

**MEMORANDUM  
OF  
UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**The Interstate Aviation Committee  
(The IAC)**

**AND**

**The Air Accident Investigation Bureau  
of Mongolia  
(The AAIB of Mongolia)**

**REGARDING COOPERATION AND  
ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL  
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND SERIOUS  
INCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) expresses the understanding of the Interstate Aviation Committee (the IAC), representing interests of 12 States-participants to the Agreement on Civil Aviation and The Use of Airspace<sup>1</sup> (the Agreement), and the Air Accident Investigation bureau of Mongolia (the AAIB of Mongolia), hereafter referred to as the Parties to this MOU, concerning cooperation and assistance in the field of civil aircraft accident and serious incident investigations.

1.2. It is recognized that both the IAC and the AAIB of Mongolia are bound by the Standards contained in Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation to the Chicago Convention concerning accident and serious incident investigation.

*Note.— Both parties shall advise each other of their respective existing differences that have been filed or that will be filed against the Standards of Annex 13.*

1.3. Both parties to this MoU are authorized by their respective Governments to act as the authority representing States-participant to the Agreement and Mongolia in respect of aircraft accident and serious incident investigation matters.

1.4. Both parties acknowledge that this MoU is further developing and amendment of the Agreement on co-operation that was concluded in 2001.

1.5. This MoU defines the procedural arrangements for cooperation and assistance between the parties pursuant to Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention.

## **2. TERMINOLOGY**

2.1. The words and phrases used in this document have the same meaning as that ascribed to them in Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation.

## **3. THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS**

3.1. The purpose of investigating accidents or incidents in accordance with Annex 13 is the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose of such an investigation to apportion blame or liability.

## **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1. This MoU serves to foster cooperation and mutual assistance between the parties in implementing the provisions of Annex 13. Each party shall strive to overcome difficulties that may arise due to differences in languages, national cultures, legislative systems or geographic locations.

## **5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

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<sup>1</sup> Republic of Armenia, Azerbaijan Republic, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Republic of Uzbekistan.

5.1. Each party shall establish a working group of specialists to plan and implement technical exchanges and cooperation between the parties in the field of aircraft accident and serious incident investigations. These technical exchanges will include discussions aimed at improving the understanding of the investigation capabilities of the respective organizations, as well as the scope and extent of any assistance that could be provided under given conditions.

5.2. The exchanges and cooperation between the parties should also cover appropriate training for investigative staff, including attendance at training courses.

## **6. CONFIDENTIALITY**

6.1. The Party that receives materials from the other Party shall handle the materials according to their confidentiality or proprietary status, within the bounds of the respective laws of the States. Drafts, internal, or working documents that have been transmitted, except when explicitly indicated to the contrary, are to be considered as proprietary/confidential documents and treated as such.

## **7. PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE**

7.1. When one party, acting as the State of Occurrence, requests the other party for technical assistance for an investigation being conducted under the provisions of Annex 13, the response to the request shall be coordinated between both parties. The two parties should work together to ensure that a competent investigation is conducted in accordance with the procedures and intent of Annex 13.

7.2. Either party may request information on the progress of an investigation being carried out by the other party. All possible efforts will be made to provide the requested information. In accordance with the relevant laws of the respective States, any such information provided should be treated with at least the same rules with respect to confidentiality as those to which the providing party is bound.

7.3. While an investigation being conducted under the provisions of Annex 13 the Parties will offer assistance and the use of air safety investigation facilities and equipment to each other as deemed appropriate and as resources permit. This assistance may include expertise in the fields of air traffic services, engineering, operations, flight recorders, human factors, etc.

## 8. COORDINATION

8.1. The contact person in the **IAC** for the implementation of this MOU is:

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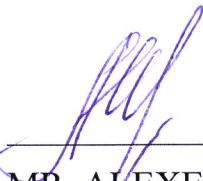
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## 9. TERMINATION

9.1. This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing by the parties to this MoU and will remain in effect unless terminated by either party giving the other party three months' written notice of its intention to terminate.

Signed in duplicate in English language.

  
28.10.2009  
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