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Your Excellency,

Subject: **STATEMENT OF RECIPROCITY**

The General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates (UAE GCAA) presents its compliments to the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (US DOT), and has the honour to confirm that the UAE GCAA considers applications by United States Designated Airlines for approval to operate charters to and from UAE, including charters between UAE and third countries, to be in accordance with the provisions of Annex II to the Air Transport Agreement signed between our two Governments on 11 March, 2002 in Abu Dhabi (the Agreement). In this regard, the UAE GCAA hereby confirms, that, on the basis of reciprocity, it will grant to airlines designated by the United States of America the right to exercise seventh freedom traffic rights on passenger charter operations on the understanding that the USDOT will extend the same rights to Airlines designated by the UAE. In addition, as is provided in Section 1 of Annex II to that Agreement, it gives me great pleasure to confirm that the GCAA, UAE will extend favourable consideration to applications by US Airlines to carry traffic not covered by this Annex, on the basis of comity and reciprocity. Kindly accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

**Saif Mohammed Al Suwaidi**  
**Director General**



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