

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA AND THE AERONAUTICAL
AUTHORITIES OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

The Aeronautical Authorities of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Aeronautical Authorities of the French Republic, meeting in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, at the ICAO Negotiations Event, ICAN2025, in November 2025, with the objective of updating the capacity rights granted in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 2016 and to incorporate environmental issues into the Air Services Agreement,

have reached the following agreements:

Capacity Rights

The designated airline of each Party shall have the right to operate the agreed services on the specified routes, with a maximum of fourteen (14) weekly frequencies, with any type of aircraft.

This increase in capacity rights reflects the growing demand for air services between Costa Rica and France and comes into force on the day of the signature of the Memorandum.

Environment Article

Both delegations have agreed to start the legal and administrative process to amend the Air Service Agreement, signed by the two countries on March 23, 2017, to include an Environment article, attached as Annex to this Memorandum.

Signed in duplicate in the English language on November 13, 2025 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.



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**AGREEMENT AMENDING
THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Government of the French Republic (hereinafter, "the Parties");

Have agreed to amend the Air Transport Agreement between them, signed at on March 23, 2017 ("the Agreement"), to incorporate an article on Environment, as follows:

**Article
ENVIRONMENT**

1. The Parties recognize the need to protect the environment by promoting the sustainable development of aviation.
2. The Parties intend to work together and with the global community to identify issues related to the impacts of international aviation on the environment, and to minimise the effects of aviation on the environment. They agree to exchange information among experts in areas such as research and development, sustainable aviation fuels, noise related matters and on other measures aimed at addressing greenhouse gas emissions, taking into account their multilateral environmental rights and obligations under international law.
3. The Parties recognise the need to take appropriate measures to prevent or otherwise address the environmental impacts of air transport provided that such measures are fully consistent with their rights and obligations, in line with the Standard and Recommended Practices (SARP) of Annex 16 of the Convention.
4. The Parties fully support the collective long-term global aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions for international aviation by 2050 (LTAG), as adopted in Resolution A41-21 of the 41st ICAO Assembly. They recognize that achieving this long-term goal supports the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.
5. For this purpose, the Parties recognize that each element of the ICAO basket of measures should be used, including aircraft technology, operations, sustainable aviation fuels and market-based measures, recognizing that the most significant share of emission reductions through 2050 comes from the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). The Parties acknowledge the importance of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) to which both are part and agree to promote this scheme in their respective interactions with other countries.



6. The Parties recognize the importance of combating the illegal trafficking of protected wildlife species of fauna and flora by air. Being parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora signed on 3 March 1973 (CITES), and in line with the work of the World Conservation Congress of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), they undertake to cooperate to combat such trafficking. The Parties undertake to make passengers aware of the health laws and regulations applicable in each Party, in accordance with [article on Laws and Regulations] of this Agreement.

The above, considering the provisions of Article 22, CONSULTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS of the Air Services Agreements signed between both countries.

Done at _____, this _____ of _____, in two original copies in Spanish and French.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC

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OF COSTA RICA

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