

## International Air Services Transit Agreement

Done: Chicago December 7, 1944

Opened For Signature: DONE at Chicago the seventh day of December, 1944, in the English language. A text drawn up in the English, French, and Spanish languages, each of which shall be of equal authenticity, shall be opened for signature at Washington, D.C. Both texts shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America, and certified copies shall be transmitted by that Government to the governments of all the States which may sign or accept this Agreement.

Entry into Force: January 30, 1945

Any State a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization may accept the present Agreement as an obligation binding upon it by notification of its acceptance to the Government of the United States, and such acceptance shall become effective upon the date of the receipt of such notification by that Government.

This Agreement shall come into force as between contracting States upon its acceptance by each of them. Thereafter it shall become binding as to each other State indicating its acceptance to the Government of the United States on the date of the receipt of the acceptance by that Government. The Government of the United States shall inform all signatory and accepting States of the date of all acceptances of the Agreement, and of the date on which it comes into force for each accepting State.

**Legend:** (no mark) = ratification; **a** = accession; **d** = succession; **c** = acceptance; **p** = approval; **h** = adherence

| Participant         | Signature        | Consent to be Bound |          | EIF date          | Note |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|------|
| Afghanistan         | December 7, 1944 | May 17, 1945        |          | May 17, 1945      |      |
| Albania             |                  | October 21, 1997    | <b>a</b> | October 21, 1997  |      |
| Algeria             |                  | April 16, 1964      | <b>a</b> | April 16, 1964    |      |
| Antigua and Barbuda |                  | November 16, 1988   | <b>d</b> | November 16, 1988 | 1    |
| Argentina           |                  | June 4, 1946        | <b>a</b> | June 4, 1946      |      |
| Armenia             |                  | May 29, 1996        | <b>a</b> | May 29, 1996      |      |
| Australia           | July 4, 1945     | August 28, 1945     |          | August 28, 1945   |      |
| Austria             |                  | December 10, 1958   | <b>a</b> | December 10, 1958 |      |
| Azerbaijan          |                  | March 3, 2000       | <b>a</b> | March 3, 2000     |      |
| Bahamas             |                  | June 26, 1975       | <b>d</b> | June 26, 1975     | 2    |
| Bahrain             |                  | October 12, 1971    | <b>a</b> | October 12, 1971  |      |
| Bangladesh          |                  | February 9, 1979    | <b>a</b> | February 9, 1979  |      |
| Barbados            |                  | July 10, 1970       | <b>a</b> | July 10, 1970     |      |
| Belgium             | April 9, 1945    | July 19, 1945       |          | July 19, 1945     |      |
| Benin               |                  | April 23, 1963      | <b>a</b> | April 23, 1963    |      |
| Bolivia             | December 7, 1944 | April 4, 1947       |          | April 4, 1947     |      |

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| Bosnia and Herzegovina      |                  | March 3, 1995       | d | March 3, 1995      | 3    |
| Brazil                      |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Brunei                      |                  | December 4, 1984    | d | December 4, 1984   | 4    |
| Bulgaria                    |                  | September 21, 1970  | a | September 21, 1970 |      |
| Burkina Faso                |                  | September 25, 1992  | a | September 25, 1992 |      |
| Burma                       |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Burundi                     |                  | January 19, 1968    | a | January 19, 1968   |      |
| Cambodia                    |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Cameroon                    |                  | March 30, 1960      | a | March 30, 1960     |      |
| Chile                       | December 7, 1944 | April 24, 1974      |   | April 24, 1974     |      |
| China, People`s Republic of |                  |                     |   |                    | 5    |
| Colombia                    |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Congo, Republic of          |                  | August 26, 2013     | a | August 26, 2013    |      |
| Cook Islands                |                  | April 18, 2005      | a | April 18, 2005     |      |
| Costa Rica                  | March 10, 1945   | May 1, 1958         |   | May 1, 1958        |      |
| Cote d'Ivoire               |                  | March 20, 1961      | a | March 20, 1961     |      |
| Croatia                     |                  | June 12, 1993       | d | June 12, 1993      | 6    |
| Cuba                        | April 20, 1945   | June 20, 1947       | a | June 20, 1947      |      |
| Cyprus                      |                  | October 12, 1961    | a | October 12, 1961   |      |
| Czech Republic              |                  | December 13, 1994   | d | December 13, 1994  | 7    |
| Denmark                     | December 7, 1944 | December 1, 1948    |   | December 1, 1948   |      |
| Dominican Republic          |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Ecuador                     | December 7, 1944 | July 28, 1983       | a | July 28, 1983      |      |
| Egypt                       | December 7, 1944 | March 13, 1947      |   | March 13, 1947     |      |
| El Salvador                 | May 9, 1945      | June 1, 1945        |   | June 1, 1945       |      |
| Estonia                     |                  | August 16, 1995     | a | August 16, 1995    |      |
| Eswatini                    |                  | April 30, 1973      | a | April 30, 1973     |      |
| Ethiopia                    | March 22, 1945   | March 22, 1945      |   | March 22, 1945     |      |
| Fiji                        |                  | February 14, 1973   | d | February 14, 1973  | 8    |
| Finland                     |                  | April 9, 1957       | a | April 9, 1957      |      |
| France                      | December 7, 1944 | June 24, 1948       |   | June 24, 1948      |      |
| Gabon                       |                  | January 15, 1970    | a | January 15, 1970   |      |
| Germany                     |                  | June 8, 1956        | a | June 8, 1956       | 9    |
| Greece                      | December 7, 1944 | September 21, 1945  |   | September 21, 1945 |      |

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| Guatemala          | January 30, 1945 | April 28, 1947      |   | April 28, 1947    | 10   |
| Guinea             |                  | November 5, 1998    | a | November 5, 1998  |      |
| Guyana             |                  | April 28, 1986      | a | April 28, 1986    | 11   |
| Haiti              | December 7, 1944 |                     |   |                   |      |
| Honduras           | December 7, 1944 | November 13, 1945   |   | November 13, 1945 |      |
| Hungary            |                  | January 15, 1973    | a | January 15, 1973  |      |
| Iceland            | April 4, 1945    | March 21, 1947      |   | March 21, 1947    |      |
| India              | December 7, 1944 | May 2, 1945         | a | May 2, 1945       | 12   |
| Indonesia          |                  |                     |   |                   |      |
| Iran               | December 7, 1944 | April 19, 1950      |   | April 19, 1950    |      |
| Iraq               | December 7, 1944 | June 15, 1945       |   | June 15, 1945     |      |
| Ireland            |                  | November 15, 1957   | a | November 15, 1957 |      |
| Israel             |                  | June 16, 1954       | a | June 16, 1954     |      |
| Italy              |                  | June 27, 1984       | a | June 27, 1984     |      |
| Jamaica            |                  | October 18, 1963    | a | October 18, 1963  |      |
| Japan              |                  | October 20, 1953    | a | October 20, 1953  |      |
| Jordan             |                  | March 18, 1947      | a | March 18, 1947    |      |
| Kazakhstan         |                  | July 9, 2007        | a | July 9, 2007      |      |
| Korea, DPRK        |                  | February 8, 1995    | a | February 8, 1995  |      |
| Korea, Republic of |                  | June 22, 1960       | a | June 22, 1960     |      |
| Kuwait             |                  | June 17, 1960       | a | June 17, 1960     |      |
| Laos               |                  |                     |   |                   |      |
| Latvia             |                  | May 21, 1997        | a | May 21, 1997      |      |
| Lebanon            | December 7, 1944 | June 5, 1974        | a | June 5, 1974      |      |
| Lesotho            |                  | October 2, 1975     | a | October 2, 1975   |      |
| Liberia            | December 7, 1944 | March 19, 1945      |   | March 19, 1945    |      |
| Libya              |                  |                     |   |                   |      |
| Luxembourg         | July 9, 1945     | April 28, 1948      |   | April 28, 1948    |      |
| Madagascar         |                  | May 14, 1962        | a | May 14, 1962      |      |
| Malawi             |                  | March 27, 1975      | a | March 27, 1975    |      |
| Malaysia           |                  | May 31, 1945        | d | May 31, 1945      | 14   |
| Mali               |                  | May 27, 1970        | a | May 27, 1970      |      |
| Malta              |                  | June 4, 1965        | a | June 4, 1965      |      |
| Mauritania         |                  | May 11, 1979        | a | May 11, 1979      |      |

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| Mauritius       |                  | September 13, 1971  | a | September 13, 1971 |      |
| Mexico          | December 7, 1944 | June 25, 1946       |   | June 25, 1946      |      |
| Moldova         |                  | November 21, 1994   | a | November 21, 1994  |      |
| Monaco          |                  | January 3, 1996     | a | January 3, 1996    |      |
| Mongolia        |                  | April 15, 2004      | a | April 15, 2004     |      |
| Montenegro      |                  | October 5, 2007     | a | October 5, 2007    |      |
| Morocco         |                  | August 26, 1957     | a | August 26, 1957    |      |
| Nauru           |                  | September 24, 1975  | a | September 24, 1975 |      |
| Nepal           |                  | November 23, 1965   | a | November 23, 1965  |      |
| Netherlands     | December 7, 1944 | January 12, 1945    |   | January 12, 1945   | 15   |
| New Zealand     | December 7, 1944 | April 19, 1945      |   | April 19, 1945     | 16   |
| Nicaragua       | December 7, 1944 | December 28, 1945   |   | December 28, 1945  |      |
| Niger           |                  | March 16, 1962      | d | March 16, 1962     | 17   |
| Nigeria         |                  | January 25, 1961    | a | January 25, 1961   |      |
| North Macedonia |                  | January 4, 1995     | d | January 4, 1995    | 13   |
| Norway          | January 30, 1945 | January 30, 1945    |   | January 30, 1945   |      |
| Oman            |                  | February 23, 1973   | a | February 23, 1973  |      |
| Pakistan        |                  | August 15, 1947     | d | August 15, 1947    | 18   |
| Palau           |                  | November 3, 1995    | a | November 3, 1995   |      |
| Panama          |                  | October 8, 1982     | a | October 8, 1982    |      |
| Paraguay        | July 27, 1945    | July 27, 1945       |   | July 27, 1945      |      |
| Peru            | December 7, 1944 | October 16, 2017    |   | October 16, 2017   |      |
| Philippines     | December 7, 1944 | March 22, 1946      |   | March 22, 1946     | 19   |
| Poland          | December 7, 1944 | April 6, 1945       |   | April 6, 1945      |      |
| Portugal        |                  | September 1, 1959   | a | September 1, 1959  |      |
| Qatar           |                  | June 25, 2008       | a | June 25, 2008      |      |
| Rwanda          |                  | July 6, 1964        | a | July 6, 1964       |      |
| San Marino      |                  | June 29, 2007       | a | June 29, 2007      |      |
| Senegal         |                  | March 8, 1961       | a | March 8, 1961      |      |
| Serbia          |                  | July 10, 2002       | d | July 10, 2002      | 20   |
| Seychelles      |                  | October 16, 1979    | a | October 16, 1979   |      |
| Singapore       |                  | August 22, 1966     | a | August 22, 1966    |      |
| Slovak Republic |                  | March 6, 1995       | d | March 6, 1995      | 21   |
| Slovenia        |                  | December 28, 1992   | d | December 28, 1992  | 22   |

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| Somalia              |                  | June 10, 1964       | a | June 10, 1964      |      |
| South Africa         | June 4, 1945     | November 30, 1945   |   | November 30, 1945  |      |
| Spain                | December 7, 1944 | July 30, 1945       |   | July 30, 1945      |      |
| Sri Lanka            |                  | May 31, 1945        | a | May 31, 1945       | 23   |
| Suriname             |                  | January 4, 2008     | a | January 4, 2008    |      |
| Sweden               | December 7, 1944 | November 19, 1945   |   | November 19, 1945  |      |
| Switzerland          | July 6, 1945     | July 6, 1945        |   | July 6, 1945       |      |
| Syria                | July 6, 1945     | November 25, 2005   |   | November 25, 2005  |      |
| Thailand             | December 7, 1944 | March 6, 1947       |   | March 6, 1947      |      |
| Togo                 |                  | September 16, 1965  | d | September 16, 1965 | 24   |
| Trinidad and Tobago  |                  | April 13, 1963      | a | April 13, 1963     |      |
| Tunisia              |                  | April 26, 1962      | a | April 26, 1962     |      |
| Turkey               | December 7, 1944 | June 6, 1945        |   | June 6, 1945       |      |
| Ukraine              |                  | August 14, 1997     | a | August 14, 1997    |      |
| United Arab Emirates |                  | May 25, 1972        | a | May 25, 1972       |      |
| United Kingdom       | December 7, 1944 | May 31, 1945        |   | May 31, 1945       | 25   |
| United States        | December 7, 1944 | February 8, 1945    |   | February 8, 1945   | 26   |
| Uruguay              | December 7, 1944 |                     |   |                    |      |
| Uzbekistan           |                  | February 17, 1997   | a | February 17, 1997  |      |
| Vanuatu              |                  | January 14, 1988    | a | January 14, 1988   |      |
| Venezuela            | December 7, 1944 | March 28, 1946      |   | March 28, 1946     | 27   |
| Vietnam              |                  |                     |   |                    |      |
| Zambia               |                  | October 13, 1965    | a | October 13, 1965   |      |
| Zimbabwe             |                  | February 29, 2008   | a | February 29, 2008  |      |

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Date of deposit of notification of succession.

<sup>2</sup> Effective date of succession by Bahamas.

<sup>3</sup> Notification of succession by Bosnia and Herzegovina effective February 12, 1993.

<sup>4</sup> Notification of succession by Brunei effective January 3, 1985.

<sup>5</sup> By note of June 3, 1997, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China informed the Secretary of State of the application of the Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, following that country's resumption of the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong with effect from July 1, 1997. The Ambassador's note contained the following Declaration: "The execution of Chapter 18 must not, as a principle, prejudice the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China." In a separate note of June 3, 1997, the Secretary of State was informed as follows:

1..The International Air Services Transit Agreement done at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), which applies to Hong Kong at present, will continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from July 1997.

1Within the above ambit, responsibility for the international rights and obligations of a party to the Agreement will be assumed by the Government of the People's Republic of China."

By note of October 6, 1999, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China informed the Secretary of State that "... the International Air Services Transit Agreement done at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") which applies to Macao at present, will continue to apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999."

<sup>6</sup> Notification of succession by Croatia effective May 9, 1992.

<sup>7</sup> Czechoslovakia signed the Convention and Transit Agreement on April 18, 1945. Czechoslovakia accepted the Transit Agreement on the date of its signature and deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on March 1, 1947. The Convention entered into force for Czechoslovakia on April 4, 1947. On December 31, 1992, at midnight, Czechoslovakia ceased to exist and was succeeded by two separate and independent states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. Notification of succession by the Czech Republic effective April 3, 1993.

<sup>8</sup> Date of deposit of notification of succession.

<sup>9</sup> By letter dated October 3, 1990, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations that "... through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from October 3, 1990, the two German States have united to form one sovereign State, which as a single Member of the United Nations remains bound by the provisions of the Charter in accordance with the solemn declaration of 12 June 1973 . . . ." Prior to reunification, the German Democratic Republic status with respect to the Convention was as follows: The German Democratic Republic adhered to the Convention and accepted the Transit Agreement on April 2, 1990.

<sup>10</sup> Notification of denunciation by Guatemala of Convention on International Civil Aviation and International Air Services Transit Agreement received June 13, 1952. Guatemala cancelled its notification of denunciation of convention and transit agreement on December 8, 1952, and requested that denunciation be considered as withdrawn.

<sup>11</sup> Declaration accompanying acceptance by Guyana:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HEREBY DECLARES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES TRANSIT AGREEMENT DONE AT CHICAGO ON DECEMBER 7, 1944 SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED AS RECOGNITION OF ANY STATE OR GOVERNMENT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY RECOGNISED. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA FURTHER DECLARES THAT NO TREATY RELATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE ENVISAGED BY THE 1944 INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES TRANSIT

AGREEMENT WILL ARISE BETWEEN THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND ANY STATE OR GOVERNMENT UNLESS SUCH RELATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN A SEPARATE TREATY DULY CONCLUDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW."

- <sup>12</sup> Reservation accompanying acceptance of India: "In signifying their acceptance... [transit], the Government of India... do not regard Denmark or Thailand as being parties thereto...." (Reservation respecting Thailand withdrawn by India June 6, 1947. Reservation respecting Denmark withdrawn by India February 14, 1950.)
- <sup>13</sup> Notification of succession by the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia effective January 9, 1993.
- <sup>14</sup> The Minister of External Affairs of the Federation of Malaya informed the Secretary of State by a note dated December 31, 1959, that "The International Air Services Transit Agreement, was signed on December 7, 1944, and accepted on 31st May, 1945, by the Government of the United Kingdom on behalf of the United Kingdom and its territories, including the Federation of Malaya. By virtue of this the Government of the Federation of Malaya considers itself a party to this agreement as from 31st May, 1945."
- <sup>15</sup> The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated January 9, 1986, which reads as follows:

"The Royal Netherlands Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request the Department's attention for the following with respect to the Department's capacity of depositary of [the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the International Air Services Transit Agreement, and the International Air Transport Agreement].

"Effective January 1, 1986 the island of Aruba – formerly part of the Netherlands Antilles – obtained internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands. Consequently the Kingdom of The Netherlands as of January 1, 1986 consists of three countries, to wit: the Netherlands proper, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

"Since the abovementioned event concerns only a change in internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of The Netherlands, and as the Kingdom as such, under international law, will remain the subject with which treaties are concluded, the aforementioned change will have no consequences in international law with regard to treaties concluded by the Kingdom, the application of which (treaties) were extended to the Netherlands Antilles, including Aruba.

"These treaties, thus, will remain applicable for Aruba in its new status as autonomous country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands effective January 1, 1986.

"Consequently the [aforementioned] treaties . . . to which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is a Party, and which have been extended to the Netherlands Antilles will as of January 1, 1986 apply to all three countries of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

"The Embassy would appreciate if the other Parties concerned would be notified of the above.

¶The Royal Netherlands Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration."

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

"With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

"These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

"The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting 'the Caribbean part of the Netherlands'. The

agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements."

- <sup>16</sup> Reservation accompanying acceptance of New Zealand: "... the New Zealand Government does not regard Denmark or Thailand as being parties of the Agreement [transit] ...". (Reservation respecting Thailand is regarded as having been withdrawn by New Zealand January 31, 1947. Reservation respecting Denmark withdrawn by New Zealand December 13, 1949.)
- <sup>17</sup> The Embassy of the Republic of Niger notified the Department of State by a note dated March 14, 1962, received on March 16, 1962, that "after acquiring independence, and pursuant to Article 76 of the Constitution, the Republic of Niger considers itself bound by the provisions of ... the International Air Services Transit Agreement, signed at Chicago on December 7, 1944, and ratified in due time by the French Republic." (translation)
- <sup>18</sup> The Ambassador of Pakistan informed the Secretary of State by a note No. F 96/48/1 of March 24, 1948 "... that by virtue of the provisions in Clause 4 of the Schedule of the Indian Independence (International Arrangements) Order, 1947, the International Air Services Transit Agreement signed by United India continues to be binding after the partition on the Dominion of Pakistan." The acceptance by India on May 2, 1945 of the Transit Agreement applied also to the territory, then a part of India, which later, on August 15, 1947, became Pakistan. The Ambassador of Pakistan informed the Secretary of State by note No. F 96/50/3 of November 28, 1950, of the withdrawal of the reservation made by India, as it applied to Pakistan after partition from India, with respect to Denmark in connection with the transit agreement, the withdrawal being effective August 15, 1947.
- <sup>19</sup> Reservation accompanying acceptance of the Philippines: "The above acceptance is based on the understanding ... that the provisions of Article II, Section 2 of the International Air Services Transit Agreement shall become operative as to the Commonwealth of the Philippines at such time as the Convention on International Civil Aviation shall be ratified in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Philippines." (Philippine instrument of ratification of the Convention on International Civil Aviation deposited March 1, 1947.)
- <sup>20</sup> A notification of succession by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Transit Agreement was deposited with the U.S. Government on July 10, 2002, with effect from January 13, 2001 – the date of entry into force of the Convention on International Civil Aviation for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Previously, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had accepted the Transit Agreement on May 17, 1976. On February 4, 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the Declaration of Independence adopted by the National Assembly of Montenegro on June 3, 2006, the Republic of Serbia advised ICAO by a note dated July 13, 2006 that it continues to exercise its rights and honor its commitments deriving from international treaties concluded by Serbia and Montenegro and requests that the Republic of Serbia be considered a party to all international agreements in force, instead of Serbia and Montenegro.
- <sup>21</sup> Czechoslovakia signed the Convention and Transit Agreement on April 18, 1945. Czechoslovakia accepted the Transit Agreement on the date of its signature and deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on March 1, 1947. The Convention entered into force for Czechoslovakia on April 4, 1947. On December 31, 1992, at midnight, Czechoslovakia ceased to exist and was succeeded by two separate and independent states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. Notification of succession by Slovakia effective April 14, 1993.
- <sup>22</sup> Notification of succession by Slovenia effective June 12, 1992
- <sup>23</sup> The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Ceylon informed the Secretary of State by a note dated April 1, 1957, that "... the Government of Ceylon considers itself a party to the International Air Services Transit Agreement since 31st May, 1945, the date on which the United Kingdom Government accepted the Agreement..." Ceylon's name was changed to Sri Lanka on May 22, 1972.
- <sup>24</sup> The Ambassador of Togo informed the President of the United States of America by a note dated September 16, 1965, that "My Government has instructed to me to notify the Government of the United States of America, as the depositary of that Agreement [Transit] and in accordance with Article 6, that the Republic of Togo considers itself bound by the provisions of the Chicago Convention and the aforesaid Agreement and

requests the Government of the United States of America to communicate this declaration to the Secretary General of ICAO and all the member States." (translation) The Ambassador's note further stated that at the time of the conclusion of the Transit Agreement, Togo, which was then under the mandate of France, was represented by it in its international relations and, in depositing its instruments of ratification of the Convention [on March 25, 1947] and the Agreement [on June 24, 1948], France made no reservations concerning their application to the Territory of Togo; consequently, it follows that the Chicago Convention and the Transit Agreement were duly ratified for Togo on the dates on which France deposited its instruments of ratification and, therefore, it is not necessary for Togo to declare its adherence again.

- <sup>25</sup> By notes of June 11, 1997, the British Ambassador informed the Secretary of State of the restoration of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China with effect from July 1, 1997, and that from that date the Government of the United Kingdom will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention and Transit Agreement to Hong Kong.

Reservation accompanying signature of the United Kingdom: "I declare that, failing later notification of inclusion, my signature to this Agreement [transit] does not cover Newfoundland." (Reservation withdrawn by United Kingdom February 7, 1945.)

Reservation accompanying acceptance of the United Kingdom: "In signifying their acceptance of the said Agreement [transit], the Government of the United Kingdom ... neither regard the Governments of Denmark and Siam [Thailand] as being parties thereto...." (Reservations respecting Denmark and Thailand withdrawn by United Kingdom March 10, 1950.)

- <sup>26</sup> Reservation accompanying acceptance of the United States: "These acceptances by the Government of the United States of America are given with the understanding that the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of the International Air Services Transit Agreement and the provisions of Article IV, Section 3, of the International Air Transport Agreement shall become operative as to the United States of America at such time as the Convention on International Civil Aviation... shall be ratified by the United States of America."
- <sup>27</sup> Reservation accompanying signature of Venezuela: "La Delegacion de Venezuela firma ad referendum y deja constancia de que la aprobacion de este documento pro su Gobierno esta sujeta a las disposiciones constitucionales de los Estados Unidos de Venezuela." (Transit and Transport Agreements accepted by Venezuela March 28, 1946.)