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Middle East Aviation Safety Summit leads the world in implementing the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap

Abu Dhabi 23 January: The International Aviation Community met in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, on 21 and 22 January for a two-day Aviation Safety Summit aimed at beginning implementation of the Global Aviation Safety Road Map in the Middle East Region to enhance aviation safety.

His Highness Shaikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, attended the first day of the Aviation Summit along with other senior Government officials

The dignitaries included Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori, Minister of Development for Government Sector and Chairman of the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), and His Excellency Khalifa Al Mazrouei, Chairman and Managing Director of the Abu Dhabi Airports Company.

In his opening speech, Mr. Al Mansoori said ‘Two years ago, a new global momentum was born to enhance the safety of international civil aviation. That was when global leaders of the aviation community came together to establish the Industry Safety Strategy Group, known as the ISSG. Members of the ISSG include the International Air Transport Association, Airports Council International (ACI), International Federation of Airline Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA), Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), Airbus Aircraft and Boeing Commercial Aircraft’...

... ‘shortly after its inception, the ISSG developed and presented to ICAO a Global Aviation Safety Roadmap’

‘Unlike past initiatives, the importance of the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap lays in the fact that it brings together government, industry, service providers and other major stakeholders, to help address many aviation safety concerns and deficiencies around the world. In other words, the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap is an exemplary model for partnership between the private and public sectors, and effectively aims to maximise and utilize the expert resources of regulators, operators, aircraft and power plant manufacturers, service providers, professional foundations, industry associations and international organisations.’...

... ‘On behalf of my Government, and the General Civil Aviation Authority, I welcome you to our Capital, Abu Dhabi, to make history and achieve your objectives in the next two days and launch the first regional aviation safety plan of action under the parameters of the Global Road Map’.

IFALPA has been a Member of the ISSG since its conception in 2005 with IFALPA’s Executive Director Bruce D’Ancey, being one of the Federations representatives on the ISSG. Speaking at the Summit, Bruce briefed delegates on the background and objectives of the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap and highlighted that this was a golden opportunity for the region to make the Summit a turning point in history for aviation safety in the region.

The Summit was planned and directed by Mr. Jalal Haidar, Permanent Representative of the UAE on the

Council of ICAO, and Mr. William Voss, CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation and resulted in the signing of the Abu Dhabi Resolution, a commitment of the region to accept the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap as the basis for the development of safety action plans within the region. IFALPA was one of the signatories to the Resolution, with Executive Director Bruce D'Ancey signing on behalf of the Federation's Executive Vice-President for the Middle East and Africa, Captain Mohamad Kheir Hassoun.

Copies of Parts 1 and 2 of the Global Aviation Safety Roadmap are available on the website of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):

<http://www.icao.int/fsix/library1.cfm>

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

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