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IFALPA Press Release on the Accident of FlyDubai Flight FZ981

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MONTREAL, Canada – The International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA) would like to express its most sincere condolences to the families of the 62 passengers and crew of FlyDubai flight FZ981 who lost their loved ones in today's accident in Rostov-on-Don, Russia.

In order to learn from such event and prevent any reoccurrence, IFALPA stresses the need for the technical investigation into the circumstances of this accident to be conducted according to the principles laid out in ICAO Annex 13. Its only objective should be to find the accident's contributing factors and make the necessary safety recommendations.

Whilst this investigation is taking place, IFALPA emphasizes the need to avoid speculation as to what happened to the aircraft. The Federation will offer its technical expertise to the Russian Accident Investigation Agency MAK in order to help gather facts and any other information which may be pertinent to this tragic event.”

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