



UKRAINE ENDS AIRCRAFT COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

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Kiev has forced Ukrainian plane maker Antonov to sever its contract with Russia's [United Aircraft Corporation \(UAC\)](#). This decision is likely linked with Kiev's move to include Antonov as part of Ukroboronprom, a state-owned strategic conglomerate, Ukrainian media reported.

In October 2010, Antonov and UAC signed a deal to form a joint company. The firms agreed to cooperate in marketing, sales, design and production of military, civilian and cargo aircraft as well as modifying new Antonov airplanes.

In July, the **Russian** Aviakor plane factory suspended manufacturing of the An-140 civil aircraft due to a shortage of parts from Antonov. The decision came after what UAC says are Antonov's failures to fulfill its contract obligations.

Established in Novosibirsk in 1946 as a top-secret Soviet design and research bureau, Antonov was relocated to Kiev in 1952.

The Antonov company is best known for its giant An-124 Ruslan and An-225 Mriya cargo planes.

The Mriya was built to carry the Soviet Buran shuttle orbiter.

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