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**Jamaica's Comments on item V of the agenda.**

**Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing, Jamaica**

**Comments on the AVIATION SECTOR**

**21ST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT OF THE  
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The Ministry of Transport, Works and Housing (MTWH)/Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (JCAA) offer the following comments on the stated Working Papers.

**COMMENTS ON WORKING PAPER – ASS/2012/TRANS.21/WP.001**

1 (a) The Ministry/Authority supports the establishment of a clause for agreement to be entered into among ACS Member States and third Countries.

- However Jamaica's policy, one which we would recommend, is that all parties to these Agreements, including those of the third countries, must have the Economic Authority to carryout operations on the routes on which the Carriers are to Code Share.
- Third Countries for which there are no Air Service Agreements that would easily facilitate the granting of Economic Rights, extra-bilateral rights could be considered.
- The establishment of guidelines on how the passengers are to be advised; that as a result of Code Sharing, they may be travelling on a carrier on which they might not have booked.

1 (b) The Ministry/Authority supports and encourages all Commercial Agreements as this activity develops and strengthens Air Operations, creating greater efficiencies, and reduces costs and increased revenues.

1 (c) Agreements on Aircraft use is also supported. Although these arrangements are purely commercial agreements between two parties from an operational safety standpoint, it is recommended that these arrangements should be validated by the Aeronautical Authorities.

2 (a) Common Designator Code – It is unclear how this will work, and there is a possibility that it will create confusion in the market place as to which carrier one is dealing with.

2 (b) Frequency Flyer Programmes, Interline Agreements, Proration Agreements are all Commercial Arrangements and should therefore not require prior approval.

3. The Ministry/Authority supports the establishment of procedures for approving commercial arrangements under standardized regulations with respect to time frames, requirements and criteria for approval.

### **COMMENTS ON WP – ASS/2012/TRANS.21/WP.002**

The General Plan as prepared by Colombia is acceptable to the Ministry/Authority.

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