

IFALPA Conference Statement on Norwegian Air International

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW ORLEANS, USA – Following the US Department of Transportation’s tentative approval on Friday for Norwegian Air International (NAI) to fly to the United States, today the International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA) at its 71st Annual Conference has unanimously adopted the following Conference Statement:

On behalf of the 100,000 pilots in 100 Member Associations, the International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations states its extreme disappointment in the decision of the U.S. Department of Transportation to tentatively approve the application of Norwegian Air International for a foreign air carrier permit.

NAI is a flag-of-convenience carrier that was established to undermine employment standards. Despite the fact that the US – European Union Air Transport Agreement was designed to deter such business models from operating in the transatlantic market, the US and EU authorities propose to open the door to NAI.

We call on both, the US DOT as well as the European Commission, to reconsider this tentative decision and to either deny NAI’s application or require NAI to commit to assure that either full US or European employment standards are applied to its employees.

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Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in about 100 countries around the globe. The mission of IFALPA is to promote the highest level of aviation safety worldwide and to be the global advocate of the piloting profession; providing representation, services and support to both our members and the aviation industry.

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