# Brief for the New Governor

# Air Services Agreements (ASAs)

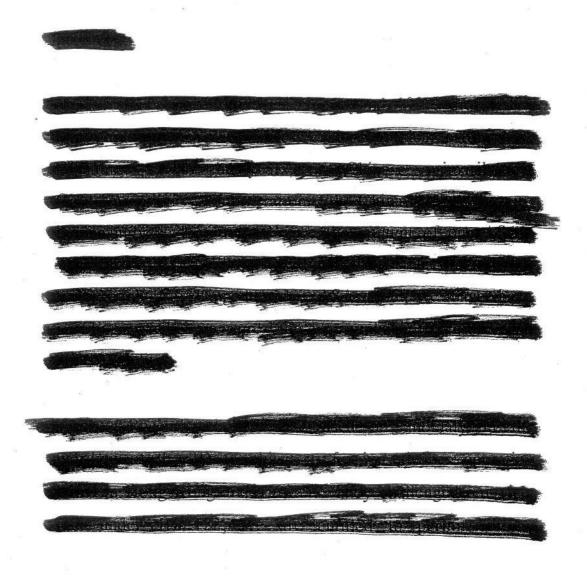
## **Objective**

To maintain the continuity of Hong Kong's air links with the rest of the world and to allow HKSARG to discharge its obligations under Section IX of Annex I of the Joint Declaration (JD), we need to ensure by 1 July 1997 air services to and from Hong Kong are covered by our own bilateral ASAs. This involves a separation programme (of traffic rights hitherto under UK ASAs) and development of services to new markets under new ASAs.

### Background

2. Of the 24 UK ASAs under the separation programme, 5 are dormant and 2 are politically sensitive to the Chinese, thus leaving a target of 17 to separate. To date, 6 ASAs have been separated and signed and 7 others negotiated and initialled. Negotiations on the remaining 4 are underway. Details of the separation programme are at the Annex.

3. Apart from the separated ASAs, two new bilaterals (Brunei and Brazil) have been signed and agreed with the Chinese and 3 (Denmark, Norway and Sweden) have been initialled but not yet put to the Chinese. Several other countries are pressing us for negotiation to secure access to the Hong Kong market for their airlines.





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# ASAs on the List of 24

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Countries which are politically sensitive to the Chinese	South Africa	South Korea				2		
Dormant	Burma	Kenya Kuwait	Lebanon	Portugal		×		
Separation under negotiation	Japan	Philippines Thailand	USA					
Initialled ASAS (date of initialling)	Sri Lanka (2.11.89)	India (15.12.89)	Germany (13.8.90)	Italy (16.11.90)	Indonesia (11.9.91)	Australia (1.11.91)	Singapore (14.2.92)	
Signed ASAs (date of signature)	Netherlands (17.9.86)	Switzerland (26.1.88)	Canada (24.6.88)	France (20.8.90)	New Zealand (22.2.91)	Malaysia (4.3.91)		