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AIR SERVICES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND BULGARIA

Delegations of the Republic of Singapore and the Republic of Bulgaria met in Singapore from 27-29 November 1978 to review the Air Services Agreement signed between the two countries on 28 November 1969. Mr Stoyan S Makardjiiski, Chief of Department of Balkan Bulgarian Airlines headed the Bulgarian team. The Singapore team was led by Mr Lim Hock San, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation.

The talks were held in a cordial and friendly manner. At the end of the consultations, both Governments agreed to expand the route schedules of their respective national carriers. Balkan Bulgarian Airlines may now also operate to Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi. SIA was also granted an additional unspecified point.

Balkan Bulgarian Airlines may commence once weekly Tupolev 154 services to Singapore in April next year on the following tentative route:—

Point in Bulgaria—Baghdad or Damascus—Karachi—
Colombo—Singapore—Ho Chi Minh City vv.

With this there will be 31 carriers operating scheduled services to Singapore and Singapore will be linked to 62 cities in 40 countries.

SIA has no immediate plans to operate to Sofia.

At the signing ceremony of the new Agreement, the Charge d'Affairs of the Bulgarian Embassy in Singapore, Mr N V Ivanor was present.

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