

Memorandum of Understanding

The delegations representing the Government of India and the Government of the UAE met in New Delhi on 3 – 4 April, 2006 to discuss matters relating to operations of air services on India – Sharjah routes. The discussions were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The list of the two delegations is attached at Appendix “A”.

2. After extensive discussions, the two delegations agreed as follows:-

- (i) Mumbai (BOM), Nagpur (NAG), Kochi (COK) and Jaipur (JAI) shall be the points of call available to the designated airlines of the UAE.
- (ii) The designated airlines of the UAE shall be entitled to operate a total of 28 services - with total capacity not exceeding 4536 seats, per week in each direction between Sharjah and India, as detailed below:

<u>Routes</u>	<u>Entitlement (per week in each direction)</u>
Sharjah-Mumbai vv	: 7 services/1134 seats
Sharjah-Nagpur vv	: 7 services/1134 seats
Sharjah-Kochi vv	: 7 services/1134 seats
Sharjah-Jaipur vv	: 7 services/1134 seats

- (iii) Reciprocally, the designated airlines of India shall be entitled to operate 4536 seats per week in each direction from India to/through Sharjah and vice versa, with 5th freedom traffic rights, via any points in Asia (including intra-Gulf) and beyond to any points in North America, Europe (including UK), Asia (including intra-Gulf) and Africa.
- (iv) On multi-sector flights, the seats offered shall be calculated in proportion to the number of international destinations served.



- (v) In order to provide operational flexibility to the designated airlines of both sides in deployment of equipment, it was agreed that the Aeronautical Authorities of the two sides will allow an adjustment of up to 2% in the above agreed entitlements.
- (vi) The traffic rights mentioned above include the rights already agreed between the two sides through the exchange of diplomatic notes in the context of facilitating the operations of the designated airlines of UAE, between Sharjah and India.

3. The Indian side took note of the UAE's position that following the withdrawal of the UAE from the ownership of Gulf Air (GF), GF will no longer be the designated airline of the UAE. The Indian side stated that, as per its understanding, the withdrawal of the UAE from Gulf Air did not in any way impact the Indian side's utilization of the Joint Entitlements and that the existing operations of the Indian designated carriers to/from Sharjah are covered under these entitlements. The Indian side further stated that it would examine the issue of the Joint Entitlements and revert at the next round of talks.

4. The UAE side requested the Indian side to respond to the UAE correspondence with respect to the withdrawal of the UAE from Gulf Air and allocation of traffic rights out of the Joint Entitlements to the UAE designated carriers. The Indian side clarified that the enhancement of traffic rights as agreed upon in this MOU is in anticipation of the resolution of the Joint Entitlement issues.

5. The UAE side also made a request for Calicut, Chennai, Delhi, Amritsar, Hyderabad, Trichy, Trivandrum and Mangalore as additional points of call in India. Out of the additional

points requested, they proposed that any 2 be made available to them effective Winter 2006. They further requested that the UAE designated carriers be granted opportunity to deploy capacity equivalent to that operated by the Indian carriers between India and Sharjah.

6. The Indian side stated that they could not offer additional reciprocal rights to the UAE for deployment between India and Sharjah, as requested by the UAE side, at this stage, without streamlining the Joint Entitlements.


7. However, the Indian side agreed to meet again before 30th September 2006, to consider the grant of additional points of call to the designated airlines of the UAE for operations from/to Sharjah in the Winter 2006 season.


8. The provisions contained in this MOU shall enter into force with immediate effect.

Done at New Delhi on 4th April, 2006

For the Govt. of India

For the Govt. of the UAE


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| 3. | Mr. M.P. Gavai
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| 5. | Ms. Madhu Shroff
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