

IFALPA Statement on Malaysian Airlines flight MH17

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MONTREAL - The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) is deeply concerned by reports of the loss of Malaysian Airlines Flight 17. We express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the crew, passengers, and all those affected by the event.

Whilst information about the situation continues to emerge, IFALPA stresses the need to avoid any speculation as to what happened to the aircraft, but exercise patience until a thorough and independent investigation has been carried out.

The Federation is in contact with the Malaysian Air Line Pilots' Association (MAPA) and will keep its resources at their disposal.

IFALPA is ready to assist the international aviation community in every way possible with the shared goal of advancing a safer air transportation system around the globe.

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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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