

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

**1997, No. 37**

**Ratification of Treaties (Inter-Governmental Agreement on Co-operation in Air Transportation) approved by Resolution of the House of Representatives under section 3(1)(c) of the Ratification of Treaties Act Cap 364.**

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON  
CO-OPERATION IN AIR TRANSPORTATION**

The Governments of the Member States of the Caribbean Community,

RECOGNISING the need to improve the efficiency and enhance the viability of air transportation services in the Region;

NOTING that the development of the Region requires continuous and reliable air transportation services both intraregionally and extraregionally;

RECOGNISING that a vital resource of the Region in the field of air transportation is the route rights inhering in its several Member States;

FURTHER RECOGNISING that many Member States are now unable to exercise their route rights through the establishment of their own national carriers;

HAVING REGARD to the special needs of the Less Developed Countries of the Region in securing improvements in their air communication links and facilities;

CONVINCED that the Community of Interests of Member States provides a legitimate basis for the designation by one Member States of an airline owned by another Member State to exercise its route rights;

CONSCIOUS of the need to establish mechanisms for consultation and cooperation among Member States and their airlines in the field of air transportation;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

1. National airlines of Member States shall explore and implement all feasible areas of functional cooperation in order to promote their viability and the orderly and rational development of air transport services for the Region. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Member States endorse the Report on functional Cooperation contained in Attachment I of this Agreement.

2. Member States agree to the establishment of the consultative mechanism on bilateral air transportation negotiations as provided in Attachment II of this Agreement.

3. Member States endorse the Report on the Issue of Designation contained in Attachment III of this Agreement and agree to implement the measures therein contained.

4. Member States agree to continue to develop further areas of functional cooperation in the field of air transportation in accordance with Article 18 of the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community.

5. This Agreement shall be open for signature by Member States.

6. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification by Member States in accordance with their constitutional procedures. Instruments of Ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (hereinafter called "the depository") which shall transmit certified copies to the Government of each Member State.

7. This Agreement shall enter into force on the deposit of Instruments of Ratification by six Member States.

8. Any Member State may denounce this Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Depository which shall promptly notify the other Member States. Such denunciation shall take effect 12 months after the notice is received by the Depository.

DONE at Nassau, The Bahamas, this 6th day of July, 1984.

**Signed by V. C. Bird,**

*For the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of the Bahamas*

**Signed by H. B. St. John,**

*For the Government of Barbados on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of Belize on*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on*

**Signed by N. A. Braithwaite,**

*For the Government of Grenada on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

**Signed by L. F. S. Burnham,**

*For the Government of Guyana on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

**Signed by D. C. Vaz,**

*For the Government of Jamaica on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of Montserrat on*

**Signed by Kennedy A. Simmonds,**

*For the Government of St. Christopher and Nevis on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of Saint Lucia on*

**Signed by**

*For the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on*

**Signed by Geo. M. Chambers,**

*For the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on 7th July, 1984 at Nassau, The Bahamas.*

Passed the House of Representatives this 6th day of December, 1997.

**Bridget Harris,**

*Speaker*

**Sylvia Walker,**

*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

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