AVIATION

Air Services

Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Amending the Agreement of July 23, 1977, as Amended

Effected by Exchange of Notes Signed at Washington March 27, 1997



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

Note No: 55/97

British Embassy Washington 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008-3600 Telephone: (202) 588-6512 Facsimile: (202) 588-7870 *From the Ambassador*

Secretary of State

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning Air Services, done at Bermuda on 23 July 1977, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Bermuda 2"),¹ and to propose that upon entry into force of an Air Services Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"):²

- (i) Hong Kong shall cease to be covered by Article 1(n) of Bermuda 2, except, until 30 June 1997, for the purpose of Article 2(4) thereof;
- (ii) in Annex 1 to Bermuda 2, UK Route 6, UK Route 13, US Route 3 and US Route 8, as well as paragraph 8 of Section 5, shall be deleted, and Hong Kong shall be deleted from column (C) in US Route 2.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force.

The Honorable

Madeleine Albright

US Secretary of State

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¹TIAS 8641, 8965, 10059, 11396, 11674; 28 UST 5367; 29 UST 2680; 33 UST 655. ²TIAS 12849; 1981 UNTS 231.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

John Kerr

27 March 1997

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The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

March 27, 1997

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note of March 27, 1997 which reads as follows:

[For text of the British note, see pp. 2-3.]

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and that your Note together with this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date on which an Air Services Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong enters into force.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Alan Larson

His Excellency

Sir John Olav Kerr,

Ambassador of the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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