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IFALPA depllores the use of Cockpit Voice Recordings for entertainment

CHERTSEY 8 December: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) is outraged to learn that once again the Cockpit Voice Recordings (CVR) of aircraft involved in a fatal accident have been leaked and are being used by a media provider for public entertainment.

CVRs are intended for one purpose, to help investigators determine the factors that led to an accident with the aim of preventing an accident of the same type in the future. This idea is enshrined in the international principles set down in ICAO Annex 13 which states in Attachment E (Chapter 3.4) "Safety information should not be used in a way different from the purposes for which it was collected".

Publishing the content of CVRs outside the context of an Accident Investigation report does nothing to improve air safety. Accordingly, IFALPA calls on States to institute legislation which will prevent publication of the actual recordings of CVRs in the public domain.

Notes to Editors

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 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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