

Boeing Delivers Trio of 777 Freighters to Qatar Airways Cargo

- *Triple delivery of world's largest, most capable twin-engine freighter to power airline's air cargo business*
- *Delivery marks Boeing's 200th delivery of the 777 Freighter*
- *Additional capacity will support distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and meet global trade demand*

Qatar Airways Cargo took delivery of three Boeing [NYSE:BA] 777 Freighters as the airline continues to build its cargo division with the world's largest and most capable twin-engine freighter. The milestone also marks the 200th 777 Freighter to be delivered.

The triple delivery comes as air freight is playing a pivotal role amid the COVID-19 pandemic – including transporting newly approved vaccines – and is projected to increase more than 4% over the next two decades.

With the arrival of the trio of 777 Freighters, Qatar Airways Cargo now operates 24 of this airplane model along with two 747-8 Freighters. As one of the leading air cargo carriers in the world, Qatar's dedicated freighter fleet serves more than 60 freighter destinations worldwide via its world-class Doha hub and also delivers freight on the belly-hold deck of passenger aircraft to an extensive network.

"With the arrival of these new freighters, we are injecting more capacity in the market which is very much required during the pandemic. The added capacity will also enable us to support the logistics around the COVID-19 vaccination, which is projected to be one of the greatest logistical challenges for the industry," said Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker. "With our investments in innovation and fleet, we are able to fulfill our customers' logistical requirements and facilitate the continuity of global trade."

The 777 Freighter can fly 4,970 nautical miles (9,200 kms) and carry a payload of 224,900 pounds (102,010 kg). The airplane's long range translates into significant savings for operators like Qatar Airways Cargo as fewer stops reduce landing fees, congestion, cargo handling costs and delivery times.

"During these challenging times, Qatar Airways Cargo has been transporting humanitarian relief and medical goods to those in need, and we are proud that their growing fleet of 777 Freighters is supporting such a commendable effort," said Ihsane Mounir, senior vice president, Commercial Sales and Marketing, The Boeing Company. "We deeply appreciate our long-standing partnership with Qatar Airways and their confidence in the 777 Freighters as the backbone of their expansive global air cargo operations."

The 777 Freighter is now Boeing's top selling freighter. Customers from around the world have ordered 242 777 Freighters since the program began in 2005, including a record 45 units in 2018. Boeing, the market leader in air cargo aircraft, provides more than 90% of the dedicated freighter capacity around the world, including new production and converted freighters.

Quelle:

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COMAC Customer Service Training Base officially opened in Jiaxing

Opening ceremony of COMAC Customer Service Training Base was held in Xiuzhou District, Jiaxing, Zhejiang on December 29th, 2020. Mr. He Dongfeng, Secretary of the Party Committee and Chairman of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd. (COMAC), and Mr. Zhang Bing, Secretary of the CPC Jiaxing Municipal Committee, attended the ceremony and unveiled COMAC Customer Service Training Base. Mr. Tan Wangeng, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and Director of COMAC, presided over the ceremony. Mr. Zhao Jiufang, Supervisory Attache of National Supervisory Commission in COMAC, Member of Standing Committee of the Party Committee of COMAC, and Secretary of Commission for Discipline Inspection of COMAC, and Mr. Jiang Haiyang, Deputy Mayor of Jiaxing, unveiled Jiaxing Campus of COMAC University. Mr. Yu Weijiao, Chairman of YTO Express Group Co., Ltd., attended the ceremony.

Mr. He Dongfeng expressed sincere gratitude to the CPC Jiaxing Municipal Committee and Jiaxing Municipal Government as well as the CPC Xiuzhou District Committee and Xiuzhou District Government for their concern and support, and to the builders of the customer service training base for their struggles and efforts. He pointed out that the entry into service of COMAC Customer Service Training Base had marked a solid step for COMAC to serve the national strategy of the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta region and implement the industrial layout of "developing in Shanghai, extending to the Yangtze River Delta, radiating throughout China and facing to the whole world", and also marked a brand new page for COMAC to implement the concept of "being customer centered", provide market-oriented customer training services for customers, and further expand and strengthen the layout of aircraft customer service industry. The official opening of Jiaxing Campus of COMAC University had further expanded the company's education and training functional layout of "one main body with multiple wings", with Jiaxing campus as the main body and assisted by Minhang, Zhuqiao and Zhangjiang campuses, which had a great significance to the implementation of the strategy of thriving the company by talents and the acceleration of the cultivation of aviation talents in the Yangtze River Delta region. COMAC would continue to improve the product family, enrich the product echelon, promote the development of industrial scale and enhance the capacity for independent innovation. He firmly believed that with the strong support and cooperation of governments at all levels and relevant units of Zhejiang and Jiaxing, and giving full play to the advantages of Jiaxing in location, industry, system and market, it would be able to create a model of central and local integrated development and industrial chain cooperative development, and promote the better and faster development of the trunk liner career.

Mr. Zhang Bing, on behalf of the CPC Jiaxing Municipal Committee and Jiaxing Municipal Government, expressed warm congratulations on the official opening of the base and briefly introduced the economic and social development of Jiaxing. He expressed that COMAC had been a core and backbone enterprise in civil aircraft industry of China, and had been vigorously carrying forward the enterprising spirits of struggling hard, tackling key problems, enduring hardship and devoting for a long term. COMAC had overcome many technical difficulties and made a series of important achievements, which was quite admirable. The COMAC Customer Service Training Base opened this time would be used not only for carrying out business training, but also for carrying out talent cultivation. It could meet the

needs of multiple models for delivery training and recurrent training, and would provide a solid talent support for the Chinese trunk liner to fly in the blue sky. Jiaxing would provide first-class service and environment for project operation and Phase II construction to fully support the continuous development of national civil aircraft industry. He sincerely hoped for and invited COMAC to pay more attention to Jiaxing, lay out in Jiaxing and integrate into Jiaxing, in order to jointly promote and add wings to the socialist modernization and continually make new and greater contributions.

Principals of COMAC Shanghai Aircraft Customer Service Co., Ltd. (SACSC) introduced the general situation and planning of COMAC Customer Service Training Base, and principals of COMAC University introduced the business development of COMAC University and the functional positioning of Jiaxing Campus.

COMAC Customer Service Training Base is an extension carrier of SACSC for the customer training business, is one of the most important carriers for COMAC to implement the customer concept of "being customer centered", and is also a talent pool of COMAC, which will become the main base for internal talent cultivation. In the future, it will undertake the flight training, cabin crew training, maintenance training, dispatch training and other training services of China-made commercial aircraft to meet the needs of ARJ21, C919, CRJ929 and other models for delivery training and recurrent training; and at the same time, it will be used for the training of the cadres and employees of the company.

The training base (Phase I) is located in Xiuzhou District of Jiaxing, covering an area of 149 mu with a total construction area of 43,500 square meters. It has teaching complex buildings, trainee apartments, trainee canteens, sport stadiums and gyms, etc. At present, the training base has the capacity of providing theoretical training and relevant support for 500 people at a time.

Quelle:

COMAC Press Release 31 December 2020

TUI AG außerordentliche Hauptversammlung

Aktionäre bestätigen Kapitalmaßnahmen und Wandlungsrecht des WSF mit großer Mehrheit / Vertrag mit WSF über Stille Einlagen unterzeichnet / Voraussetzungen für drittes Finanzierungspaket erfüllt

Auf der heutigen virtuell abgehaltenen außerordentlichen Hauptversammlung der TUI AG entsprach die Präsenz einschließlich abgegebener Stimmen 44,58 Prozent des Grundkapitals. Die Aktionäre haben den drei Tagesordnungspunkten mit großer Mehrheit zugestimmt.

Der Herabsetzung des Grundkapitals von 2,56 Euro je Aktie auf 1,00 Euro je Aktie stimmten 99,59 Prozent der Aktionäre zu, die darauf folgende Kapitalerhöhung über rund 509 Millionen Euro wurde mit 97,95 Prozent verabschiedet. Dem Wandlungsrecht des WSF gemäß der Stillen Einlage I in Aktien der TUI AG stimmten 98,04 Prozent der Aktionäre zu. Die Hauptversammlung schloss um 13:28 Uhr.

Zuvor wurden bereits die übrigen Komponenten des dritten Finanzierungspakets, das am 2. Dezember 2020 angekündigt wurde, erfüllt. Der Wirtschaftsstabilisierungsfonds (WSF) und die TUI AG haben den Vertrag über zwei stille Einlagen in Höhe von insgesamt 1,091 Milliarden Euro unterschrieben. Die Maßnahmen des WSF umfassen eine stille Einlage, die in Aktien der TUI gewandelt werden kann, in Höhe von 420 Millionen Euro (Stille Einlage I). Die zweite stille Einlage beläuft sich auf 671 Millionen Euro. Die zweite stille Einlage wurde um den Betrag der noch ausstehenden staatlichen Garantien ausgeweitet wie in der ad-hoc Meldung vom 2. Dezember 2020 angekündigt. Sobald die Garantien vorliegen, wird die zweite stille Einlage entsprechend reduziert. Die EU Kommission hat dem Vertrag bereits zugestimmt.

Durch die Umsetzung der Komponenten des dritten Finanzierungspakets wird außerdem eine Verlängerung eines Teilbetrags der bestehenden KfW-Kreditlinie in Höhe von 500 Millionen Euro gewährt. Diese wäre anderenfalls am 1. April 2021 weggefallen. Der Teilbetrag hat nun ebenfalls eine Laufzeit wie die übrige bestehende KfW-Kreditlinie (Juli 2022), sobald der ausstehende Senior Bond mit den Mitteln aus der Kapitalerhöhung abgelöst wird.

Im Rahmen des dritten Finanzierungspakets beteiligt sich die KfW darüber hinaus an einer zusätzlichen Darlehensfazilität gemeinsam mit privaten Banken in Höhe von 200 Millionen Euro.

Das dritte Finanzierungspaket hat ein Gesamtvolumen von rund 1,8 Milliarden Euro. Alle Einzelheiten und Komponenten des dritten Finanzierungspakets finden Sie hier.

Die Abstimmungsergebnisse zu den drei Tagesordnungspunkten der außerordentlichen Hauptversammlung finden Sie ab dem 6. Januar 2021 auch unter www.tuigroup.com/de/ir/hauptversammlungen.

Quelle:

TUI Press Release 05 January 2021

Lufthansa und Vereinigung Cockpit vereinbaren Krisenbeiträge bis 31. März 2022

- *Vereinbarung von Krisenbeiträgen und Kündigungsschutz bis 31. März 2022 für 5.000 Lufthansa Piloten*
- *Notwendigkeit struktureller Kostensenkung bleibt bestehen*

Lufthansa und Vereinigung Cockpit (VC) haben sich auf Krisenbeiträge bis zum 31. März 2022 geeinigt. Damit werden die aktuellen Einsparmaßnahmen im kommenden Jahr nicht nur erhalten, sondern durch weitere Maßnahmen ausgeweitet. Die getroffene Vereinbarung beinhaltet insbesondere die Grundlage für eine Verlängerung der Kurzarbeit für das Jahr 2021, eine Absenkung der Arbeitszeit mit äquivalenter Gehaltsanpassung und das Aussetzen von Tarifierhöhungen. Die Maßnahmen gelten für die Piloten von Lufthansa, Lufthansa Cargo, Lufthansa Aviation Training sowie einer Teilgruppe der Germanwings Piloten.

Lufthansa schließt betriebsbedingte Beendigungskündigungen für die Piloten von Lufthansa, Lufthansa Cargo, Lufthansa Aviation Training sowie eine Teilgruppe der Germanwings Piloten bis März 2022 aus.

Michael Niggemann, Vorstand Personal und Recht, Deutsche Lufthansa AG, sagt: „Ich freue mich über den weiteren substantiellen Beitrag der Cockpitbeschäftigten zur Krisenbewältigung. Wir wollen die Laufzeit des Krisentarifvertrags nutzen, um mit der Vereinigung Cockpit nachhaltige strukturelle Lösungen als Reaktion auf die veränderten Rahmenbedingungen zu vereinbaren und Kündigungen auch nach der Laufzeit vermeiden zu können.“

Daher setzen Lufthansa und VC die Verhandlungen 2021 fort, um in Anbetracht einer besseren Prognostizierbarkeit nachhaltige Lösungen für die Zeit nach Auslaufen des Krisentarifvertrags zu vereinbaren.

Die Geltung der Krisenvereinbarung steht unter dem Vorbehalt der Zustimmung der jeweiligen zuständigen Gremien.

Quelle:

Lufthansa Press Release 23 December 2020

Airbus-built CSO-2 French military Earth observation satellite launched successfully

Airbus-built CSO-2 (Composante spatiale optique) Earth observation satellites for the French Armed Forces, has been successfully launched on a Soyuz launcher from the Kourou European Spaceport in French Guyana.

CSO-2 is the second of the three-satellite CSO constellation, which will provide extremely high resolution geo information intelligence to the French Armed Forces and to its partners in the frame of the MUSIS cooperation programme (Multinational Space-based Imaging System for surveillance, reconnaissance and observation). The CSO satellites are equipped with a very agile pointing system and are controlled via a secure ground control operations centre. The constellation will offer 3D and very high resolution imaging capability, in visible and infrared bandwidths, enabling acquisition during night and day and maximize the operational use.

The CSO-2 satellite, identical to CSO-1, will however be placed on a lower polar orbit at 480 km altitude, to fulfil the identification mission of the programme.

As prime contractor for the CSO satellites programme, Airbus has provided the agile platform and avionics, and was also responsible for the integration work, testing and delivery of the satellite to CNES. Thales Alenia Space provided Airbus with the very-high resolution optical instrument.

Airbus teams will also continue leading the User Ground Segment operations, as they do currently with operating legacy programmes (Helios, Pleiades, SarLupe, Cosmo-Skymed).

Airbus was awarded the CSO contract at the end of 2010, by CNES, the French space agency acting on behalf of the Armement General Directorate (DGA). The contract included an option for a third satellite, which was activated after Germany joined the programme in 2015.

“Thanks to our close partnership since the beginning of the French Space adventure with the French MoD, now including the Space command, CNES and DGA, as well as the tremendous support across industry and partners, especially Thales Alenia Space, we did it...again! Providing the most modern and efficient observation capability for the safety of our citizens, as well as the sovereignty and independence of France and Europe, CSO is a real game changer in terms of resolution, complexity, safety of transmission, reliability and availability: only a couple of nations can claim such a capability,” said Jean-Marc Nasr, Head of Airbus Space Systems.

The satellite's tremendous agility and stability enable it to quickly provide users with extremely high-quality images from the Thales Alenia Space instrument, even for the most complex acquisition schedules.

Airbus has built on the decades of experience innovations and success which led to Helios 1, Pleiades, and Helios 2, and also made use of the latest generation of gyroscopic actuators, fibre optic gyroscopes, on-board electronics and control software to optimise weight and inertia and significantly increase the pointing speed.

Quelle:

Airbus Press Release 29 December 2020

Rheinmetall liefert weitere Logistikfahrzeuge an die Bundeswehr – Gesamtvolumen über 500 MioEUR, darunter fast 390 MioEUR aus Konjunkturpaket

Das Bundesamt für Ausrüstung, Informationstechnik und Nutzung der Bundeswehr (BAAINBw) hat bei der Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles (RMMV) weitere 1.401 Militär-Lkw der Kategorie Ungeschützte Transportfahrzeuge (UTF) im Gesamtwert von 543 MioEUR brutto bestellt. 1.000 dieser Fahrzeuge sind eine Beschaffung aus Zusatzmitteln des Konjunkturpaketes der Bundesregierung. Die Fahrzeuge sollen in den Jahren 2021 und 2022 ausgeliefert werden. Der im Juli 2017 geschlossene Rahmenvertrag über die Beschaffung hochmoderner militärischer Lkw, der ursprünglich die Lieferung von 2.271 Fahrzeugen vorsah, wurde um 1.000 Stück erhöht und lässt jetzt die Beschaffung von bis zu 3.271 UTF-Lkw zu.

Aus dem ursprünglichen Rahmenvertrag werden 292 Lkw der Zuladungsklasse 5 Tonnen und 109 Lkw der Zuladungsklasse 15 Tonnen abgerufen. Diese insgesamt 401 Fahrzeuge und weitere Serviceleistungen haben einen Wert von 154 MioEUR und sollen bis Ende 2021 ausgeliefert werden. In den Jahren 2021 und 2022 sollen darüber hinaus weitere 1.000 Lkw – davon 150 Fünf-Tonner und 850 Fünfzehn-Tonner – im Wert von rund 389 MioEUR beschafft werden. Diese aus dem Konjunkturpaket finanzierten Lkw werden bis Ende 2022 ausgeliefert.

Mit dem bedeutenden Vorhaben Erneuerung der Logistikfahrzeuge leistet der Düsseldorfer Technologiekonzern für Mobilität und Sicherheit einen wesentlichen Anteil bei der Modernisierung der viele tausend Fahrzeuge umfassenden Lkw-Flotte der Bundeswehr. Der überwiegende Teil der wesentlichen Komponenten – Motoren, Achsen, Getriebe und Aufbauten – entstammt deutscher Fertigung, die Montage der Fahrzeuge wird im Wiener RMMV-Werk erfolgen.

Die hohe weltweite Verbreitung von RMMV-Fahrzeugen bringt gerade im Hinblick auf multinationale Einsätze große Vorteile bei Interoperabilität und Logistik. Aktuell gehören unter anderem Großbritannien, Australien, Neuseeland und Dänemark zum Nutzerkreis. Norwegen und Schweden haben ebenfalls Lkw-Aufträge in nennenswerten Größen bei Rheinmetall platziert.

Quelle:

Rheinmetall Press Release 06 January 2021

Lockheed Martin Statement on the Passing of Aeronautics Executive Vice President Michele Evans

The following is a statement from Lockheed Martin President and CEO James Taiclet:

"The entire Lockheed Martin team was saddened to learn that Aeronautics Executive Vice President Michele Evans passed away on New Year's Day. Throughout her career, Michele led some of the most important programs that ensure the security of our nation and its allies and help make our world a safer place. She embodied our company's values in spirit and action every day – to do what's right, respect others, and perform with excellence. Her example was an inspiration to those of us fortunate enough to have worked with her closely, and her leadership in the aerospace and defense industry will have a lasting impact for years to come. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family, the entire Lockheed Martin team, and everyone she touched in her remarkable life and career."

Quelle:

Lockheed Martin Press Release 02 January 2021

Saab receives follow-on contract for GlobalEye

Saab has today received a follow on contract with the United Arab Emirates regarding the sale of two GlobalEye systems, Saab's advanced airborne surveillance system. The order value is USD 1.018 billion and the contract period is 2020-2025.

The original contract with the United Arab Emirates for GlobalEye was signed in 2015. This contract is an amendment to that signed in 2015.

“We are proud that the United Arab Emirates continues to show great trust in Saab and our solutions. It shows that Saab remains on the cutting edge regarding advanced technology. The GlobalEye program is running according to plan and we have an efficient cooperation with the customer”, says Micael Johansson, President and CEO Saab.

The work will be carried out in Gothenburg, Linköping, Arboga, Järfälla and Luleå in Sweden and in Centurion, South Africa.

The contract was signed by the customer on the 30th of December 2020, hence the order was booked during the fourth quarter 2020.

GlobalEye provides simultaneous air, maritime and ground surveillance. It combines sophisticated radar technology with the ultra-long range Global 6000 aircraft from Bombardier.

Quelle:

SAAB Press Release 04 January 2021

Saudi opens airspace, borders to Qatar

Monday, a major step towards ending a diplomatic rift that has seen Riyadh lead an alliance isolating Doha.

The bombshell announcement came on the eve of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) annual summit in the northwestern Saudi Arabian city of Alula, where the dispute was already set to top the agenda.

In another sign the three-and-a-half year spat was nearing resolution, the office of Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani said that he would attend, after he skipped the annual meetings for the last three years.

Jared Kushner, US President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor, shuttled around the region to seek a deal and attended the signing on Tuesday of the "breakthrough", a US official said.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Ahmad Nasser al Sabah announced on state TV that "it was agreed to open the airspace and land and sea borders between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar, starting from this evening."

He noted that the agreement was based on a proposal by Kuwaiti emir Sheikh Nawaf al Ahmad al Sabah, reflecting the nation's repeated efforts to mediate in the crisis.

Quelle:

Muscatdaily 05 January 2021

Global praise for reopening of Qatar-Saudi borders

The US Department of State welcomed the decision to open the airspace and the land and sea borders between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar.

“A resolution of the wider three-year dispute between the Quartet and Qatar is in the interest of all Gulf Cooperation Council GCC members as well as the interest of the United States,” said a State Department spokesperson in a statement to Al Hurra TV channel.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al Mohammad Al Sabah announced on Monday that an agreement had been reached according to which the airspace and land and sea borders would be opened between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar, starting from Monday night.

Turkey also welcomed the decision to open the airspace and land and sea borders between the State of Qatar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“We welcome the agreement made to open land, sea and air borders between Qatar and Saudi Arabia as of tonight,” the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement, noting that this development is an important step towards resolving the Gulf crisis that has been going on since June 2017.

The Ministry praised the efforts of the international actors who contributed to reaching the agreement through their mediation efforts, led by the State of Kuwait.

The Ministry expressed the hope for a comprehensive and permanent resolution of the Gulf rift on the basis of mutual respect for the sovereignty of the countries, stressing that Turkey, which is a strategic partner of the Gulf Cooperation Council and places great importance on the security and stability of the Gulf region, will continue to support all efforts in this direction.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan welcomed yesterday the outcome of the 41st session of the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In a statement reported by Petra, Jordan’s Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Ayman Safadi said that the final communique by the Gulf Arab leaders is a major achievement to heal the rift, end the Gulf crisis and restore the brotherly relations to their normal course, which will bolster solidarity and stability in the Arab Gulf region, serve its people’s aspirations for development and prosperity and strengthen pan-Arab solidarity and efforts to face common challenges.

Safadi hailed the keenness of all the brothers to enhance Gulf and Arab solidarity and stability, which was manifest in the agreement to end the dispute and bring reconciliation.

The minister valued the efforts of the late Kuwaiti Amir Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, which were pursued by H H Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, as well as the efforts of the United States and all the parties to end the crisis.

Safadi said Jordan will continue to work with all the brothers to promote solidarity and joint Arab action to face challenges and deepen Arab cooperation in the service of joint Arab interests and to achieve a better future for all Arab countries.

Secretary-General of the Arab League Ahmed Aboul Gheit has also welcomed the outcome of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit, which was held yesterday in Al Ula governorate in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In a statement following his participation in the GCC summit, Aboul Gheit, affirmed that “any effective measure that leads to calm and normalcy among Arab countries will be in the interest of the collective Arab unity, and it for sure it is welcome, and in turns would strengthens the power and influence of the Arab League.”

“There is no doubt that the huge challenges facing the Arab world call for healing the rift as soon as possible and achieving consensus between Arab brothers, as any Arab differences should be solved for the sake of Arab security, which we all need as soon as possible,” he added. Aboul Gheit stressed on working to reinforce a positive situation that emerged from the “Al Ula summit” and build on it to enhance confidence, appreciating efforts exerted by involved Arab countries to end the Arab rift, at a difficult time where Arabs are facing huge challenges.

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan also welcomed the decision to reopen the airspace and land and sea borders between the State of Qatar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In a statement posted on its website yesterday, the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs appreciated other steps being taken by the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which will contribute to resolution of outstanding issues between the GCC countries.

Pakistan lauds the positive role played by the Amir of the State of Kuwait towards the resolution of the differences between the countries of the GCC, the statement said, adding that his persistent and sincere efforts, and cooperation of the GCC countries, led to this important and amicable outcome. Pakistan continues to accord high importance to its relationship with the Gulf Cooperation Council, as well as its bilateral relations with all GCC countries, the Ministry said.

President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Volkan Bozkir welcomed the reopening of borders between the State of Qatar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“I welcome the decision to reopen the borders between Qatar and Saudi Arabia. This is a very important step to achieve reconciliation in the Gulf region,” Bozkir said on his Twitter account.

“I strongly support the contributions of Kuwait and encourage resolution of the differences through dialogue and diplomacy,” he added.

Quelle:

The Peninsula 06 January 2021