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# IFALPA backs Royal Air Maroc Pilots in direct entry Captains dispute

Chertsey 23 July: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) following a request for mutual assistance by the Association Marocaine des Pilotes de Ligne (AMPL) is supporting the in any further industrial action it may take as a result of the failed negotiations between itself and the management of Royal Air Maroc.

Specifically, this will include:

-  A ban on extra flights or capacity (a request for members of IFALPA member associations to refuse to operate flights aimed a strike breaking)
-  A recruitment ban for Royal Air Maroc group airlines (Royal Air Maroc, Atlas Blue and RAM Express)
-  A ban on wet leasing capacity (a request for members of IFALPA member associations to refuse to operate aircraft leased by Royal Air Maroc from other operators aimed a strike breaking)

AMPL has been trying to maintain a dialogue with Royal Air Maroc management in an attempt to resolve issues centred on the airline's recruitment policies which has seen direct entry Captains hired at its subsidiary airlines in favour of qualified First Officers already employed by the airline. At present, there are 148 First Officers who have more than 15 years experience in the airline who have seen their promotions deferred as a result of this recruitment policy. Furthermore, despite its assurances, the airline has continued to under resource the National Airline Pilot School leaving 203 student pilots unable to complete their training.

## *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](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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