

## LEBANON

### Air Transport Services

*Agreement effected by exchange of notes  
Signed at Beirut September 24 and October 13, 1977;  
Entered into force October 13, 1977.*

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*The American Ambassador to the Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 313

SEPTEMBER 24, 1977

**EXCELLENCY:**

I have the honor to refer to the consultations held in Washington between delegations representing the Governments of the United States of America and Lebanon from September 6 to 9, 1977, to discuss various civil aviation matters in accordance with the air transport agreement of September 1, 1972.<sup>1</sup> The delegations reached the following understandings:

A. That for the time being they were not in a position to discuss the long-term requirements of the two Governments.

B. The U.S. delegation did not believe that new information had been presented which warranted a departure from the Civil Aeronautics Board's recommended decision to the President of the United States, to authorize three frequencies. However, it did feel that based on the traditional friendship between the two countries, and in the interest of reaffirming that friendship, that it would support the Lebanese delegation's representations that a minimum of four weekly frequencies were required by its airline, TMA, in order to maintain all-cargo service on an economical basis between New York and Beirut, using narrow-bodied equipment.

C. That the Government of Lebanon would welcome, on the basis of comity and reciprocity, the resumption of Pan American's service to Beirut.

D. That if the Government of Lebanon desires to discuss the introduction of service by MEA during the short-term, consultations between the two Governments would be held.

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<sup>1</sup> TIAS 7546, 8304; 24 UST 245; 27 UST 2188.

E. That since the route rights specified in the route schedule attached to the air transport agreement had expired, and that since circumstances had changed so greatly, the memorandum of consultation of June 13, 1972, [1] was no longer in effect.

The two delegations agreed that this memorandum of consultation should be confirmed by an exchange of diplomatic notes.

These understandings are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America. If they are also acceptable to the Government of Lebanon, I have the honor to propose that this note, together with your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments effective on the date of your reply.

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

RICHARD B PARKER

Richard B. Parker  
*Ambassador*

His Excellency  
FUAD BOUTROS  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Lebanon*

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*The Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE  
MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES  
ET DES LIBANAIS D'OUTRE-MER  
LE MINISTRE

No. 3211

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to refer to your note N° 313 dated September 24, 1977, concerning the consultations held in Washington between delegations representing the Governments of Lebanon and the United States of America, from September 6 to 9, 1977, to discuss civil aviation matters in accordance with our air transport agreement of September 1, 1972.

In your Excellency's note you inform me that the two delegations reached the following understandings:

A. That for the time being they were not in a position to discuss the long-term requirements of the two Governments.

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<sup>1</sup> Not printed.

B. The U.S. delegation did not believe that new information had been presented which warranted a departure from the Civil Aeronautics Board's recommended decision to the President of the United States, to authorize three frequencies. However, it did feel that based on the traditional friendship between the two countries, and in the interest of reaffirming that friendship, that it would support the Lebanese delegation's representations that a minimum of four weekly frequencies were required by its airline, TMA, in order to maintain all-cargo service on an economical basis between New York and Beirut, using narrow-bodied equipment.

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The two delegations agreed that this memorandum of consultations should be confirmed by an exchange of diplomatic notes.

I have the honor to inform you that these understandings are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Lebanon and that I consider your Excellency's note to me as well as my reply to you, as constituting an agreement between our two Governments effective on this date.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my high esteem and consideration.

BEYROUTH, 13 Oct. 1977

FUAD BOUTROS

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*Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Lebanon*

His Excellency

RICHARD B. PARKER

*Ambassador of the United States of  
America to the Republic of Lebanon  
Beirut*

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