



ECA
Piloting Safety

Brussels, 28 March 2024

**Re: ECA Letter of Support to Austrian Cockpit Association
and their Austrian Airlines members**

Dear Austrian Airlines colleagues, Dear ACA friends,

On behalf of the European Cockpit Association, we would like to extend our deepest regret for the recent breakdown in negotiations you have experienced with Austrian Airlines and express our sincerest support to you and your members as you prepare and undertake strike actions.

It is disheartening to learn about your experience of the lack of any meaningful offers being put forward by the company. This must be especially disappointing considering the sizeable sacrifices made to support Austrian Airlines during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current financial health of the airline, as well as the Lufthansa Group as a whole.

We understand that the decision to strike was not taken lightly and we commend your members for showing up to support this decision, demonstrating an unequivocal united front, for which we have the utmost respect.

If there is any way the European Cockpit Association can provide assistance or support, please do not hesitate to reach out. We wish you strength and success in your efforts.

Yours in solidarity,

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