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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Republic of Finland

amending the Agreement for Air Services
between and beyond their respective Territories
done at London on 25 March 1965

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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND
AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN AND BEYOND THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES,
DONE AT LONDON ON 25 MARCH 1965**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Helsinki to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Finland*

*British Embassy
Helsinki
13 April 1993*

Note No. 44/92

Your Excellency,

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 Republic of Finland for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories, done at London on 25 March 1965¹ ("the Agreement") and to discussions which have recently taken place between representatives of the two Governments.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honour to propose that the Agreement shall be amended by the addition, after Article 10 of the Agreement, of a new Article on Aviation Security to be numbered Article 10 *bis*, the text of which is set out in the Annex to this Note.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Republic of Finland, I have the honour to suggest that this Note, together with its Annex and Your Excellency's Reply to that effect shall, in accordance with Article 13 of the Agreement, constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your Reply.

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

G. N. SMITH

¹Treaty Series No. 45 (1965), Cmnd. 2663.

ANNEX

ARTICLE 10 *Bis*

- (1) The assurance of safety for civil aircraft, their passengers and crew being a fundamental pre-condition for the operation of international air services, the Contracting Parties reaffirm that their obligations to each other to provide for the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference form an integral part of this Agreement. The Contracting Parties shall in particular act in conformity with the aviation security provisions of the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,¹ the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970² and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971.³
- (2) The Contracting Parties shall provide upon request all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports and air navigation facilities, and any other threat to the security of civil aviation.
- (3) The Contracting Parties shall, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security provisions applicable to the Parties and established by the International Civil Aviation Organization and designated as Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944;⁴ and shall require that operators of aircraft of their registry, operators who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory, and the operators of airports in their territory, act in conformity with such aviation security provisions.
- (4) Each Contracting Party shall ensure that effective measures are taken within its territory to protect aircraft, to screen passengers and their carry-on items, and to carry out appropriate checks on crew, cargo (including hold baggage) and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding or loading and that those measures are adjusted to meet increases in threats to the security of civil aviation. Each Contracting Party agrees that its airlines may be required to observe the aviation security provisions referred to in paragraph (3) required by the other Contracting Party, for entrance into, departure from, or while within, the territory of that other Contracting Party. Each Contracting Party shall also act favourably upon any request from the other Contracting Party for reasonable special security measures to meet a particular threat.
- (5) When an incident or threat of an incident of unlawful seizure of civil aircraft or other unlawful acts against the safety of such aircraft, their passengers and crew, airports or air navigation facilities occurs, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other by facilitating communications and other appropriate measures intended to terminate as rapidly as possible commensurate with minimum risk to life such incident or threat thereof.
- (6) When a Contracting Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Contracting Party has departed from the provisions of this Article, the first Contracting Party may request immediate consultations with the other Contracting Party. Failure by the Contracting Parties to reach a satisfactory resolution of the matter within 15 days from the date of receipt of such request shall constitute grounds for withholding, revoking, limiting or imposing conditions on the operating authorisations or technical permissions of an airline or airlines of the other Contracting Party. When justified by an emergency, a Contracting Party may take interim action prior to the expiry of 15 days.

¹Treaty Series No. 126 (1969), Cmnd. 4230.

²Treaty Series No. 39 (1972), Cmnd. 4956.

³Treaty Series No. 10 (1974), Cmnd. 5524.

⁴Treaty Series No. 8 (1953), Cmd. 8742.

No. 2

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland
to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Helsinki*

*Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Helsinki
17 June 1992*

No. 13/488

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note number 44/92 of 13 April 1992 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

[Annex as in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to confirm that the proposal in the above Note is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Finland, who therefore agree that your Note, together with its Annex and this Reply shall, in accordance with Article 13 of the Agreement, constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this Reply.

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

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