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Trans World Airlines, Inc. ("TWA") and Kuwait Airways Corporation ("KU") hereby jointly apply, pursuant to 14 C.F.R., Parts 207 and 212, for statements of authorization to engage in certain reciprocal code-sharing services, as follows:

"KU" code on "TW" flights

New York (JFK)	to/from	Los Angeles St. Louis San Francisco Washington, DC (DCA)
St. Louis	to/from	Chicago (ORD)

“TW” code on “KU” flights

New York (JFK)	to/from	Kuwait City
Chicago	to/from	Kuwait City
Kuwait City	to/from	Abu Dhabi Dubai Muscat

TWA and Kuwait Airways propose to begin these code-share services as soon as possible after approval by the Department. The details of the alliance are more fully described in the attached redacted copy of the Agreement between the parties. The parties, therefore, respectfully request expeditious consideration and prompt issuance of the Statement of Authorizations.

In support of their application, TWA and Kuwait Airways state as follows:

1. Kuwait Airways provides transatlantic service between Kuwait City and both New York and Chicago, as well as service between Kuwait and various points in Europe and the Middle East. It presently operates four weekly flights between New York and Kuwait, and two weekly services between Chicago and Kuwait.
2. TWA does not now serve Kuwait, but proposes to inaugurate service on the above routes pursuant to a code-share arrangement with Kuwait Airways under which TWA will list its designator code on Kuwait Airways's services between both New York and Chicago and Kuwait as well as on its connecting service to Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Muscat.
3. Kuwait Airways has long held a foreign air carrier permit to operate to New York and Chicago. It does not now hold economic authority for scheduled service to points in the U.S.

beyond New York, but is filing contemporaneously herewith an exemption application for such authority, to be operated on a code share basis.

4. TWA already has authority to serve Kuwait from New York and St. Louis on Segment 1 of its certificate for Route 147. Because that segment also includes authority to serve the United Arab Emirates and Oman, TWA also holds authority for scheduled service between New York/St. Louis and Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Muscat. TWA is filing contemporaneously herewith an exemption application for authority to provide code share service with Kuwait Airways from Chicago to all the above points. TWA's exemption application requests the ability to integrate its exemption authority with its authority to the remaining points on Route 147.

5. There is no current bilateral agreement between the United States and Kuwait, and aviation relations between the two countries are based on comity and reciprocity. However, aviation relations with Kuwait are good, and the applicants do not believe that there have been any refusals by the government of Kuwait to allow code share operations by U.S. airlines in conjunction with third country carriers.

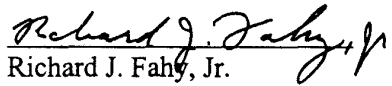
6. The grant of this application is in the public interest. The Department has stated in its International Aviation Policy that "code-sharing and other cooperative marketing arrangements can provide cost-efficient ways for carriers to enter new markets, expand their systems and obtain additional flow traffic to support their operations by using existing facilities and scheduled operations." The proposed arrangement will meet all these criteria. The code share arrangement between TWA and Kuwait Airways will provide improved passenger service between the U.S. and Kuwait and the other Persian Gulf points and strengthen the route systems of both carriers.

7. TWA and Kuwait Airways will abide by the provisions of 14 C.F.R. 399.88 with respect to their code share operations. Pursuant to the Department's letter to CRAF participants,

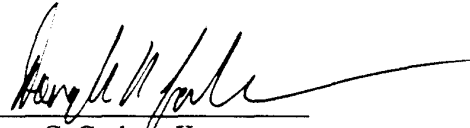
dated June 1, 1995, TWA hereby states that this application will have no impact on TWA's commitments.

WHEREFORE, TWA and Kuwait Airways respectfully request that the Department grant this application for statements of authorization, and such other and further relief as the Department deems to be in the public interest.

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