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Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD OF CANADA

AND

CARIBBEAN STATES AND CARIBBEAN AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

OVERSIGHT SYSTEM (CASSOS)

ON COOPERATION RELATED TO

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS



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Recognizing the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (CASSOS), as a Regional Safety and Security Organization representing Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS): Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Recognizing Aruba (Netherlands), Bahamas, Canada, and CASSOS Member States as signatories to the Chicago Convention,

Reaffirming the norms and recommended practices enshrined in *Annex 13* to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*,

Acknowledging that the sole objective of the investigation of transportation accidents or incidents will be the prevention of future accidents and incidents and that it is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame, determine fault, or to provide a means to determine liability,

Committing to improve the capabilities and professionalism of their respective organizations and accident investigators,

Desiring to share knowledge and experience related to transportation investigations, and recognizing their common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the areas of aviation investigation:

The Caribbean States/territories listed above and the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB), hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties or individually as the Party, have reached the following understanding:

1. PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

- 1.1 Improve aviation safety and coordinate investigation activities among the Parties through mutual commitments to:
 - a. Improve investigation standards, policies, guidelines and procedures;
 - b. Support each other's investigations; and
 - c. Share experiences and training opportunities.

2. AREAS OF MUTUAL SUPPORT

- 2.1 The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas of mutual interest:
 - a. Investigation support as requested by either party;



- b. The provision of investigation expertise and facilities;
- c. The provision of opportunities to observe each other's investigations, which would improve investigation expertise;
- d. The provision of opportunities for initial training and refresher courses for investigators;
- e. The exchange of information on the use of investigation techniques, methodologies, standards and specific procedures;
- f. The joint development of these techniques, methodologies, standards and procedures;
- g. The exchange of information on investigation and operational experiences, including areas such as family assistance and the development of policies and laws; and
- h. Advancing in the appreciation and understanding of independent accident investigation.

3. INFORMATION SHARING

3.1 The Parties will endeavor to confer on an annual basis to facilitate the exchange of general information regarding aviation safety and related matters.

4. OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL CAVEATS

4.1 Understanding that human and financial resources may limit the ability to provide support and that workload may restrict the availability of investigation expertise, all Parties agree that support would be provided as operational conditions permit and that:

- a. Each Party will bear its own costs; and
- b. The Party requesting support would bear incremental costs of the other Party.

5. In case of any conflict in the governing laws of the Parties, all Parties will endeavor to find a solution to serve the purpose of that specific case of cooperation while respecting each Party's governing law.

6. VALIDITY TIMEFRAME

6.1 Both Parties agree that:

- a. This MoU will be valid from the date of signature;



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- b. The effectiveness of this MoU will be reviewed on an annual basis;
- c. This MoU may be amended in writing at any time by mutual consent and signature of the Parties; and
- d. This MoU may be cancelled by either Party upon a six-month notice.

7. The agreed points of contact for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are as follows:

- a. For operational and day-to-day issues:

Director of Air Transport Investigations
Transportation Safety Board of Canada

Operations Coordinator

Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System Accident Investigation Group (CASSOS)

- b. For legislation and policy issues:

Chief Operating Officer
Transportation Safety Board of Canada

Administrative Officer

Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System Accident Investigation Group (CASSOS)

Approval

For Canada

For Aruba

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For Bahamas

Mr. Charles Beneby
Director General
Civil Aviation Authority

For CASSOS

Mr. Donald McPhail
Director General ECCAA/
Deputy Chairperson CASSOS

Date: