

Global Pilots Dismayed with Colombia's Supreme Court Ruling on Avianca Pilots Strike

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The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Association (IFALPA) – representing more than 100,000 pilots in 100 countries around the world – was dismayed to learn that the Supreme Court of Colombia has ruled that industrial action taken in good faith by the Avianca pilots represented by the Asociacion Colombiana De Aviadores Civiles (Acdac) to enforce their collective bargaining rights was not legal. Although the Courts have now finally ruled on the legal issues regarding the strike, the human rights issues pertaining to the freedom of association and to collectively negotiate terms and conditions of employment remain.

IFALPA calls on both the Colombian government and Avianca Airlines to honor and enforce the international agreements that Colombia has ratified establishing the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively.

IFALPA urges that all the striking pilots be allowed to return to work without fear of retaliation by Avianca Airlines or the Colombian government.

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