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IFALPA supports Finnair pilots in industrial action

Chertsey 30 January: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) will support the Finnish Air Line Pilots' Association (SLL) in any industrial action it may undertake as a result of failed negotiations with the airline's management in accordance with the association's request for mutual assistance. Specifically, this will include:

-  **A Ban on Extra Flights and/or Capacity:** IFALPA Member Association pilots will be asked not to operate flights added to their airline's schedules specifically to make up for shortfalls in Finnair capacity during any industrial action.
-  **A Denial of Cockpit Crew Contracting:** IFALPA Member Association pilots will be requested to refuse secondment or contract duties that arise as a result of crewing shortages at Finnair because of industrial action.
-  **A Ban on Wet Leasing:** IFALPA will ask Member Association pilots not to operate services on behalf of Finnair.
-  **A Recruitment Ban:** IFALPA will request Member Associations to ask their members not to apply for positions in Finnair.
-  **Assistance to Pilots Stranded Away from Home Base:** IFALPA will ask Member Associations to offer whatever assistance is required to look after pilots stranded abroad by this dispute.

The Finnair pilots have been negotiating for some time and wish want to negotiate an agreement that would be in the best long-term interests of the employer and the pilots. This is not a dispute about pay; the crucial issues are the company's desire to outsource Finnair flying and changes to pension benefits that would be most detrimental to Finnair pilots. However, the company has not shown any genuine willingness to negotiate on these issues.

In these circumstances, SLL regrettably feels it has no alternative but to protect its members' interests by industrial action. An overtime ban commenced on January 24th and a series of strikes are planned commencing on February 11th.

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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