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Dear Miss Petrova,

Lifting of Limitations on the Number of Designated Airlines on Agreed Routes between Russia and Cyprus

The Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works of the Republic of Cyprus, presents its compliments to the Department of the State Policy in Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation.

I wish to refer to your letter reference 9-4434 dated 02/12/2015 and to inform you that the Aeronautical Authorities of Cyprus accept your proposal for the expansion of the rights of Russian and Cyprus air carriers by removing all the limitations on the number of designated airlines of both Sides on agreed routes.

To this respect we propose the amendment of paragraph 2.4 of the MoU of 15th July 2015, to read as follows:

"One or more airlines can be designated from either side to operate scheduled flights on any given city-pair." We confirm that this letter of reply and your letter dated 02/12/2015 constitute an agreement between the Aeronautical Authorities of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Cyprus and shall come into force on the date of this letter.

Furthermore we hereby confirm that we have no objection to the designation of "Rossia Airlines" in replacement of Transaero and are looking forward to receiving the official designation through diplomatic channels. Additionally, the Aeronautical Authorities of Cyprus welcome any additional designations of Russian carriers to operate scheduled flights on the agreed routes between the two countries.

We take this opportunity to urge you to consider on an exceptional basis the designation of European carriers which are established in Cyprus, by the Republic of Cyprus, to operate routes between Russia and Cyprus. This is especially important as at this time, almost a year after the termination of the flight program of Cyprus Airways, there is no national or other Cypriot carrier which could operate these routes. We believe that this arrangement will provide a better equilibrium between our two countries.

The new arrangement reached today, is a step further to the enhancement of our bilateral arrangements with respect to air services and we anticipate that it will support traffic growth between our two friendly countries.

Accept, Miss Petrova, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Date Дата 02.12.2015

Mr. Nicos Nicolaou Acting Director Department of Civil Aviation Ministry of Communications and Works Cyprus Nicosia

Dear Mr. Nicolau,

The Department of State Policy in Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Department of Civil Aviation of Cyprus and to you personally.

By the present letter the Aeronautical Authorities of the Russian Federation would like to propose to expand the rights for Russian and Cyprus air carriers by removing all the limitations on the number of designated airlines of both Sides on agreed routes.

We propose that the present letter and your positive reply are considered as respective arrangements between our Authorities concerning this matter.

The Department of State Policy in Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of Civil Aviation of Cyprus the assurance of its highest consideration and to thank you for your kind cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

Svetlana A. Petrova Director, Department of the State Policy in Civil Aviation

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