

IFALPA Statement on Asiana 214

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MONTREAL - The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), on behalf of over 100,000 pilots world-wide, extends our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims of Asiana Flight 214 and to all those who have been touched by this tragedy.

This accident, like all such catastrophes, was the result of a long and complex chain of events. It is now our duty to continue to collaborate with our partners in government and industry to evaluate every element of our operations and work together to develop mitigations for risks wherever we find them.

Airline pilots throughout the world are dedicated professionals whose sole objective is the safe transportation of passengers and cargo. As a result of our efforts, working with governments and industry, airline travel has become the safest form of mass transportation in history. Millions of times each year, airline flights are routinely conducted without incident. In spite of the unparalleled safety record of our industry, we remain dedicated to continuing to improve on that record. Tragedies such as Asiana 214 serve as a somber reminder that any accident, no matter how rare, must undergo a thorough investigation in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Annex 13 in order to be fully understood and used to continue to improve the safety of our industry.

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Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. IFALPA's mission 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.

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