

**REPORT OF THE MEETING  
OF D-8 DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION  
ANTALYA, TURKEY, 27-29 JUNE 2007**

1. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation of the Republic of Turkey hosted the First Meeting of D-8 Directors General of Civil Aviation in Antalya on 27-29 June 2007. The Meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh (Deputy DG, DGCA), the Arab Republic of Egypt (Advisor to DG, DGCA), the Republic of Indonesia (Director General, DGCA), the Islamic Republic of Iran (Vice Minister of Road Transportation, President of CAO), Malaysia (Deputy DG, DGCA), the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Director General, DGCA) and the Republic of Turkey (Director General, DGCA). The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was not present. Also in attendance the Secretary General of D-8. The full list of the delegations is attached as Annex I.
2. The Meeting aimed at exploring cooperation on civil aviation and national carriers of D-8 countries as mandated by the tenth Session of the Council Ministers of Foreign Affairs in New York on September 2006. The programme of the meeting is attached in Annex II.
3. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Ali Arıduru, the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of Turkey. In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Arıduru stated the needs for D-8 to have close cooperation not only among the governments but also among the private sectors. He further stated that flight safety and security become an issue of critical importance to civil aviations of D-8 countries and therefore need to be addressed in order to face the challenges posed by regional and global trends. He underlined the importance of the possible cooperations specifically on the maintenance, training, terminal and airport operations, ground handling and other related issues between the D8 countries, which should be established on a permanent and sustainable manner.
4. The Secretary General, in his statement, briefed the delegates on the background of the D-8 civil aviation meeting. He also informed the meeting of various initiatives that have been carried out by the D-8 in order to pursue its goals, namely, to increase D-8 intra trade. He expressed his hopes that the meeting will be able to produce a Terms of Reference (TOR), formulate an Action Plan, and establish a Working Group for D-8 Civil Aviation Cooperation. At the end of his speech, the Secretary General proposed kindly that Turkey be the Country Coordinator of civil aviation cooperation, and accordingly DGCA of Turkey to chair D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation for two-years term from 2007-2009.

5. During the meeting, delegates made presentations on the latest development of civil aviation industry of respective countries, including regulations and policy designed to maintain and strengthen flight safety, security, service and compliance. Some Turkish private companies also made presentations on various aspects of civil aviation activities such as maintenance, airport and terminal operations, flight and technical training activities. Following the presentations, participants had raised questions which could contribute to the establishment of D-8 civil aviation cooperation.
6. The Meeting exchanged views on various issues such as flight safety and security, low cost carriers, training programs related to civil aviation, airport and terminal building and maintenance, access to air transportation market, the role of D-8 air transportation in relation with tourists' visit and hajj activities, trade exhibition, financing of activities, and the establishment of a Working Group on Civil Aviation Cooperation, as the mechanism of Cooperation in the field of air transport.
7. After extensive discussions among delegates on how to establish D-8 cooperation in the field of air transport, the Meeting agreed to further study the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as well as the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group proposed by Turkey. It was also agreed that members of D-8 should convey their comments on the drafts to the Secretariat of the D-8 before the next meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation in 2007. The drafts of the MOU and TOR are attached in Annex III.
8. The Meeting took note of the readiness of Iran to hold the next meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of D-8 in 2007. Iran will communicate the proposed date (during 1<sup>st</sup> half of September 2007) and venue of the meeting to all D-8 members countries through the Secretariat of D-8. Considering the importance of the next meeting in laying down the foundation of D-8 cooperation in the field of air transport, member countries were urged to fully participate and send their delegation at the Director General level.
9. At the end of the meeting, the Minister of Transportation of Turkey, accompanied by his Undersecretary and Deputy Undersecretary for Aviation, attended the meeting and saw the discussion among delegates and the presenters.
10. The Delegations expressed their appreciation to the Government of Turkey for the warm hospitality and the excellent arrangement made for the successful meeting.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE D-8 WORKING GROUP ON CIVIL AVIATION**

### **Article 1 – Composition**

The Working Group (WG) will be consisting of (pending on the national organisation):

- the Directors General of Civil Aviation, or
- the Directors of Civil Aviation Authorities responsible for safety and other regulatory aspects,

The duties and working of the Working Group are stipulated below:

### **Article 2 – Decisions**

The Working Group is the sole decision body of this co-operation mechanism. Decisions are valid only when unanimity is reached amongst the Signatory Parties of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Article 3 – Venues and Frequencies of the Working Group Meetings**

The meeting will be held every six month's periods.

Note: The Working Group meetings will be hosted by Parties in alphabetical order. A Party may ask for exclusion and pass their term to the following Party.

### **Article 4 – Presidency**

The Working Group will elect its Chairman during its first meeting for the period of two years. The Party that hosts the first meeting holds the Chairmanship for the first meeting.

### **Article 5 – Task Forces**

The Task Forces are created to assist the Working Group by working on defined subjects requiring detailed technical expertise. A Task Forces will be activated when it has been clearly established that it is able to make a substantial contribution to the required work.

The Working Group may decide to activate the Task Forces on the following areas:

1. Safety,
2. Security,
3. Rulemaking activities and legal Issues,

4. **Air Navigation Services & ATM Issues,**
5. **Commercial Issues** (like Maintenance, Certification and licensing issues, Training in all aviation fields, Airport and terminal infrastructure and ground handling, and Leasing and other issues),
6. **Other Possible Areas.**

The members of the working groups are appointed by each Party. Each working group will be chaired by a Chairman to be elected by using a voting system.

The Working Group approves the terms of reference of the working groups, the scope of the work, the deliveries and the dates for completion. The working groups should establish their own internal working arrangements, the working programme and venues, in observance with the mandate given by the Working Group.

Each working group may decide to create task forces for specific activities.

#### **Article 6 – Financial Consideration**

Each Party will bear its own costs related to meetings participation and activities. (It will be looked for additional financial supports from international organisations.)

#### **Article 7 – Secretarial and Administrative Support**

To be decided by the Working Group, as necessary.

#### **Article 8 – Revisions**

The revision of the present Annex requires the mutual consent of the Signatory Parties.

#### **Article 9 – Language**

The working language of the Working Group, working groups and task forces shall be English.

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