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Why, What, Where and When?

At the EU-India Summit held in November 2004, EU and Indian leaders decided to upgrade the EU-India relationship to the level of a Strategic Partnership and to support this partnership through the implementation of a Joint Action Plan. The Joint Action Plan was endorsed at the 2005 Summit held in New Delhi in September 2005 including a range of proposed initiatives in the area of civil aviation aimed at strengthening co-operation between the EU and India in this priority field of activity.

In recent years the Indian air traffic market has been among the fastest growing in the world. In 2005, domestic air passenger traffic in India increased by 22% while international passenger traffic grew by 15%. Since 1990, the number of seats available on scheduled non-stop flights between the EU and India has increased from 2.6 to 5.5 million in 2005 (+116%). Capacity on EU-India routes is expected to grow even faster in the coming few years.

With such a rapid development in air traffic, important new challenges and opportunities are emerging.

Market opening and attempts to attract private and foreign capital to the Indian aviation market are seen as part of the measures necessary to develop and modernise India's aviation sector in order to meet increasing demand and consumer expectations. India has therefore in recent years taken decisive steps towards opening up its aviation market.

These developments combined with the expansion of the single European aviation market offer both significant new challenges and opportunities to all involved in the aviation sector both in India and within the EU. This is why the European Commission and the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India have decided to jointly organise the EU-India Aviation Summit on 23-24 November 2006 in New Delhi as a high-level and focussed event for taking important new steps in EU-India aviation relations into the 21st century.

The main venue of the Aviation Summit will be the ITC Hotel Maurya Sheraton & Towers in the Diplomatic Enclave of New Delhi.

The EU-India Aviation Summit is intended to bring together top-level policy makers and industry executives from all sectors involved in the European and Indian aviation and aerospace industries and services hence providing an important platform for enhancing co-operation between the EU and India in aviation.

Policy statements and business strategies will be at the centre of the discussions, which will address a wide range of topical trends and new opportunities in EU-India aviation relations.

Highlights of the issues that the EU-India Aviation Summit will address include the following:

- ✈ *Political and regulatory developments in aviation in India and the EU*
- ✈ *Developments in EU-India passenger and cargo markets*
- ✈ *Infrastructure needs and investment opportunities in the aviation sector*
- ✈ *Safety and security policies and co-operation*
- ✈ *New challenges in commercial aircraft technology*
- ✈ *Air traffic management and technological and industrial co-operation*

Who is expected to participate?

The EU-India Aviation Summit will be attended by key players from the public and private sectors in India and the EU. These are expected to include representatives of governments, airlines, airports and aerospace industries and service providers.

Both Vice President of the European Commission, Mr. Jacques Barrot and India's Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Praful Patel have confirmed their participation at the summit.

What will the planned exhibition offer?

In parallel to the main Aviation Summit conference, an exhibition will be held at which EU and India aviation and aerospace industry will present their products and services. The results of EU and Indian aviation policies and co-operation in civil aviation will also be presented and disseminated.

If you are interested in knowing more about participating in the exhibition, please contact the European Commission or the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India (see details below).

Can anyone take part – and what will it cost?

The number of participants is limited by the capacity of the Summit venue. The organisers therefore reserve the right to refuse registration.

There is no registration fee for participating in the EU-India Aviation Summit. Registration will therefore be binding.

How do I receive an invitation and how do I register?

An outline programme is available on the aviation summit home page: www.euindiaaviationsummit.com. The final programme with announcement of speakers will be up-loaded soon.

Administrative details regarding registration etc. can also be found on the above web-site.

Organisation and Contact

The EU-India Aviation Summit will be jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India and the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport of the European Commission.

For general inquiries at this stage about the EU-India Aviation Summit, please contact:

- At Ministry of Civil Aviation of India: Mrs. Bharati Das (E-mail: Bharatidas@hotmail.com)
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We look forward to seeing you in New Delhi!

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