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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Memorandum of Understanding concerning cooperation in  
the field of transportation. Signed at Washington on  
3 September 1975**

*Authentic texts: English and German.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 27 April 1978.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Mémorandum d'accord concernant la coopération dans le  
domaine des transports. Signé à Washington le 3 sep-  
tembre 1975**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et allemand.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 27 avril 1978.*

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION

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I. The Secretary of Transportation of the United States of America and the Federal Minister of Transport of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

In view of their long-standing close cooperation in various fields;

Having undertaken fruitful cooperation in the fields of Experimental Safety Vehicles (Memorandum of Understanding dated November 5, 1970), and Research on Alternate Routing Traffic Control and on Urban Network Control (Project Agreement dated February 16, 1972);

Having also undertaken mutually beneficial cooperation on a system-worthiness analysis program for analyzing and evaluating operational and technical systems of aircraft operators (FAA Agreement No. NAT-I-252, dated December 21, 1973);

Taking note of the separate Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Secretary of Transportation of the United States of America and the Federal Ministers for Research and Technology and of Transport of the Federal Republic of Germany regarding cooperation on the development of advanced ground transportation, particularly tracked, levitated high-speed transportation systems (dated June 12, 1973);<sup>2</sup>

Desiring to promote further cooperation between the transportation specialists of the Parties in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, and in improving transportation systems and techniques without the costly and wasteful duplication of parallel national efforts,

Herewith agree this Memorandum of Understanding as the basis for their continued mutually advantageous cooperation in the field of transportation.

II. To realize the benefits of cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties agree that:

- (a) In addition to fulfilling the commitments contained in the specific agreements mentioned in paragraph I above, they will undertake to exchange information and develop cooperative projects in such fields of transportation as are identified in paragraph III below and as may subsequently be agreed.
- (b) Cooperative projects shall be the subject of project agreements describing the information and experience to be exchanged, and setting forth the details of any cost-sharing or task-sharing involved. Such project agreements will become Addenda to this Memorandum.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 September 1975 by signature, in accordance with paragraph V.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1059, p. 3.

- (c) Specific activities in connection with this program will be contingent upon the availability of funds.
- (d) To implement this Memorandum of Understanding, each Party has appointed an appropriate official as its Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinators are authorized by each Party, subject to their respective national laws and regulations, to:
1. Conclude project agreements;
  2. Provide a point of contact for the other Party in making detailed arrangements for project activity; and,
  3. Arrange for regular reviews of the status and achievements of the overall program and its component projects.
- (e) Any conditions relating to technical documents, patents, and other technical data and experience which restrict their use by the receiving Party or restrict their delivery to a third party shall be respected by the Parties.

III. The following have been identified as the current areas of mutual interest:

- Energy and Transportation,
- Urban Transportation,
- Civil Aviation Safety and Traffic Control,
- Vessel Traffic Systems,
- Transportation Economics and Planning,
- Road Construction, Road Maintenance, and Traffic Engineering,
- Motor Vehicle and Traffic Safety,
- Railway Construction and Operation.

Additions to and deletions from this list may be made from time to time by mutual agreement.

IV. This Memorandum of Understanding shall also apply to Land Berlin, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany does not make a contrary declaration to the Government of the United States of America within three months of the date of entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.

V. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof and shall continue in effect until it is terminated on written notice by either Party.

DONE at Washington, D. C., on September 3, 1975, in duplicate in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

The Secretary of Transportation  
of the United States of America

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

The Federal Minister of Transport  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by William Coleman, Jr. — Signé par William Coleman.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by K. Gscheidle — Signé par K. Gscheidle.