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### Flying Finns to join IFALPA

CAPE TOWN 11 April 2005: This morning, Captain Dennis Dolan, President of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations (IFALPA) and Finnish Pilots Association President Captain Kari Voutilainen signed the covenant admitting The Finnish Pilots Association to IFALPA.

The Finnish Pilots Association is an umbrella organisation representing more than 600 airline pilots in Finland. Commenting on the announcement Captain Voutilainen said "While we in Finland have been a part of IFALPA for many years now that we have widened our membership base to include pilots from Low Cost Airlines and Business Aviation we will be a more representative and effective body." Captain Voutilainen went on to explain that the FPA looks forward to welcoming the Air Ground Environment (AGE) and Aircraft Development and Operations (ADO) Committees to Helsinki next month for the first of their twice annual meetings.

Meanwhile, Captain Dolan remarked "Although this is an evolution in membership rather than a revolutionary one, it's important to remember that IFALPA now represents all the airline pilots in Finland. One day we hope to represent all the world's airline pilots".

Together with the China Air Line Pilot Association, who also join IFALPA today, the joining of the Finnish Pilot's Association brings the total number of member associations represented by IFALPA to 97.

#### *Notes to Editors:*

*The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 95 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations. [www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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