

Austria Reauthorizes Signing of Air Transport Agreement with Iraq

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On 10 January 2024, the Austrian Council of Ministers authorized the signing of an air transport agreement with Iraq.

A draft air transport agreement was initialled on 14 May 2009, but the Iraqi government ultimately declined to sign it. Negotiations for a new air transport agreement took place in Vienna from 10 to 11 June 2013, resulting in the initialling of an agreement, which was then approved by the Austrian Council of Ministers on 14 July 2017. Despite approval, the agreement remains unsigned and, as a result, has not been implemented. Efforts to sign the agreement have begun again following the production of an authentic text of the agreement in Arabic, at the request of Iraq, and an authentic text in German following the same conditions, at the request of Austria. Due to the changes, the agreement was once again referred to the Austrian Council of Ministers. Further developments will be reported as they occur.

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