Memorandum of Understanding

between the Aeronautical Authorities of the French Republic and the Aeronautical Authorities of the Russian Federation

Delegations representing the Aeronautical Authorities of the French Republic and the Aeronautical Authorities of the Russian Federation met in Paris on 4-5 October 2018 for Consultations on Air Services.

The list of the two delegations is attached as Appendix I.

The discussions were held in the friendly and cordial atmosphere that characterizes the relationship between the two countries.

The two delegations agreed on the following:

2. Local combination services

Route schedule

Routes for the designated airlines of the Russian Federation

Paragraph 1.1.1. a) of the Confidential Memorandum dated July 4, 2001 (hereinafter referred as CMoU) is replaced by the following: "six points in France on Route 1 shall be Paris, Nice, Lyon, Bordeaux, Clermont-Ferrand and Montpellier".

Notwithstanding with the paragraph 1.1.1 c) of the CMoU both Sides agreed to add Marseille into the route schedule for the designated airlines of the Russian Federation.

Route for the designated airlines of France

Paragraph 1.2.1. a) of the CMoU is replaced by the following: "seven points in Russia on Route I shall be Moscow, Saint-Petersburg and other five points in the Russian Federation to be selected by the French Side".

Capacity/ Frequencies

In item a) of the paragraph 5.1.1. of the CMOU between Aeronautical Authorities of July 4, 2001, as amended: "seventy three (73) services per week with any type of subsonic aircraft" shall be replaces by "one hundred and seven (107) services per week with any type of subsonic aircraft".

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Among these thirty-four (34) additional frequencies five (5) frequencies shall be added to the actual operation of the Russian designated airline on Yekaterinburg – Paris route for it to operate seven (7) weekly frequencies, five (5) frequencies on Moscow – Marseille route, five (5) frequencies on Moscow – Montpellier route, five (5) frequencies on Moscow – Bordeaux route, seven (7) frequencies on Kaliningrad – Paris route and seven (7) frequencies to the actual operation of the Russian designated airline on Moscow – Paris route.

Notwithstanding with the paragraph 4 of the CMOU, each Contracting Party may designate a third airline to operate regular services between Moscow and Nice; and a second airline to operate regular services between Saint Petersburg and Nice.

In addition to the current frequency entitlement, the third designated airline of each Contracting Party on route Moscow and Nice shall be allowed to operate up to seven (7) weekly services.

The second designated airlines of each Contracting Party on route between Saint Petersburg and Nice shall be allowed to operate up to three (3) weekly services on each route in IATA Winter Seasons and up to seven (7) weekly services in IATA Summer Seasons.

4. All cargo services

In addition to the existing rights stated in point 2.2. of Confidential Record of Discussion dated March 24, 2010, the Parties agreed to increase the number of frequencies on the route "any points in Russia – Paris Charles-de-Gaulle airport" from four (4) to five (5) frequencies per week for the Russian designated all-cargo carriers.

Both Delegations agreed that Russian all-cargo carriers shall be entitled to co-terminalize between any points in Europe and Paris Charles-de-Gaulle within the framework of frequencies while operating the agreed routes without 5th freedom traffic rights.

5. Charter services

Both Sides agreed to amend subparagraph b) of paragraph G of Confidential Protocol of negotiations between Delegations of the Aeronautical Authorities of the French Republic and of the Russian Federation dated 2005, January 21 as follows:

«b) Additionally non designated airlines of each Party may operate under their own flag eighty (80) flights (vv) among which a maximum of ten (10) all cargo flights between the territory of the French Republic and the territory of the Russian Federation».

7. Slots in Paris (Orly) airport

The Russian Delegation raised its concern because of the lack of slots in Paris-Orly Airport for the Russian second designated air carrier on the route Paris – Moscow in the IATA Winter 2018/2019 Season that doesn't allow the Russian side to utilize existing commercial traffic rights.

The French Delegation stated that it takes note of this issue but recalled that slots in Paris-Orly Airport are allocated by an independent authority (COHOR) and that it cannot interfere in the slot allocation process.

8. Final provisions

Both Aeronautical Authorities agreed to apply the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding for the management of air services between their two States as from the date of its signature.

Done at Paris, on 5 October 2018, in two original copies, each in the English language.

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