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## **IFALPA hails B-787 flight deck as leap forward in aircraft design**

SEATTLE 01 SEPT: Speaking at Seattle's Museum of Flight yesterday IFALPA President Captain Dennis Dolan saluted Boeing's B-787 design team for "Doing a fantastic job in developing this aircraft which will have an ergonomically sound flight deck layout and intuitive display presentations. The improvements in the aerodynamics of the B-787 will also enhance the cockpit environment for pilots". He went on to note the importance of the economic gains the new B-787 will have in terms of cost efficiencies to the airline industry as it strives to improve margins and return to and maintain healthy profits. Also of note is the ability of the B-787 avionics suite to grow to accept other maturing technologies, including enhanced and synthetic vision systems and datalinked navigation and weather information.

At the same time, Captain Dolan together with B-787 programme Vice President and General Manager, Mike Bair, pointed out that the new aircraft's flight deck design has matured into the new design as a result of the close working relationship between the company and the Federation. "I have to stress the importance to us of the input and expertise that has come from the IFALPA pilot community" said Bair "the reason we will have a world-class product with the 787 is the involvement of active line pilots in its development". "This has grown from the work which really began with the design of the 777 and has continued as that aircraft has expanded in capability" added Captain Dolan. "Bringing pilots into the design process early results in a product that is very user friendly. In aviation terms, that means an aircraft that is safer and a better workplace".

Captain Dolan was leading a 17 member team of IFALPA pilots and staff representatives in Seattle for a day of briefings by B-787 design engineers and project leaders. Later today, the IFALPA team will have the opportunity to experience first hand the B-787 flight deck layout and system architecture in the type's mock up at Boeing's Everett facility.

### *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. See the Federation website [www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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