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275 delegates watch Minister open 64th IFALPA Conference

Auckland 20 March: The 64th Conference of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) hosted by the New Zealand Air Line Pilots' Association was opened in Auckland this morning by New Zealand's Minister of Transport, the Hon Steven Joyce. In his address Mr Joyce said "tourism remains the number one earner of foreign currency for New Zealand and for an island nation aviation is vital for tourism. That's why this government is committed to supporting the airline business in sustainable development. As Minister of Transport, I look forward to working with pilot groups to make growth a reality".

The Conference is the governing body of the Federation and reviews the work of IFALPA's 12 Standing Committees as well as setting out the work programme for the coming year and will continue until Tuesday 24th March.

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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