EXLANATORY MEMORANDUM ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA CONCERNING AIR SERVICES

## **Title of Treaty**

Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning Air Services

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# **Subject matter**

The purpose of the Air Services Agreement (ASA) is to provide a legal framework for scheduled air services between the UK and Indonesia. The new ASA replaces the ASA of 28 June 1973, which no longer reflected modern circumstances for the operation of air services. The new ASA includes modern provisions to address safety, security, user charges, fair competition, environmental protection, groundhandling and pricing. The new ASA also makes available to UK airlines any points in Indonesia they may wish to operate, where previously they could choose from only five destinations in Indonesia.

### **Ministerial responsibility**

The Secretary of State has responsibility for the policy of the Agreement and the implementing provisions. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has overall responsibility for policy relating to the UK's relations with the Republic of Indonesia.

## **Policy considerations**

(i) General:

The new Agreement replaces the previous Agreement signed in 1973 and puts in place a more modern legal framework for the operation of air services. It provides greater opportunities for UK, EU and Indonesian airlines to increase connectivity and economic ties with Indonesia.

(ii) Financial:

There are no financial implications

(iii) Reservations and declarations:

None.

#### **Implementation**

No new legislation is required. The provisions of the new ASA have been applied on an administrative basis since December 2012. The ASA was signed on 27 November 2013 in London by Robert Goodwill, Minister of State,

Department for Transport, and Mr Herry Bakti, Director General for Civil Aviation, Indonesia, and will enter into force once constitutional formalities have been completed by each side. The new ASA shall enter force on the date of receipt of the later of the two written notifications by which the parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels of the completion of respective internal and legal procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement.

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