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MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE

**TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND THE

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America, and the Ministry of Transport (MOT) of the Republic of Singapore, individually referred to herein as “a Party” or “each Party,” as appropriate, and collectively referred to as “the Parties,” have as a common purpose to strengthen and promote friendly relations, mutual understanding and the development of technical cooperation in civil aviation security between the two countries;

WHEREAS, the Parties have a common interest in promoting research and development relating to civil aviation security matters;

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to make the best use of their respective research and technology development capacities, eliminate unnecessary duplication of work and obtain the most efficient and cost effective results through cooperative activities, to generate technological solutions to counter threats to civil aviation security;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to increase the exchange of information and where possible, expertise in areas pertinent to the identification of civil aviation security threats and the development of best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to establish a framework for cooperation in technological research, development, testing, and evaluation in the field of civil aviation security;

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1
Objective**

1. This Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) is a framework agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions for mutual cooperation in the development and enhancement of bilateral civil aviation security (AVSEC). For this purpose, the Parties may, subject to the availability of funds and necessary resources, provide personnel, resources, and related services to cooperate in accordance with Annexes and Appendices to this MOC to be agreed upon by the Parties.

2. The objective of this MOC may be achieved by cooperation in the areas of policy and procedures, technology, operations, technical exchange, and regular dialogue to promote

awareness of AVSEC.

3. Such cooperation may include:

(a) for policy and procedures-

the sharing of knowledge and best practices on AVSEC policies and procedures,

(b) for technology-

the sharing of knowledge, technical information and experience on new technology deployed or to be deployed for use for AVSEC purposes and joint operational testing, and evaluation of new and advanced security equipment in an airport environment,

(c) for operations-

providing assistance and facilitation as may be necessary for audits of or enhancement of security measures taken by their respective national carriers, subject to each Party's laws and regulations and other conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the facilitating and approving agencies when the audits or enhancements are carried out in the other Party's territory,

(d) for technical exchange-

symposia, conferences, training, seminars, courses, or other technical programs on AVSEC, which can be conducted, organized or hosted by either of the Parties, individually or jointly, and in coordination with their related agencies,

(e) for regular dialogue to promote AVSEC-

annual senior level official meetings and regular working level meetings between the Parties and/or their relevant aviation or AVSEC authorities.

ARTICLE 2
Definitions

For purposes of this MOC, the Parties have adopted the following definitions:

1. Implementing Entities:

(a) The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS); and

(b) The Ministry of Transport (MOT) of the Republic of Singapore.

2. Classified Information:

Official information that requires protection for national security, law enforcement, domestic security, or other reasons and is so designated by the application of the appropriate security classification markings in accordance with the national laws, regulations, policies, directives or practices of the Party providing the information. Whether the information is provided or generated under this MOC, it will be marked to identify it as Classified Information.

3. Sensitive Information:

Information that is not Classified Information, but to which access or distribution limitations have been applied in accordance with national laws, regulations, policies, directives or practices of the Party providing the information. Whether the information is provided or generated under this MOC, it will be marked to identify its sensitive character. This definition includes, but is not limited to, information marked "Sensitive Security Information," "Law Enforcement Sensitive Information," "Controlled Unclassified Information," and "For Official Use Only."

**ARTICLE 3
Implementation**

1. The Parties shall implement this MOC in accordance with Annexes and Appendices to be agreed upon in writing by the Parties. An Annex or Appendix shall form an integral part of this MOC when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

2. Representatives from the TSA and the MOT may meet periodically to discuss cooperative activities. A joint review of the status of ongoing activities, which are the subject of Annexes and Appendices to the MOC, may be conducted at such intervals as mutually agreed by the Parties, if necessary.

3. The designated offices for the coordination and management of this MOC and its Annexes and Appendices, and where all requests for services under this MOC should be made, are:

for the TSA:

Transportation Security Administration
Office of Global Strategies
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202
Tel no. +1 571-227-3715
Fax no. +1 571-227-2577

for the MOT:

**International Relations and Security Division
Ministry of Transport
#33-00 PSA Building
460 Alexandra Road
Singapore 119963
Tel no. 65-63752501
Fax no. 65-63757734**

4. The technical program liaison for a specific activity shall be established in accordance with the relevant Annex and/or Appendix for such activity.

ARTICLE 4 Exchange of Personnel

The Parties may exchange technical personnel as required to pursue and carry out the activities in accordance with the Annexes and Appendices to this MOC. The terms and conditions and the scope of work to be performed for such exchanges shall be agreed to by the Parties in the relevant Annexes and Appendices. Such personnel may be from the TSA, the MOT, or supporting government agencies, or may be contractors, as mutually agreed. Personnel, excluding contractors, assigned to any activity shall retain their status as government employees. The supervision and administration of the personnel shall be in accordance with the laws, policies and procedures of the assigning Party. The assigned personnel shall perform at the high level of conduct and technical execution required by both Parties.

ARTICLE 5 Equipment and Loan Arrangements

A Party may loan equipment to the other in accordance with the Annexes or Appendices to this MOC. Unless otherwise specified in an Annex or Appendix, the following general provisions shall apply to all loans of equipment:

- (a) the borrower shall, at its own expense, transport any equipment to the borrower's designated location and note its value, as identified by the lender,**
- (b) unless otherwise agreed between the Parties the borrower shall assume custody and possession of said equipment upon its delivery by the lender to the designated point of embarkation in the lender's territory,**
- (c) upon completion of use or of the expiration or termination of the pertinent Appendix, Annex or this MOC, the borrower shall return the equipment to the lender at the**