

Declaration of Intent

between

**The Civil Aviation Authority
of Sri Lanka (CAA Sri Lanka)**

and

BEA - France

**(Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses
pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile)**

on

**Co-operation and Assistance in the Field of
Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations**

PREAMBLE

The Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (CAA – Sri Lanka) and the Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile (BEA – France), hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Participants", or individually as "the Participant" or "each Participant",

Reaffirming the objective enshrined in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation ("the Chicago Convention") that the sole objective of the investigation of an aircraft accident or incident shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents and that it is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame or provide a means of determining liability;

Committed to enhancing the capabilities and professionalism of their respective aircraft accident investigators;

Desiring to share expertise and experience relating to civil aviation safety investigation;

Recognizing their common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the area of aviation investigation;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF INTENT ON COOPERATION:

OBJECTIVE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

The sole objective of both Participants in entering into this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation is the enhancement of civil aviation safety.

The Participants will cooperate in aircraft accident and incident investigation, investigation training, sharing of information and expertise, consistent with the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 13 of the Chicago Convention.

The Participants will develop regular exchange of information in the following areas:

- Civil aviation accidents or incidents in which one or other of the Participants has a particular interest, without necessarily designating an accredited representative;
- Organisation, methods and techniques employed in conducting civil aviation safety investigations;
- Communication (publication of reports, communication with the families, and the media).

Further, BEA will provide, free of charge and where practicable and within its facilities, the service of its investigators, flight recorder read-out and analysis expertise and other technical resources in the framework of accident or serious incident investigation.

Each Participant will, where practicable, invite the other Participant's investigators to attend its general and specialized investigation courses and training.

The Participants will maintain regular contact and each Participant may organize visits to or meetings with the other Participant with the aim of exchanging experiences, skills and technical knowledge.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The Participant that receives materials from the other Participant will handle the materials according to their confidentiality or the applicable property law, within the bounds of the respective laws of the two 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 are not to be shared with third parties.

Participants will protect the confidentiality even after termination of this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation.

AMENDMENT

The Participants may develop additional areas of cooperation to widen the scope of this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation.

This Declaration of Intent on Cooperation may be amended in writing at any time by mutual consent of the Participants through a direct Exchange of Notes.

Any disagreement regarding the interpretation or application of this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation including all amendments thereto will be resolved by consultation between the Participants.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

In the implementation of this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation the Participants will abide by the applicable legislation in their respective country. Neither Participant will require the other Participant to abide by the applicable legislation in its own country except as agreed to by other Participant in writing.

IMPLEMENTATION AND DURATION

This Declaration of Intent on Cooperation is signed for an indefinite period. The Declaration comes into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect unless it is terminated by either of the Participants giving sixty days' notice in writing to the other Participant.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise agreed, each Participant should bear its own cost for the implementation of the matters set out in this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation.

In the case where the BEA participation is requested specifically in Sri Lanka under this Declaration of Intent on Cooperation (i.e. outside the situation where the BEA would normally designate an accredited representative), the BEA will participate where practicable and its investigators' travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the CAA - Sri Lanka according to the provisions that are usually applicable to the agents of BEA.

COORDINATION AND FOCAL POINTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

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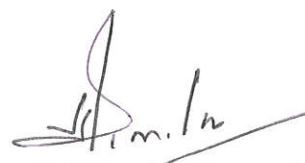
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Signed in duplicate in Paris and Colombo on 6 December 2017



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