

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND
THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF ETHIOPIA**

Delegations representing the Civil Aviation Authorities of the Russian Federation and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia met on 5th December, 2023 in Riyadh during ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN2023) to discuss bilateral relations in the field of civil aviation.

The list of the delegations is attached as Appendix A.

The discussions were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Both delegations expressed desire to advance their aviation relationship in a spirit of cooperation for their mutual benefits.

The following understandings were reached between the delegations:

I. Air Services Agreement

Recognising that the entry into force of the ASA might take some time due to the national requirements on both sides, both delegations agreed to expedite their internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement.

Notwithstanding the above, the delegations agreed to provisionally apply the ASA as from the date of signature of this Memorandum of Understanding.



2. Designation

The Russian delegation will inform the Ethiopian side of the designated airlines of the Russian Federation to operate the agreed services to/from Ethiopia on the routes specified in the Route schedule in the Annex to the Agreement in due course.

The Ethiopian delegation designated Ethiopian Airlines to operate the agreed services to/from Russia on the routes specified in the Route schedule in the Annex to the Agreement.

3. Traffic Rights

The designated airline(s) of both Contracting Parties are allowed to operate with full 3rd and 4th freedom traffic rights without any restriction on aircraft type, frequency of flights and capacity both for passengers, all-cargo or combined services.

The exercise of 5th freedom traffic rights shall be subject to the approval of the civil aviation authorities of both Contracting Parties.

4. Code Share

The designated airlines of both Contracting Parties may enter into a code-share arrangement with any airline(s), including third-country airline(s), provided that those third-country airline(s) have the underlying traffic rights.

5. Route Schedule

The designated airlines of the Russian Federation shall be entitled to operate international scheduled air services in both directions on the routes specified hereunder:

Points of origin	Intermediate points	Points of destination	Points beyond
Any points in the Russian Federation	Points in Europe and Africa*	Any points in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	Points in Africa or Europe*

* Other points shall be subject to an agreement between the Aeronautical Authorities of the States of the Parties.

The designated airline of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall be entitled to operate scheduled international air services in both directions on the routes specified hereafter:

Points of origin	Intermediate points	Points of destination	Points beyond
Any points in Ethiopia	Points in Africa and Europe*	Any points in the Russian Federation	Points in Europe or Asia*

* Other points shall be subject to an agreement between the Aeronautical Authorities of the States of the Parties.

6. Overflying Permits on the Transsiberian, Transasian, Transpolar Routes

The Russian delegation informed that the right to overfly the territory of the Russian Federation using the Transsiberian/ Transasian/ Transpolar route network is subject to a separate agreement.

7. Entry into Force

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of its signature.

Arrangements, not covered by this Memorandum, shall remain in force.

Done on the 5th December, 2023 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

For the Russian Federation delegation



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For the Ethiopian delegation



Mr. Getachew Mengistie Alemayehu

Director General

Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority

List of the Russian delegation

1. Dmitriy V. Shiyan -- Deputy Director, International cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport.
2. Vladimir V. Poteshkin -- Deputy Head, Federal Air Transport Agency.
3. Galina S. Kirichenko -- Advisor to the Representative of the Russian Federation to ICAO.
4. Dmitriy A. Golubnichiy -- Deputy Head, Transportation regulation Division, Department of the State Policy in Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport.

List of the Ethiopian delegation

1. Getachew Mengistie Alemayehu -- Director General, Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority.
2. Gelila Elias Beshah -- Adviser to the Director General, Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority.
3. Berhane Kebede -- Senior Air Transport Expert, Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority.
4. Daniel Abebe Gugsa -- Vice President Group Strategic Planning & Alliances, Ethiopian Airlines Group.
5. Tigist Tassew Teklemariam -- Director, Group Strategic Planning, Gov't & International Affairs, Ethiopian Airlines Group.