

Finnish Pilots' Association

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Letter of support

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On behalf of your Nordic colleagues and Finnish Pilots' Association, I would like to express our support to Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) pilots during these exceptional times. As reported, SAS management has taken unilateral steps outsourcing pilot jobs affecting stability of SAS pilots jobs.

The Covid19 has been challenging to our industry and this has required many unwanted decisions affecting many employees and their families worldwide. Pilot associations have reached many agreements together with airline management and enabled much needed flexibility for the airlines to recover from the situation nobody asked or could forecast.

SAS decision to terminate pilot jobs and establish a new platform just to offer the very same jobs with lower terms and conditions is unacceptable. SAS pilots have been working together with the company to secure airline operations and serving Nordic passengers for decades.

We urge SAS management to rethink their unilateral decisions and open conversations with the SAS pilot group. SAS management's decisions and actions fit poorly to Nordic culture as they take steps towards union-busting and do not respect negotiations with SAS Pilot Group.

Covid19 is not a time for short-sighted decisions. SAS needs committed pilots to keep airplanes flying in the future as well. This commitment can be reached only by mutual respect and negotiations.

Regards,

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