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### **IFALPA Welcomes China Air Line Pilot Association to the Federation**

CAPE TOWN 11 April 2005: This morning, during the opening Plenary session of the fourth day of the Federation's 60<sup>th</sup> Conference, IFALPA President Captain Dennis Dolan and Captain Song Chengrun of The China Air Line Pilot Association signed the covenant admitting the Chinese association to the Federation.

The China Air Line Pilot Association represents pilots throughout China. Commenting on the announcement Captain Dolan said "This is a truly historic day as we welcome the many thousands of pilots of the China Air Line Pilot Association". Captain Song noted "Today is a joyful one for Chinese civil aviation as we join the international family of IFALPA. Joining IFALPA we are granted a precious world-level information platform. In IFALPA we can learn from the experiences of others as we work to promote the progress of safety in civil aviation".

The China Air Line Pilot Association together with the Finnish Pilots Association who also joined today, brings the Federation's member associations 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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