

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNITED KINGDOM, DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT AIR  
ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION BRANCH (AAIB)**

**AND**

**THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO, AERONAUTICAL ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT  
INVESTIGATIONS COMMISSION (AAIC)**

**1. Purpose and scope of the Agreement**

This agreement provides for the United Kingdom, Department for Transport, Air Accidents Investigation Branch to assist the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission in the event of an investigation into an accident or serious incident.

The scope of the Agreement will be restricted to the investigation of accidents and serious incidents as defined in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation Authority.

The sole objective of an investigation of an accident or incident under this Agreement shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose to apportion blame or liability.

**2. Invoking AAIB support under this Agreement**

The Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission will determine if AAIB assistance under this Agreement is needed. The level of AAIB assistance will be determined in discussion with the United Kingdom's Chief Inspector of Air Accidents.

**3. Form and conduct of investigations under this Agreement**

The form and conduct of investigations conducted under this Agreement shall be determined by the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission. All investigations will be concluded in accordance with the provisions of the Annex 13 to the Convention on International Aviation.

**4. Investigation management**

The Investigator-in-Charge of any accident and serious incident investigation, when this Agreement has been invoked, will be appointed by the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical

Accident and Incident Investigations Commission. The AAIB will provide such assistance in this respect as is required by the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission.

#### **5. Resources needed for the investigation**

The United Kingdom Air Accidents Investigation Branch will provide, subject to the availability of resources, the services of AAIB investigators, flight record replay and analysis expertise and other AAIB technical and forensic resources without charge to the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission. AAIB investigator's travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the AAIB.

#### **6. Investigator Training**

The AAIB will assist the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission by providing its Investigators with an opportunity to observe AAIB investigations to gain experience when possible.

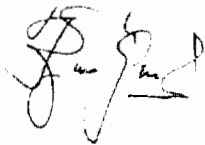
#### **7. Validity of Agreement**

This Agreement will remain valid until terminated by written notification from either party. The provisions of this Agreement will continue to be applied for investigations in progress at the time of termination of the Agreement.

For and on behalf on

**Kreshnik Gashi**  
**Chairman of the Commission**  
**AAIIC**  
**Republic of Kosovo**

Date 05/03/2010



**David King**  
**Chief Inspector of Air Accidents**  
**AAIB**  
**United Kingdom**

Date 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

