

**Declaration of Intent**

**Between**

**FSIA – Austria**

**(Federal Safety Investigation Authority)**

**And**

**BEA - France**

**(Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la sécurité  
de l'aviation civile)**

**On**

**Co-operation and Assistance in the field of Aircraft  
Accident and Incident Investigations**

The Ministry of Transport represented by the Civil Aviation Accident Investigation Authority (CAAIA) – Austria and le ministère de la Transition écologique, chargé des Transports represented by the Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile (BEA) - France, hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Signatories” or individually as “the Signatory”,

**Reaffirming** the objective enshrined in Annex 13 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“the Chicago Convention”) and Regulation (EU) n°996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 that the sole objective of the investigation of an aircraft accident or incident shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents and that it is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame or provide a means of determining liability;

**Committed** to enhancing the capabilities and professionalism of their respective aircraft accident investigators;

**Desiring** to share expertise and experience relating to civil aviation safety investigation;

**Recognizing** their common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the area of civil aviation safety investigation;

DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO COOPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

### **OBJECTIVE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The sole objective of the Signatories in entering into this Declaration of Intent (DoI) on Co-operation and Assistance in the field of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations is the enhancement of civil aviation safety.

The Participants will cooperate in aircraft accident and incident investigation, investigation training and sharing of information and expertise, consistent with the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 13 of the Chicago Convention and Regulation (EU) n°996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010. The areas of cooperation are as follows:

The Signatories will develop regular exchange of information in the following areas:

- Civil aviation accidents or incidents in which one or other Signatory has a particular interest, without necessarily designating an Accredited Representative;
- Organisation, methods and techniques employed in conducting civil aviation safety investigations;
- Communication (publication of reports, communication with the families, and the media).

Further, BEA will provide, free of charge and where practicable and within its facilities, the service of its investigators, flight recorder read-out and analysis expertise and other technical resources as foreseen by Article 6 of Regulation (EU) N°996/2010.

Each Signatory will, where practicable, invite the other Signatory's investigators to attend its general and specialized investigation courses and training.

The Signatories will maintain regular contact and each Signatory may organize visits to or meetings with the other Signatory with the aim of exchanging experiences, skills and technical knowledge.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

In accordance with Standard 5.26 b of ICAO Annex 13, when a Signatory is acting on behalf of the State that has designated an Accredited Representative or when requested for technical assistance, it shall not disclose, disseminate or distribute to third Parties confidential information, documents or data obtained under this DoI on Cooperation, without the prior written consent of the other Signatory. The Signatories will protect the confidentiality of confidential information, documents or data even after the termination of this DoI on Cooperation.

However, this does not apply in the event of seizure of confidential information, documents or data obtained by virtue of this DoI on Cooperation with the Signatories of the State which will have appointed an Accredited Representative or which will intervene at the title of technical assistance, by the independent judicial authority of the same State.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise agreed, each Signatory should bear its own cost for the cooperation under this DoI.

In the case where one Signatory is requested to participate by the requesting signatory under this DoI on Cooperation (i.e., outside the situation where that Signatory would normally designate an accredited representative), the requested Signatory will participate where practicable and its investigators' travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the requesting Signatory according to the provisions that are usually applicable to the requested Signatory's investigators.

### **MODIFICATION**

The Signatories may develop additional areas of cooperation to widen the scope of this DoI on Cooperation.

This DoI on Cooperation may be modified in writing at any time by mutual consent of the Signatories through a direct Exchange of Notes.

### LEGAL EFFECT

This DoI on Cooperation constitutes an expression of mutual good faith and is not intended to create legally binding obligations on either Signatory. The Signatories shall endeavour to promote and achieve the objective of this DoI on Cooperation.

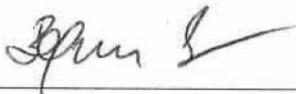
### ADDITIONAL PROVISION

The application of this Declaration of Intent between the BEA and the CAAIA is understood to be without prejudice to the cooperative activities carried out by the European Network of Civil Aviation Safety Investigation Authorities (ENCASIA) established by Article 7 of Regulation (EU) N°996/2010.

### POINT OF CONTACT

The details of the point of contact of CAAIA and BEA for the cooperation under this DoI on Cooperation are detailed in the Appendix. The Signatories will update the contact details, in the event of a change, without the need to re-sign this DoI on Cooperation.

Done on 24.07.2024 at Vienna.



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