

The Department of State acknowledges receipt of note No. 57/2008 dated August 15, 2008, from the British Embassy relating 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 the use of Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island by Civil Aircraft not engaged in Scheduled International Air Services which was signed and entered into force on October 1, 2003, which reads as follows:-

"Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents their compliments to the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America and has the honor 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 the use of Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island by Civil Aircraft not engaged in Scheduled International Air Services ("the Agreement"), which was signed and entered into force on 1 October 2003.

The Embassy has the honor to propose, pursuant to Article X, that the Agreement shall continue in force for a further period of five years.

The Embassy has the further honor to propose, following discussions between representatives of our Governments, that our Governments agree that civil aircraft not engaged in scheduled air services which are permitted to designate Wideawake Airfield as an alternative aerodrome for the purposes of flight operations, but which do not actually land at the Airfield, are allowed under the Agreement but do not count towards the four civil aircraft movements provided for in Article III(1) (Limitation of Civil Use) of the Agreement.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this Note, and the Department of State's reply, shall together constitute an agreement between the Parties which shall enter into force on the day of the Department of State's reply.

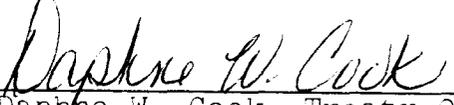
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The Department of State confirms that the Government of the United States of America agrees with the proposals in the Embassy's note and that the Embassy's note and the present note shall together constitute an agreement between the Parties which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

Department of State,

Washington, September 8, 2008.

I certify this diplomatic note to be a true and complete copy of the original.

  
Daphne W. Cook, Treaty Office

British Embassy

Washington DC

15 August 2008

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