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Open Letter to the Austrian Cockpit Association (ACA) members at Austrian Airlines.

ALPA International Stands with You!

On behalf of the 65,000 members of the Air Line Pilots Association, International, in the United States, we offer our full support and stand shoulder to shoulder with you as you strive to negotiate a fair and equitable collective labor agreement.

It is unquestionable the value that you bring to Austrian Airlines and the Lufthansa Group. The 18 rounds of negotiations you have had to endure by Austrian Airlines and Lufthansa Group are unacceptable. Austrian Airlines and the Lufthansa Group must provide salary, pension, flight time duty time and working conditions that ACA members deserve.

Unity is the key to success in the labor movement and you have shown this with over 94% of you voting for strike action. This shows extraordinary solidarity in what has been unnecessarily a very long and drawn-out campaign.

ALPA offers our unwavering support to the ACA members at Austrian Airlines. I want to express our support to your justified cause and the requested Mutual Assistance as outlined in the IFALPA Industrial Manual:

Ban on Wet Leasing (Para. 2.4.1), Freeze in Capacity (Para.2.4.2.2), For carriers inside Alliance (Para. 2.4.2.3), For carriers outside Alliance (Para. 2.4.2.3), Assistance to Pilots Stranded Away from their Home Base (Para. 2.4.5), Prohibition of Pilot Contracting (Para. 2.4.6), Submissions and Representations (Para. 2.4.7)

Please be assured that our entire membership stands with you in your quest for the agreement you deserve. Should you need any assistance from ALPA, please contact Capt. John Sluys, ALPA International Affairs Coordinator at john.sluys@alpa.org.

In Unity,

Captain Jason Ambrosi, President