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IFALPA urges use of ICAO best practices in Brazilian mid-air collision investigation

CHERTSEY 27 October: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) extends its condolences to the families of the victims of the recent collision involving a Gol Airlines B737 and an Embraer Legacy.

The Federation urges the Brazilian authorities to conduct a full accident investigation, unhindered by the prospect of judicial interference. "Global best practice, as reflected in ICAO Standards, requires considerable autonomy for the investigative process" stated IFALPA President, Captain Dennis Dolan. Dolan goes on to state: "This is a high visibility accident, and the global aviation community will be watching closely to see that all possible safety lessons are gleaned from this tragedy."

Notes to Editors

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 95 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA 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. See the Federation website www.ifalpa.org

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