



Letter of Support to SAS pilots

Croatian Airline Pilots Association is disappointed to learn the management of Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) has permanently terminated 560 pilots in its short-haul operation. While air traffic is now recovering from the pandemic, the management is taking advantage of situation.

Specially concerning is the fact that aircraft and routes are now transferred to the new subsidiaries, where new pilots are hired through wholly-owned crew agencies. Indirect employment, just like any other form of so-called atypical employment is widely recognised to undermine not only social rights but flight safety as well. In 2019 European Commission clearly stated safety critical personnel should be directly employed.

Meanwhile, the remaining pilots in SAS Scandinavia are faced with reduced bargaining power and under prospect of loosing their employment contracts as well. Immediately seizing the opportunity, the management now demands to reduce their compensation by 30%. Again, the proposed cut comes as the air traffic is on the road to recovery.

Such shocking corporate behaviour is a threat to general labour rights worldwide. Workers worldwide need to stand up in solidarity against such unacceptable practices.

Croatian Airline Pilots Association condemns all hostile actions toward unions and working people, and we will confront and resist cynical and intolerable management practices wherever and whenever we find them.

Croatian Airline Pilots Association calls upon SAS CEO Anko van der Werff and SAS management to reverse these steps immediately, and to honour the CBAs of the SAS Pilot Group.

Best regards,

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President

