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AGREED MINUTES

1. A delegation representing the aeronautical authorities of the Government of the State of Qatar and a delegation representing jointly the Governments of the Kingdoms of Denmark, Norway and Sweden met in Copenhagen on 17-18 March 1998 to discuss bilateral Air Services Agreements between their respective countries.

Lists of the delegations are attached as Appendix I and II.

The discussions were held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere.

2. The delegations agreed upon and initialled the texts of bilateral Air Services Agreements between the respective Governments of Qatar and Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The texts are attached as Appendix III.

3. In relation to Articles 3 and 9 of the Agreements, the delegations emphasized that there shall be no restrictions on the number of passenger and/or freighter frequencies, capacity and equipment to be used by the designated airlines, and that these airlines will be given reciprocal, fair and equal opportunities with regard to frequencies, capacity and 5th freedom traffic rights.

4. The delegations noted that nothing in the Agreements prevents airlines of the Contracting Parties to operate non-scheduled cargo and/or passenger services to, from and via the territory of the other Contracting Party, in accordance with rules and regulations concerning such services.

5. In relation to paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Air Services Agreements, the delegations declared that they would favourably consider future applications for the exercise of additional 5th freedom traffic rights by airlines of the other Contracting Party.

6. The delegations also initialled the text of a Memorandum of Understanding between the respective Parties relative to the draft bilateral Air Services Agreements about the co-operation regarding Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) and about Gulf Air. This Memorandum is attached as Appendix IV.

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7. The Qatar delegation declared that - pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Agreements - by signing these Agreed Minutes it designates Gulf Air Company and Qatar Airways as the designated airlines of the State of Qatar to operate the routes specified in the Annex to the Air Services Agreements between Qatar and Denmark, Norway and Sweden, respectively.

8. Both delegations agreed to recommend to their competent authorities to conclude an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation on revenues arising from their airlines' activities and from the employment incomes of their nationals when based in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

9. In relation to Article 7 of the Agreements it was agreed that both delegations will recommend to their competent authorities to grant exemption from payment of customs duties and other charges in respect of tickets, airway bills, printed stationery, office and reservation equipment, uniforms, advertising materials, promotional items, and ground and communications equipment solely for the use of the designated airlines' operations.

10. The delegations agreed to recommend to their respective Governments the approval of the draft Air Services Agreements and the draft Memorandum of Understanding and will advise each other concerning the date and venue for official signature.

11. Recognizing that completion of the formalities for entry into force of the Agreements and the Memorandum may require some time, the delegations agreed that they will give immediate practical effect to the ad referendum Agreements and the Memorandum to the extent possible under national law, pending the entry into force of the Agreements and the Memorandum.

Done in Copenhagen on 18 March 1998.

For the Scandinavian delegation



Mr Niels Remmer

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Mr Abdul Aziz Mohd Al Noaimi

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