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**BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**AND**

**GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

## Record of Discussion

Delegations representing the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereafter: "side" or collectively the "sides") met on 3 December 2019 in Aqaba, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to discuss different aspects of air transport between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Sierra Leone. Both sides wish to strengthen their air services relations and enhance the commercial opportunities for the designated air carriers.

The atmosphere in which the discussions took place was a pleasant and friendly one, reflecting the relations between the two countries. Lists of delegation members are enclosed as Annex I.

Both sides came to the following understanding:

### **1. Air Transport Agreement**

The German side submitted a draft Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for the consideration of the Sierra Leonean side.

In this meeting, the Sierra Leonean side submitted comments for the consideration of the German side. The German side took note of the comments and explained that it will submit them to its relevant authorities for consideration and come back to the Sierra Leonean side in due time.

It was agreed that both sides would progress the matter through correspondence with a view to finalising the text of the draft Agreement.

### **2. Route schedule**

Both sides jointly decided on the joint Route Schedule enclosed (Annex II).

### **3. Frequencies**

Both sides shared the opinion that the designated airlines of either side may operate up to eight (8) weekly frequencies on the routes established in the route schedule.

The designated airlines may, on the specified routes, operate flights without any restriction as to the type and configuration of aircraft.

### **4. 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.

Both sides concurred that code-share services of the marketing carrier should not be counted against the bilaterally agreed frequency entitlement.

### **5. Wet-Lease**

Both sides intend to allow any airline designated by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany or the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone to operate international air services on the specified routes with aircraft and crews leased from

- an airline or airlines of the same side,
- an airline or airlines of the other side, or
- an airline or airlines of third countries,

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provided that all parties involved hold the required authorisations and meet the requirements normally applied by each side according to the laws and regulations applicable to such arrangements.

#### **6. Own Stop-over**

In operating or offering the authorised services on the specified routes both sides intend to allow any airline designated by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany or the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone to exercise own stop-over services.

#### **7. Co-Terminal**

An air carrier designated by one side may, on the same flight, serve more than one point in the territory of the other side without using traffic rights.

#### **8. Fifth Freedom**

Fifth freedom traffic rights may only be exercised after the aeronautical authorities of both sides have given their consent in writing.

#### **9. Entry into effect**

Both sides will apply the provisions of this Record of Discussion as of its signing. This Record of Discussion or individual provisions may be terminated by one of the sides at any time. Both sides will endeavour to notify the other side of the termination of the Record of Discussion in writing two IATA flight plan periods in advance.

Signed in Aqaba, 3 December 2019

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## Route Schedule

I. Routes to be operated by the airlines designated by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

Points of Origin	Intermediate Points	Points in the Republic of Sierra Leone	Points Beyond
Any points in the Federal Republic of Germany	Any points	Any three (3) points	Any points in Africa

II. Routes to be operated by the airlines designated by the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone:

Points of Origin	Intermediate Points	Points in the Federal Republic of Germany	Points Beyond
Any points in the Republic of Sierra Leone	Any points	Any three (3) points	Any points in Europe

III. A designated airline may, if it so desires, omit one or more of the points on the specified routes, provided that the point of origin of such route lies in the territory of the Contracting Party that has designated the airline.