CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("HKSAR") and the Russian Federation met in Moscow on 16 February 2015 to discuss arrangements for the implementation of the Air Services Agreement between their respective Governments signed on 22 January 1999 ("the Agreement"). The discussions were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. A list of the two delegations is at the Annex.

Route schedule for additional all-cargo services for the Russian Federation

- 2. The following would be inserted as sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 2 in the Confidential Memorandum of Understanding signed between both sides on 18 April 1997 as amended by the Confidential Memorandum of Understanding signed on 8 March 2006 and the correspondence dated 27 August 2012 and 10 September 2012:-
- "(c) Under Section 2 of the Annex to the Agreement, for airlines operating all-cargo services designated by the Russian Federation -

Points in - Any - HKSAR - Any beyond the Russian intermediate points Federation points (excluding points in the (excluding points in the mainland of mainland of China and China and Taiwan) Taiwan)

- Notes:(i) Traffic may be taken on board at points in the Russian Federation and discharged at any point(s) to be served which is referred to above and vice versa.
 - (ii) Points in the Russian Federation, intermediate points and beyond points to be served will be selected by the aeronautical authorities of the Russian Federation, who may vary them from time to time.
 - (iii) The designated airline(s) of the Russian Federation may on any or all flights omit calling at any intermediate or beyond point(s) on the

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points on such route in any order, provided that the agreed services on the above-mentioned route begin at points in the Russian Federation.

(iv) No traffic may be taken on board at the intermediate/beyond points and discharged at the HKSAR and vice versa unless otherwise specified."

Additional fifth freedom traffic rights for all-cargo services for the Russian Federation

- 3. The following would be inserted into the Confidential Memorandum of Understanding signed between both sides on 18 April 1997 as amended by the Confidential Memorandum of Understanding signed on 8 March 2006 and the correspondence dated 27 August 2012 and 10 September 2012, after paragraph 7 as below:-
- "7A. On the route described in paragraph 2(c) above and within the entitlement in paragraph 7(b)(i) above, and notwithstanding paragraph 9 below, the designated airline or airlines of the Russian Federation, taken together, may exercise fifth freedom traffic rights for all-cargo operations:-
 - (a) between any two intermediate points to be chosen from Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Almaty, Seoul and Hanoi, and Hong Kong, for up to three (3) flights per week per point in each direction, provided that the fifth freedom traffic carried on each flight in each direction between Hong Kong and Hanoi may not exceed 50% of the capacity of the aircraft used, aggregated on a calendar month basis; and
 - (b) between Hong Kong and Anchorage as a beyond point for up to five (5) flights per week in each direction."
- 7. For the avoidance of doubt, a round trip flight operated by designated airlines of either side will be calculated as one (1) flight; if the designated airlines of either side choose to operate a one-way flight, it will also be calculated as one (1) flight.
- 8. This Confidential Memorandum of Understanding would come into effect on 16 February 2015.

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