

IFALPA calls upon the international aviation community to eradicate all acts of terrorism

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In view of the recent horrific terrorist attacks on civil aviation, the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations reiterates its policies on unlawful interference to eliminate such acts and bring its perpetrators to justice – wherever they may be.

IFALPA supports the full implementation of all Standards and Recommended Practices contained in ICAO Annex 17 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and compliance with the supplemental Guidelines contained in ICAO Doc 8973 (Security Manual for Safeguarding Civil Aviation Against Acts of Unlawful Interference).

IFALPA further urges all States to fully comply with the obligations imposed by International Conventions, foremost Article 11 of the Tokyo Convention (1963), the Hague Convention (1970) and the Montreal Convention (1971).

In particular, all States must

- condemn any attacks on civil aviation
- abstain from providing any kind of support, including supportive publicity to any perpetrators
- implement the necessary provisions into national law and bilateral agreements
- maintain an effective national civil aviation security programme, including a security organisation with full participation by pilot and airline representatives.

States should consider this compliance their moral and political duty. The international community must react through means of enforcement where this obligation is not met.

It is IFALPA policy that Standards and Recommendations established for international flights, as contained in ICAO Annex 17, should apply to **all** flights, including charter and domestic operations in order to provide *One Level Of Safety*. This includes measures relating to pre-flight checks (Annex 17, para 4.1.3) and passenger and baggage screening (para 4.2.1).

IFALPA fully supports ICAO in taking the lead among the aviation community so that terrorists and hijackers are never allowed to achieve their aim through unlawful interference and destruction of aircraft, and the murder of innocent crew and passengers.

IFALPA calls upon the international community to re-affirm its collective determination to resist acts of air terrorism and to take measures to apply the full rigour of international law to any perpetrators.

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