

SRI LANKA



Treaty Series No. 6 (1984)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Sri Lanka

further amending the Agreement for
Air Services between and beyond their
respective Territories, signed
at Colombo on 5 August 1949

Colombo, 27 October and 24 November 1983

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA FURTHER AMENDING THE
AGREEMENT FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN AND BEYOND
THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES, SIGNED AT
COLOMBO ON 5 AUGUST 1949**

No. 1

*The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka to the
United Kingdom High Commissioner at Colombo*

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Colombo
27 October 1983*

EA/UK/105

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions between official delegates which took place in Colombo from 15th to 18th February, 1982 concerning the Agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for air services between and beyond their respective territories signed at Colombo on 5th August, 1949⁽¹⁾ as amended by the Exchange of Notes of 15th May, 1969⁽²⁾, 26th January 1972⁽³⁾ and 29th April 1976⁽⁴⁾.

2. In accordance with the decisions reached during these discussions, I have the honour to propose, on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement as amended be further amended as follows:—

- (i) Further to the decisions taken at the said discussions with regard to the schedule to the Agreement, UK route 2 and Sri Lankan route 2 be amended in accordance with Annex I to this Note.
- (ii) Add a new article on aviation security contained in Annex II to be placed immediately after Article 10 in the Agreement of 5th August 1949 referred to above and bearing No. 10 (A).

3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to suggest that this Note with its annexes and Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in regard to these matters which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

W. T. JAYASINGHE.

⁽¹⁾ Cmd. 7859.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series No. 81 (1969), Cmnd. 4111.

⁽³⁾ Treaty Series No. 40 (1972), Cmnd. 4946.

⁽⁴⁾ Treaty Series No. 77 (1976), Cmnd. 6564.

ANNEX I

Sri Lanka Route 2

(Colombo – one intermediate point – Hong Kong – a point in Japan)

The intermediate point may be either Kuala Lumpur or Bangkok.

The designated airline(s) of Sri Lanka may not pick up or set down at Kuala Lumpur any traffic destined for or coming from Hong Kong.

United Kingdom Route 2

(Hong Kong – one intermediate point – Colombo – Seychelles – Nairobi – Durban – Johannesburg)

The designated airline(s) of the United Kingdom may at their own option substitute Mauritius for Nairobi for any length of time but without the right at Colombo to pick up or set down any traffic to or from Mauritius.

The designated airline(s) of the United Kingdom may not pick up or set down at Kuala Lumpur any traffic destined for or coming from Colombo.

ANNEX II

Aviation Security

The Contracting Parties agree to provide maximum aid to each other with a view to suppressing unlawful seizure of aircraft and other unlawful acts against aircraft, airports and air navigation facilities and threats to aviation security. They reaffirm their commitments under the provisions of the Convention on Offences and certain other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft signed at Tokyo on 14th September 1963⁽⁵⁾, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at the Hague on 16th December 1970⁽⁶⁾, and the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971⁽⁷⁾. The Contracting Parties shall also have regard to applicable aviation security provisions established by the International Civil Aviation Organization. When incidents or threats of unlawful seizure of aircraft or other unlawful acts against aircraft, airports or air navigation facilities occur, the Contracting Parties shall expedite and facilitate all communications intended to terminate such incidents rapidly and safely.

⁽⁵⁾ Treaty Series No. 126 (1969), Cmnd. 4230.

⁽⁶⁾ Treaty Series No 39 (1972), Cmnd. 4956.

⁽⁷⁾ Treaty Series No. 10 (1974), Cmnd. 5524.

No. 2

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Colombo to the Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka*

*British High Commission
Colombo*

24 November 1983

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note reference EA/UK/105 of 27 October 1983 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to confirm that the proposals set out in that Note are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on today's date.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

J. W. NICHOLAS.