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## US-Bangla Airlines boosts ATR fleet availability with Global Maintenance Agreement

**Toulouse, 17 July 2023** – Largest private Bangladeshi carrier US-Bangla Airlines and world's number one regional aircraft manufacturer ATR, today announced the signature of a Global Maintenance Agreement (GMA) to further optimise the airline's maintenance costs and boost the reliability of its fleet of eight ATR 72-600s. The five-year pay-by-the-hour contract covers the repair, overhaul and pooling services of Line Replaceable Units, along with the availability and maintenance of propellers and leading edges.

Mohammed Abdullah Al Mamun, Managing Director of US-Bangla Airlines said: "Reliability, on-time performance, customer experience and safety are of paramount importance to US-Bangla. As US-Bangla celebrates its 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there is no better time to announce that we are strengthening our cooperation with ATR through this Global Maintenance Agreement. We are hopeful that this partnership will further optimise the reliability of our ATR fleet while reducing operating costs – creating a win-win partnership. Both our teams have worked relentlessly to innovate a commercial model which we hope will stand the test of time and be a new benchmark in aviation"

"We constantly strive to find innovative and cost-effective solutions to support our customers, and the ATR GMA is our way to partner with US-Bangla Airlines in their daily operations. While we share our expertise and look for efficiencies in components maintenance and reliability improvement processes, they can focus on their core business: offering the greatest travel experience to the Bangladeshi communities in the most responsible and sustainable way" commented Stefano Marazzani, ATR's Senior Vice-President Customer Support and Services.

For over 25 years, the ATR GMA has been significantly boosting regional airlines' operations and reducing maintenance costs through improved parts availability, advice on maintenance practices, troubleshooting and insightful engineering analysis.

About US- Bangla Airlines	US-Bangla Airlines is the leading premium airline of Bangladesh, with impeccable standards of service equipped with incomparable reliability and ultimate flying comfort, and reaching a milestone for the best on-time performance. The US-BANGLA Airlines (BS) Ltd. is a project of US-BANGLA Group, a leading business conglomerate of Bangladesh. US-Bangla Airlines carries over 2.5 million passengers annually across its network and uses its regional fleet to connect all of Bangladesh and feed their international network from Dhaka.
About ATR	ATR is the world number one regional aircraft manufacturer with its ATR 42 and 72 aircraft the best- selling aircraft in the less than 90-seat market segment. The unifying vision of the company's employees is to help everyone, no matter where they are in the world, to connect and develop in a responsible manner. Thanks to the efficiency of turboprop technology and the benefits of the company's focus on continuous innovation, ATR aircraft open more than 140 new routes on average every year, burn 45% less fuel and emit 45% less CO2 than regional jets. For all of these reasons, ATR aircraft have been chosen by some 200 companies in 100 countries around the world. ATR is a joint-venture between Airbus and Leonardo. For more information, please visit <u>www.atr-aircraft.com</u> .

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