

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THE
AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT SAFETY BUREAU
ON COOPERATION RELATING TO AVIATION INVESTIGATION**

The República Democrática De Timor-Leste (Timor-Leste) Ministry Of Transport, Communication and Public Works and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (“ATSB”), together known as “the Parties”,

- (a) Subscribing to the objective enshrined in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“the Chicago Convention”) that the sole object of the investigation of an aircraft accident or incident shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents and that it is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame or provide a means of determining liability;
- (b) Committed to enhancing the capabilities and professionalism of their respective aircraft accident investigators;
- (c) Wishing to share expertise and experience relating to aviation investigation;
- (d) Acknowledging their common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the area of aviation investigation.

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

Objective and Areas of Cooperation

1. In entering into this MOU, the sole objective of both Parties is the enhancement of aviation safety.
2. The Parties will cooperate in aviation investigation, investigation training and sharing of information and expertise, consistent with the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention. The areas of cooperation are as follows:

(a) **Provision of Assistance**

The ATSB will offer assistance and the use of air safety investigation facilities and equipment as deemed appropriate and as resources permit. This assistance may include expertise in the fields of air traffic services, engineering, operations, flight recorders, human performance and management organisation.

When the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Public Works considers it necessary to request the ATSB to conduct an investigation on its behalf, it will delegate the responsibility for the investigation and final report to the ATSB in accordance with Annex 13 Para 5.1 or 5.2.

(b) **Attendance of Courses and Training**

The ATSB will, where practicable, invite investigators from Timor-Leste to attend general or specialist investigation courses and training conducted by the ATSB.

(c) **Attachment to Investigation as Observers**

The ATSB will facilitate the attachment of Timor-Leste investigators as observers in its investigation of accidents and serious incidents, with a view to enhancing the understanding of investigation requirements and procedures, so as to permit an effective cooperation in any investigation of accident or serious incident to a Party's aircraft in the other Party's territory pursuant to Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention. Timor-Leste investigators will be immunised and have available protective clothing and equipment to the minimum standards as follows:

The minimum current vaccination record:

- Hepatitis B
- Tetanus toxoid

The minimum Personal Protective Equipment:

- Boots – steel toed
- Overalls including disposable overalls
- Boot covers or gumboots (preferably steel toed)
- Latex/Nitrile/Rubber Gloves
- Leather riggers gloves
- Safety Glasses/Goggles/Face Shield
- Hearing Protection (Ear plugs)
- Hard hat
- Breathing protection apparatus
 - Breathing apparatus needed may range from paper nose and mouth guard, to a respiratory mask meeting the Australian Standard AS1716.

Coordination

3. The contact person in ATSB for the implementation of this MOU is:

Deputy Director
 Air Safety Investigation
 Australian Transport Safety Bureau
 P O Box 967
 Civic Square ACT 2608
 Australia

Tel: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
 Fax: [REDACTED]
 E-mail: [REDACTED]

4. The contact person in República Democrática De Timor-Leste Ministry Of Transport, Communication and Public Works for the implementation of this MOU is:

Director of Civil Aviation
 Ministry Of Transport, Communication and Public Works
 DILI
 Timor-Leste

Tel: [REDACTED]
 Fax: [REDACTED]
 E-mail: [REDACTED]

Financial Matters

5. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party should bear its own cost for the implementation of the matters set out in this MOU.

Amendment

6. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

Commencement and Duration

7. This MOU will come into effect on the date of signing by both Parties and receipt of confirmation of administrative clearance in Timor Leste. This MOU will remain in effect unless it is terminated by either Party giving one month's written notice to the other Party.

8. The Parties may, by mutual agreement, provide for the survival of any arrangement upon termination of this MOU.

Signed at Dili on 24 June 2004



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Signed at Canberra on 28th June 2004



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