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## **IFALPA Salutes ICAO decision to pursue transparency in safety assessment**

Chertsey 27 March 2006: At a Conference of Director Generals of Civil Aviation in Montreal last week, it was agreed that results of safety audits of Contracting States, conducted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), would be published on ICAO's public website. This significant milestone was achieved as a result of an international consensus regarding the essential role of transparency and sharing of information in increasing the level of global flight safety. ICAO has urged States to comply with the decision as soon as possible, but no later than 23 March 2008. The names of those States failing to meet this deadline will be released by ICAO at that time.

ICAO is to be congratulated on its pivotal role in achieving this breakthrough, which will lead to an increased level of trust between Contracting States, industry and the general public.

Another important decision of the Conference was the approval of the 'Global Aviation Safety Roadmap'. The Roadmap is an action plan, developed by the aviation industry, at the request of ICAO. It is intended to assist both Contracting States and industry in complying with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and to encourage the adoption of international best practices.

Commenting on the conclusions of the Conference IFALPA President Capt. Dennis Dolan said: "We applaud ICAO for its leadership in reaching this safety milestone, which we support without reservation and look forward to the implementation of the programme with due dispatch. IFALPA looks forward to assisting in this global effort, as part of the industry group that is producing, and along with States, will be responsible for implementing, the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap. IFALPA is formulating specific action plans for discussion at its upcoming Annual Conference.

Transparency of information is essential to achieving the necessary level of global safety. Transparency, however, can only be effective when the underlying information is complete and correct. The endorsement by the Conference of the concept of a 'Just Culture', will assure the availability of all pertinent information."

### *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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