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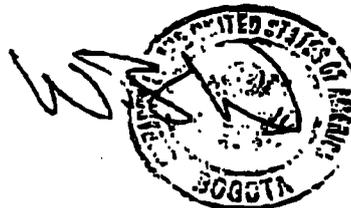
The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia and has the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia of October 24, 1956 ("the 1956 Agreement") and to the understanding and amendments relating to the 1956 Agreement, effected by exchange of notes at Bogota on August 11, October 11, and November 22, 2000, as amended and extended ("the 2000 Agreement").

The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that paragraphs 1 and 3 of the understanding and amendments effected by the 2000 Agreement, which expired on September 30, 2006, continue to apply through September 30, 2007. The Embassy anticipates that the proposed extension will provide the two Governments more time to finalize proposals for amending the above agreements, which have been the subject of recent bilateral correspondence and informal consultations.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Colombia, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the affirmative reply note from the Ministry shall constitute an agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia that shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's affirmative note in reply, with effect from September 30, 2006.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America
Bogota D.C., October 03, 2006



DIPLOMATIC NOTE



Translation

**Republic of Colombia
Ministry of Foreign Relations**

No. OAJ.CAT No. 52888

Bogotá, October 3, 2006

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to write to Your Excellency in regard to your Embassy's note No. 2547 of October 3, 2006, which reads as follows:

[The Spanish translation of U.S. Embassy note No. 2547 of October 3, 2006, agrees in all substantive respects with the original English text.]

I have the honor to inform you that the proposals set forth in the note transcribed above are acceptable to the Government of Colombia and that, accordingly, the Embassy's note, together with this note in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this note, with effect from September 30, 2006.

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

[Signature]

Maria Consuelo Araujo Castro
Minister of Foreign Relations

His Excellency
William Braucher Wood
Ambassador of the United States of America,
Bogotá.