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*The American Ambassador to the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, June 28, 1994

No. 0558

Excellency:

I have the honor to present my compliments and note that civil air transport relations between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman are conducted on the basis of comity and reciprocity and reaffirm, in accordance with their rights and obligations under international law, that their obligation to protect, in their mutual relationship, the security of civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference is an integral part of their civil air transport relations.

I have the honor to propose the following agreement on aviation security between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman ("The Parties"):

(A) The Parties shall provide upon request all necessary assistance to each other to prevent acts of unlawful seizure of aircraft and other unlawful acts against the safety of passengers, crew, aircraft, airports and air navigation facilities and any other threat to aviation security.

(B) The Parties shall act in conformity with the provisions of the convention of offenses and certain other acts committed on board aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at the Hague on 16 December 1970 and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971.

(C) The Parties shall, in their mutual relations, act in conformity with the aviation security provisions established by the International Civil Aviation Organization and designated as annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation; they shall require that operators of aircraft of their registry or operators who have their principal place of business or permanent residence in their territory and that operators of airports in their territory act in conformity with such aviation security provisions.

(D) Each Party agrees to observe the security provisions required by other Party for entry into the territory of that other Party and to take adequate measures to protect aircraft and to inspect passengers, crew, their carry-on items as well as cargo and aircraft stores prior to and during boarding or loading. Each Party shall also give positive consideration to any request from the other Party for special security measures to meet a particular threat.

(E) When an incident or threat of an incident of unlawful seizure of aircraft or other unlawful acts against the safety of passengers, crew, aircraft, airports, and air navigation facilities occurs, the Parties shall assist each other by facilitation communications and other appropriate measures intended to terminate rapidly and safely such incident or threat thereof.

(F) When a Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Party has departed from the agreement, that Party may request immediate consultations with the other Party.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, I have the further honor to propose that this present note, together with Your Excellency's reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's note in reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

His Excellency  
Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah  
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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*The Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

SULTANATE OF OMAN

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

30 June, 1994

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note number 0558, dated June 28, 1994, which reads as follows:

*[See Note I]*

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Sultanate of Oman and that your Excellency's note and this note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

H.E. Ambassador  
David J. Dunford  
Embassy of the United States of America, Muscat