

## **Confidential Record of Consultations**

Delegations representing the Aeronautical authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Russian Federation met in Munich from 7 to 8 October 2019 to discuss civil aviation matters between the two countries.

The discussions were cordial and constructive, reflecting the mutual respect and understanding of the two delegations. Delegation lists are attached as Annexes I and II.

### **1. Designation of Passenger and Cargo (Combination) Air Carriers**

Both sides jointly decided that on specified routes 1 and 2 the Russian side may designate a maximum of five passenger and cargo (combination) air carriers on each city pair except on city pairs between any point in Russia and Frankfurt on Main or Munich in Germany. Between any point in Russia and Frankfurt on Main or Munich the Russian side may designate a maximum of four passenger and cargo (combination) air carriers.

### **2. Route Schedule**

Both sides agreed to add into the Route Schedule four (4) additional freely selectable points in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany, served by airlines designated by the Russian Federation (Route 1).

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#### 4. Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights

i) In addition to the traffic rights already granted both sides jointly decided to grant one designated Russian all-cargo air carrier:

- two (2) weekly frequencies on the route points in Russia – Leipzig – points in the United States of America v. v. with fifth freedom traffic rights on the Route Leipzig – points in the United States of America and
- two (2) weekly frequencies on the route points in Russia – one point in Germany, except Frankfurt on Main and Munich – points in South Africa v. v. with fifth freedom traffic rights on the Route point in Germany (except Frankfurt on Main and Munich) – points in South Africa.

provided that the services originate and terminate in each case at the same point.

ii) Both sides agreed that one designated all-cargo air carrier of the Russian Federation may operate five (5) weekly frequencies on the route Moscow/ Sankt Petersburg – Helsinki / Riga – Leipzig v. v. with fifth freedom traffic rights on the route Helsinki / Riga – Leipzig provided that the services originate and terminate in each case at the same point. This route replaces the route Moscow – Munich – Liege v. v. with fifth freedom traffic rights on the route Munich – Liege as agreed in the Confidential Record of Consultation of 18 August 2016 under Point 6 b).

### **5. Code-Sharing**

In operating or offering the authorised services on the specified routes any designated airline of one side may enter into code-sharing arrangements with

- an airline or airlines of the same side,
- an airline or airlines of the other side, or
- an airline or airlines of a third country, provided that such a third country authorises or allows comparable arrangements between the airlines of the other side and other airlines

on services to, from and via such a third country, provided that all airlines in such arrangements

- hold the appropriate authority to operate on the routes and segments concerned,

and



- in respect of any ticket sold by it or them, make it clear to the purchaser at the point of sale which airline will actually operate each sector of the service and with which airline or airlines the purchaser is entering into a contractual relationship.

Code-share services are not counted against the frequency entitlement of the marketing carrier and shall not be subject to any restrictions with regard to the number of designated airlines on city pair basis.

The authorized airlines may operate flights as a marketing carrier on the routes 1 and 2 to any additional point in the territory of the respective side on a code share basis only.

#### **6. Next round of Negotiation**

Both sides are engaged in a constructive dialogue on the German-Russian civil aviation relations within use of the third and the fourth freedom traffic rights. The Russian side proposed to extend this relationship in the future and suggested that the bilateral relations in this area be further liberalised. The German side is prepared to give it sympathetic consideration, taking into account all the pertaining interests and mutual requirements of the current and potential market environment.

The Russian side also asked for further opening in the area of the 5th freedom traffic rights, in particular on the Hahn – Baku and Frankfurt on Main – Brazil routes. The German side agreed to consider it.

Both sides agreed on a next round of bilateral air transport negotiations to be held in spring 2020 in Germany or Russia in order to further liberalize the bilateral air services especially with regard to the discussed issues.

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**7. Entry into effect**

This Confidential Record of Consultations shall become effective on the date of its signature.

Signed in Munich on 8 October 2019

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