



# Request for Mutual Assistance

## Vereinigung Cockpit – Lufthansa pilots

Dear Colleagues,

IFALPA has been informed that Vereinigung Cockpit has called for industrial action at Lufthansa and Lufthansa Cargo.

All flights departing from all airports will be affected on **Thursday 12 February 2026**.

Since May 2025, Vereinigung Cockpit has been in negotiations with the company regarding a new CLA governing company pension. In October 2025, an overwhelming majority of Lufthansa and Lufthansa Cargo pilots have voted for industrial action. Since then, Vereinigung Cockpit has made every effort to come to an agreement with the airline management but now sees no other option than calling for a strike action.

On behalf of Lufthansa and Lufthansa Cargo pilots, Vereinigung Cockpit requests the Mutual Assistance outlined below, as per the IFALPA Industrial Manual, **starting on 12 February 2026 at 0001 CET until 2359 CET**.

- **Ban on Wet leasing** (Para. 2.5.1)
- **Freeze in Capacity** (Para. 2.5.2.2)
- **Assistance to Pilots Stranded Away from their Home Base** (Para. 2.5.5)
- **Requests for IFALPA Submissions and Representation** (Para. 2.5.7)

Vereinigung Cockpit further requests Letters of Support for Lufthansa and Lufthansa Cargo pilots to be sent to Cpt. Dr. Andreas Pinheiro, President of VC [pinheiro@vcockpit.de](mailto:pinheiro@vcockpit.de) Thomas Bieling [bieling@vcockpit.de](mailto:bieling@vcockpit.de) Tanja Viehl [viehl@vcockpit.de](mailto:viehl@vcockpit.de) and CC [sebastiancurras@ifalpa.org](mailto:sebastiancurras@ifalpa.org)

Vereinigung Cockpit will keep IFALPA and its Member Associations informed of any further developments.

In Unity,

**Captain Kevin Judkins**  
Executive Vice President  
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## Appendix 1, IFALPA Industrial Manual

- **Request for Ban on Wet Leasing**

A Member Association may request a ban on wet leasing. If requested, Member Associations should attempt to persuade their Companies by any appropriate and lawful means to ban Wet Leasing.

- **Request for Increased Capacity and/or Freeze**

If requested, Member Associations should encourage their Companies to freeze capacity, by any appropriate and lawful means.

Associations should also consider requests for an increase and/or freeze in capacity carefully, particularly if they are members of an Alliance, as it may be that they are best served by an increase from carriers outside their Alliance but a freeze from carriers that are members of the same Alliance.

- **Request for Assistance to Pilots Stranded Away from their Home Base**

All Member Associations should, so far as is practicable, assist members of other Associations stranded away from their home base. The requesting Member Association will be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs arising from such assistance.

- **Requests for IFALPA Submissions and Representation**

The Executive Board may be requested to make submissions and representations on behalf of a Member Association involved in an industrial dispute, to the media, the airline, the aviation authorities, and at ministerial, government, and political levels.