Minutes of The D-8 Meeting of Airline Companies and DGCA

Venue: Antalya – TURKIYE
Date: 26-27 November 2010

Opening Remarks and Presentations (26 November 2010):

Delegations representing the Civil Aviation Authorities of the, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Republic of Turkey and D-8 Secretariat met in Antalya on 26-27 November 2010.

Discussions were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere thus reflecting the good relations and common interests of the D-8 member countries.

The meeting started with the opening address of Dr. Ali ARIDURU, the Director General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation Turkey, Chairman of WGDG and a presentation regarding the recent developments in the Turkish Civil Aviation Sector.

Dr. Widi PRATIKTO D-8 Secretary General made his opening speech.

Dr. Ali ARIDURU gave floor to the representatives of the Civil Aviation Authorities.

The representatives of the participating states; the Director General of Indonesian CAA, Director General of Egyptian CAA, Director General of Bangladesh CAA, the representative of the Iranian CAA, the representative of the Malaysian CAA and Deputy Director General of Pakistan CAA stated their appreciation to participate in the meeting and presented their gratitude to the Turkish DGCA and Dr. Ali ARIDURU for hosting the meeting and efforts to prepare it.

Representatives of the private sector made their presentations. (Turkish Airlines, MNG Technic, SKY Airlines, Mahan Air, Iran Air, Garuda Maintenance Facility)

The Director General of the Iranian CAA has joined to the meeting and made his speech regarding the discrimination about the rules of ICAO Convention. He pointed out that there is a remarkable commercial potential among D8 Countries.

The session continued with the presentations of the private sector. (ICF, IFTC, Sun Express, Dalaman ATM, Turkish Technic, My Technic, Turkish Airlines Training, ISG, TAV)

After completion of the presentations the participants from private sector continued their discussions at the parallel session.

The Director General of Civil Aviation Authority of Turkey, Dr. Ali ARIDURU summarized briefly the history of D-8 Organization and pointed out that even the Organization was launched in 1997, the establishment of the working group on civil aviation has been taken so long, until 2007.

Memorandum of Understanding regarding the establishment of working group on civil aviation under D8 umbrella was first signed in 2007. However, Egypt, Nigeria and Malaysia have not signed the MoU yet. Dr. Ali ARIDURU has also stated more importance should be given to the signing of
the MoU in order to accelerate the works of the Working Group on civil aviation and this will also foster the relations among the members. Dr. Ali ARIDURU summarized the agenda items of the meeting as follows:

1) Chairmanship of the D-8 working group.
2) The signing of the MoC with other international organisations like ICAO, TMAG (Turkey-Middle East Aviation Group- Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Türkiye), etc. and the way of finding possible cooperation areas.

Dr. Widi PRATIKTO thanked to Dr. ARIDURU for the Agenda items which were prepared in a successful manner. He also pointed out the importance of the supporting the Chairman on the proposed Agenda and invited the Representatives of the CAA of D-8 member states to support these proposals. The formalization of the works which will be completed under the umbrella of ICAO within the scope of D-8 Organization would be a crucial step. Dr. PRATIKTO stressed with utmost importance that the Chairmanship of Dr. Ali ARIDURU is a great opportunity for the members and he proposed to extend the duration of his Chairmanship for the next two years.

Dr. Ali ARIDURU after presenting his appreciation for this proposal, he pointed out that he would accept this proposal in case of the unanimous support of the members. Furthermore he gave detailed information about the agenda items and he underlined the importance of high level participation with the authorization to sign related documents which could occur during the meetings in order to get concrete results. He also stressed that the task forces which were established during last D-8 meeting held in Istanbul should work more coordinated as their participants are experts of the member states.

The representatives of the Civil Aviation authorities of Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Indonesia and Egypt gave their full support on the proposal of extending the Chairmanship of Dr. Ali ARIDURU for a two years period.

Regarding the signing of a MoC with ICAO, Dr. Ali ARIDURU emphasized that the D-8 countries are already members of ICAO and ICAO has a very positive and strong support to the regional cooperations. The cooperation with ICAO will bring legal recognition of the D-8 countries in the field of civil aviation which will contribute to enhance their safety, security, environmental protection level.

After listing the members of T-MAG, Dr. Ali ARIDURU requested from participants to consider a draft text on the possible cooperation areas between two regional cooperation organizations.

Chairman, Dr. Ali ARIDURU invited the representatives of the CAA of the D-8 member states for their comments.

Representative of the Malaysian CAA presented its full support on the MoC which was also sent to the CAA of Turkey with their official letter dated 30 April 2010.

Director General of Egyptian CAA declared his concern regarding the exchange of the data provided by member states to the ICAO within the context of MoC which would planned to be signed that may create drawbacks in the civil aviation relation in the region.
Representative of the Nigerian CAA emphasized that they would sign the MoU for the success of the D-8 and they also underlined that they would participate in the forthcoming meetings on a high level.

Director General of the Iran CAA stated that they would perform the tasks given to them through task forces for getting better outcomes. He added that regarding the MoC with ICAO the approval of the Ministers of D-8 members could be needed.

Secretary General of D-8 Dr. Widi PRATIKTO mentioned that the permission of D-8 Commissioners could be needed for signing the MoC. After obtaining the related permission in case of necessity, signing of the MoC would take place at the annual D-8 meeting which will be held in February 2011.

Director General of Indonesia CAA pointed out that the MoC has a technical structure and it is very important in respect of global safety. Thus it should be supported strongly.

Director General of the Bangladesh CAA stated that the dynamism of the Dr. Ali ARIDURU is needed for the future success of the meetings.

Deputy Director General of the Pakistan CAA fully supported the signing of MoC with ICAO.

Dr. Ali ARIDURU mentioned that the common action of the members would provide fruitful collective results for fair and equal profit. This cooperation could be strengthened through joint projects and production and contribution of all member states in the scope of common understanding. He expressed that there is a standard template agreement produced by ICAO for signing with the regional cooperation organizations and submitted the said agreement for consideration of the participants.

Airline companies, training and maintenance organizations and airport terminal operators of the D-8 (Developing Eight) Countries that participated the parallel session of the meeting signed the attached Joint Declaration regarding co-operation and co-ordination among them in the leadership of CAAs.

During the meeting, Director General of Egyptian CAA signed the MoU on establishment of the working group of civil aviation under D8.

After the fruitful discussions; all the delegations agreed that:

1- It has been unanimously decided to the extension of the chairmanship of Dr. Ali ARIDURU for another two years period.

2- The signing of the MoC with ICAO and TMAG, (Turkey-Middle East Aviation Group- Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey) in principal. This decision will be submitted to D-8 Commissioners for approval.

And, the Commission may also be requested to authorize the Chairman to sign such subsequent MoCs with other international aviation organizations/groups provided that it has the consensus within the DGCA working group.

3- The next meeting will be held in Egypt on a date in April or May 2011 which will be communicated to the D-8 Secretariat after the determination of the exact date.
4. Forming of groups composed of five representatives for each member of D-8 countries in order to provide training opportunities by DGCA Turkey on airport terminal management, ground handling, ATM and security.

Signed on 27 November 2010 in Antalya.

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