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IFALPA & ECA outraged at publication of transcript of AF447's crew conversations

Brussels, 18 October: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) and the European Cockpit Association (ECA) are outraged to learn that a full transcript of the tape from the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) from Air France flight 447 appears in the book "Rio-Paris Crash: A Collection of Pilot Errors" published recently. We share the revulsion expressed by our member association in France SNPL France ALPA in their press release published today.

It is our firm belief that the sole purpose of a CVR is to aid investigators in determining the factors leading to an accident. Any other use of this data is not only invalid but is an invasion of privacy and can only be described as voyeurism of the worst kind.

Accordingly, we support SNPL France ALPA in its efforts to discover the source of the leak and bring those responsible to justice.

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

ECA is the representative body of 38,650 pilots from 38 national Pilots' Associations in Europe, striving for the highest levels of aviation safety and fostering social rights and quality employment for pilots in Europe.

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