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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

RELATING TO SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Barbados (hereinafter, "the Contracting Parties");

Desiring to promote an international aviation system based on competition among airlines in the marketplace with minimum government interference and regulation;

Desiring to facilitate the expansion of international air services opportunities;

Recognising that efficient and competitive international air services enhance trade, the welfare of consumers, and economic growth;

Desiring to make it possible for airlines to offer the travelling and shipping public a variety of service options, and wishing to encourage individual airlines to develop and implement innovative and competitive prices;

Desiring to ensure the highest degree of safety and security in international air services and reaffirming their grave concern about acts or threats against the security of aircraft, which jeopardise the safety of persons or property, adversely affect the operation of air services, and undermine public confidence in the safety of civil aviation; and

Being Parties to the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on December 7, 1944;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Definitions

- For the purpose of the present Agreement and its Annex, unless otherwise agreed:
 - a. The term "aeronautical authorities" means, in the case of Switzerland, the Federal Office of Civil Aviation and, in the case of Barbados, the Minister responsible for Civil Aviation, or in both cases any person or body, authorised to exercise the functions presently assigned to the said authorities;
 - b. The term "agreed services" means air services on the specified routes for the carriage of passengers, cargo and mail, separately or in combination;
 - c. The terms "air service", "international air service", "airline" and "stop for non-traffic purposes" shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in Article 96 of the Convention:
 - d. The term "the Convention" means the Convention on International Civil Aviation opened for signature at Chicago on the seventh day of December, 1944, and includes any annex adopted under Article 90 of that Convention and any amendment of the annexes or Convention under Articles 90 and 94 thereof so far as those annexes and amendments are applicable for both Contracting Parties;
 - e. The term "designated airlines" means an airline or airlines which one Contracting Party has designated, in accordance with Article 5 of the present Agreement, for the operation of the agreed air services;
 - f. The term "tariff" means any fare, rate or charge for the carriage of passengers, baggage and/or cargo (excluding mail) in air transportation charged by airlines, including their agents, and the conditions governing the availability of such fare, rate or charge;
 - g. The term "territory" in relation to a State shall have the meaning assigned to it in Article 2 of the Convention.
- 2. The Annex forms an integral part of the present Agreement. All references to the Agreement shall include the Annex unless explicitly agreed otherwise.

Article 2 Grant of Rights

- Each Contracting Party grants to the other Contracting Party the rights specified in the present Agreement for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the schedules of the Annex. Such services and routes are hereafter called "agreed services" and "specified routes" respectively.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of the present Agreement the airlines designated by each Contracting Party shall enjoy, while operating international air services:
 - a. the right to fly without landing across the territory of the other Contracting Party;
 - b. the right to make stops in the said territory for non-traffic purposes;
 - the right to embark and disembark in the said territory at the points specified in the Annex of the present Agreement passengers, baggage, cargo and mail destined for or coming from points in the territory of the other Contracting Party;
 - d. the right to embark and disembark in the territory of third countries at the points specified in the Annex of the present Agreement passengers, baggage, cargo and mail destined for or coming from points in the territory of the other Contracting Party, specified in the Annex of the present Agreement.
- 3. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to confer on the designated airlines of one Contracting Party the privilege of embarking, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, passengers, baggage, cargo and mail carried for remuneration or hire and destined for another point in the territory of that Contracting Party.
- 4. If because of armed conflict, political disturbances or developments, or special and unusual circumstances, the designated airlines of one Contracting Party are unable to operate a service on its normal routing, the other Contracting Party shall use its best efforts to facilitate the continued operation of such service through appropriate rearrangements of such routes, including the grant of rights for such time as may be necessary to facilitate viable operations.