



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**AUTHORITIES OF ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT
INVESTIGATION IN CIVIL AVIATION OF THE
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES**



**REPUBLIC OF
ALBANIA**

and



**REPUBLIC OF
KOSOVO**

**REGARDING COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN
INVESTIGATIONS OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
AND INCIDENT**



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) expresses the understanding of the **National Investigation Body of Air Accidents/Incidents in Civil Aviation (OKIIA) of ALBANIA** and **Aeronautical Accidents Investigation Authority (KHAIA) of KOSOVO**

Hereafter referred to as the Parties to this MOU, concerning cooperation and assistance in the field of civil aircraft accident and serious incident investigations.

- 1.2 It is recognized that all parties to this MoU follow the Convention on International Civil Aviation (The Chicago Convention) and European Common Aviation Area rules and that they are therefore bound by the Standards contained in Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation to the Chicago Convention and EU regulation 996/10 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation, concerning accident and serious incident investigation.
- 1.3 All the parties to this MoU are authorized by their respective Governments to act as the National Investigation Authorities representing ALBANIA and KOSOVO, in respect of civil aircraft accident and incident investigation matters.
- 1.4 This MoU defines the procedural arrangements for cooperation and assistance between the parties.

2. TERMINOLOGY

- 2.1 The words and phrases used in this document have the same meaning as that described to them in Annex 13 — Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation and EU regulation 996/10.

3. THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATIONS

- 3.1 The purpose of investigating accidents and incidents in accordance with Annex 13 is the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose of such investigations to apportion blame or liability.



4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 This MoU serves to foster cooperation and mutual assistance between the parties in implementing the provisions of Annex 13 and European Union rules concerning aviation safety. Each party shall strive to overcome difficulties that may arise due to differences in legislative systems or geographic locations.

5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

5.1 Each party shall establish a working group of specialists to plan and implement technical exchanges and cooperation between the parties in the field of aircraft accident and serious incident investigations. These technical exchanges will include discussions aimed at improving the understanding of the investigation capabilities of the respective organizations, as well as the scope and extent of any assistance that could be provided under given conditions.

5.2 The exchanges and cooperation between the parties should also cover appropriate training for investigative staff, including of training courses attendance.

6. ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE OF OCCURRENCE

6.1 When one party, acting as the State of Occurrence, requests for technical assistance to the other party for an investigation being conducted under the provisions of Annex 13, the response to the request shall be coordinated between involved parties. The two parties should work together to ensure that a competent investigation is conducted in accordance with the procedures and intent of Annex 13.

6.2 Either party may request information on the progress of an investigation being carried out by the other party. All possible efforts will be made to provide the requested information. In accordance with the relevant laws of the respective States, any such information provided should be treated with at least the same rules with respect to confidentiality as those to which the providing party is bound.



7. COORDINATION

7.1 The contact person in (agency/authority) of (State) for the implementation of this MoU is:

<i>title / name</i>	<i>agency / authority</i>	<i>address</i>	<i>tel</i>	<i>fax</i>	<i>email</i>
	OKIIA	Tirana			
	KHAIA	Prishtina			

8. TERMINATION

8.1 This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing by the parties to this MoU and will remain in effect unless terminated by either party by giving the other party a three month written notice of its intention to terminate.

Signed at NOVEMBER/01/2012 on Tirana.

<i>Agency / Authority</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Sign</i>
OKIIA	Republic of Albania	Dipl.Ing. Arben XHIKU	CEO	
KHAIA	Republic of Kosovo	Mr. Kreshnik GASHI	Chairman	

