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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

**THE GERMAN FEDERAL BUREAU OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS
INVESTIGATION (BUNDESSTELLE FUR FLUGNFALLUNTERSUCHUNG -
BFU)**

AND

**THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO, AERONAUTICAL ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT
INVESTIGATION COMMISSION (AAIIC)**

1. Purpose and scope of the MoU

This MoU provides for the German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Investigation to assist the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission in the event of an investigation into an accident or serious incident and in enhancing the investigation capabilities of the AAIIC investigators.

The scope of the MoU 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 MoU shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose to apportion blame or liability.

2. Invoking BFU support under this MoU

The Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission will determine if BFU assistance under this MoU is needed. The level of BFU assistance will be determined in discussion with the Director of the German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accidents Investigation.

3. Form and conduct of investigations under this MoU

The form and conduct of investigations conducted under this MoU 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 MoU has been invoked, will be appointed by the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission. The BFU 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 German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Investigation will provide, subject to the availability of resources, the services of BFU investigators, flight record replay and analysis expertise and other BFU technical and forensic resources without charge to the Republic of Kosovo, Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission. BFU investigator's travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the BFU.

6. Investigator Training

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

7. Enter in force and validity of the MoU

This MoU shall enter in force on the date it will be signed from both signatory parties of. This MoU will remain valid until terminated by written notification from either party. The provisions of this MoU will continue to be applied for investigations in progress at the time of termination of the MoU.

For and on behalf on



Kreshnik Gashi
Chairman of the Commission
Aeronautical Accident
and Incident Investigations Commission
Republic of Kosovo

Date: 2010, July, 08.



Ulf Kramer
Director of the BFU
German Federal Bureau of
Aircraft Investigation - BFU
Federal Republic of Germany

Date: 2010, July, 08.