

MODEL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

IN RESPECT
OF

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND SERIOUS
INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

..... (*Agency/Authority*)

of

.....(*State*)

AND

..... (*Agency/Authority*)

of

.....(*State*)

REGARDING

COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

IN THE FIELD OF

**CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND SERIOUS INCIDENT
INVESTIGATION**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) expresses the understanding of the(agency/authority) of(State) and the(agency/authority) of(State), hereafter referred to as the Parties to this MOU, concerning cooperation and assistance in the field of civil aircraft accident and serious incident investigations.

1.2 It is recognized that both(State), and(State), are parties to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (The Chicago Convention) and that they are therefore bound by the Standards contained in Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation* to the Chicago Convention concerning accident and serious incident investigation.

Note.— Both States shall advise each other of their respective existing differences that have been filed or that will be filed against the Standards of Annex 13.

1.3 Both parties to this MoU are authorized by their respective Governments to act as the national authority representing(State) and(State) in respect of aircraft accident and serious incident investigation matters.

1.4 This MoU defines the procedural arrangements for cooperation and assistance between the parties pursuant to Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention.

2. TERMINOLOGY

2.1 The words and phrases used in this document have the same meaning as that ascribed to them in Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*.

3. THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS

3.1 The purpose of investigating accidents or incidents in accordance with Annex 13 is the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose of such an investigation to apportion blame or liability.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 This MoU serves to foster cooperation and mutual assistance between the parties in implementing the provisions of Annex 13. Each party shall strive to overcome difficulties that may arise due to differences in languages, national cultures, legislative systems or geographic locations.

5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5.1 Each party shall establish a working group of specialists to plan and implement technical exchanges and cooperation between the parties in the field of aircraft accident and serious incident investigations. These technical exchanges will include discussions aimed at improving the understanding of the investigation capabilities of the respective organizations, as well as the scope and extent of any assistance that could be provided under given conditions.

5.2 The exchanges and cooperation between the parties should also cover appropriate training for investigative staff, including attendance at training courses.

6. ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF OCCURRENCE

6.1 When one party, acting as the State of Occurrence, requests the other party for technical assistance for an investigation being conducted under the provisions of Annex 13, the response to the request shall be coordinated between both parties. The two parties should work together to ensure that a competent investigation is conducted in accordance with the procedures and intent of Annex 13.

6.2 Either party may request information on the progress of an investigation being carried out by the other party. All possible efforts will be made to provide the requested information. In accordance with the relevant laws of the respective States, any such information provided should be treated with at least the same rules with respect to confidentiality as those to which the providing party is bound.

7. COORDINATION

7.1 The contact person in (agency/authority) of (State) for the implementation of this MoU is:

..... (Title)
..... (Agency/Authority)
..... (Address)

Tel.: (Office) (Mobile)
Fax:
E-mail:

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8. **TERMINATION**

8.1 This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing by the parties to this MoU and will remain in effect unless terminated by either party giving the other party three months' written notice of its intention to terminate.

Signed at on

in the English and languages.

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(Title)
(Agency/Authority)
(State)

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