS)**

THE STATES PARTIES:

CONSCIOUS that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is the international body created by the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (the Chicago Convention) with the stated aims and objectives of developing the principles and techniques of international air navigation and fostering the planning and development of international air transport so as to, *inter alia*, ensure the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation throughout the world;

RECOGNISING that under Article 37 of the Chicago Convention, Contracting States shall undertake to collaborate in securing the highest practicable degree of uniformity in regulations, standards, procedures and organization in relation to aircraft, personnel, airways and auxiliary services in all matters in which such uniformity will facilitate and improve air navigation and to this end the ICAO shall adopt and amend from time to time, as may be necessary, international standards and recommended practices and procedures dealing with *inter alia*, flight standards, security, aerodromes, air traffic and air navigation services, operation and airworthiness of aircraft, personnel licensing, aircraft accident and incident investigation and other similar matters concerned with the safety, security and efficiency of air navigation;

AWARE that the ICAO Resolution A-35-7 encourages Contracting States to foster the creation of regional and sub-regional partnerships to collaborate in the development of solutions to common problems;

ALSO AWARE of the goal and objectives of the Community Transport Policy with respect to the development of air transport services as outlined in Chapter Six of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) which are Contracting States of ICAO share a common goal to provide adequate, safe, and internationally competitive air transport services and to ensure the sustained development of civil aviation;

ALSO CONSCIOUS of the need for a harmonized approach and close collaboration in promoting safe, orderly, efficient and economical civil aviation operations;

CONVINCED that the harmonization of regulations, standards, practices and procedures within the Community would facilitate the effective sharing of resources to foster the development of individual Member States;

FURTHER CONVINCED that the formal establishment of an inter-governmental, regional civil aviation safety and security oversight system under the auspices of the Community and designated by the Conference as an Institution of the Community in accordance with Article 21 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy will foster recognition by the international aviation and donor communities resulting in significant economic benefits to the States Parties in such areas as security, technical assistance, the sharing of information, training and the transfer of technology;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

INTERPRETATION

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Assistant System Coordinator” means the Assistant System Coordinator appointed pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article VIII;

“Associate Member of CASSOS” means any State or Territory in the Caribbean admitted to associate membership of CASSOS pursuant to Article IV;

“Associate Member of the Community” means any Caribbean State or Territory admitted to associate membership of the Community pursuant to Article 231 of the Revised Treaty;

“Board” means the Board of Directors appointed under Article VII;

“CASSOS” means the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System established under Article II;

"Chicago Convention" means the Convention on International Civil Aviation, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944;

"Community" means the Caribbean Community established by Article 2 of the Revised Treaty;

"Contracting State" means a State that has signed the Chicago Convention;

"COTED" means the Council for Trade and Economic Development, an Organ of the Community so named in paragraph 2(b) of Article 10 of the Revised Treaty;

"ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices" means the international standards and recommended practices adopted by ICAO and designated in Annexes to the Chicago Convention in accordance with Article 54 of that Convention;

"Member State" means a Member State of the Community pursuant to Article 3 of the Revised Treaty;

"OECS" means the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States established by the Agreement Establishing the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States signed at Basseterre on 19 June 1981;

"RASOS" means the Regional Aviation Safety Oversight System;

"Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy" means the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy signed at Nassau, The Bahamas on 5 July 2001;

"Secretary General" means the Secretary General of the Community;

"States Parties" means Parties to this Agreement; and

"System Coordinator" means the System Coordinator appointed pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Article VIII.