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**CREATION OF A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL CABIN CREW DAY**

(Presented by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF))

<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	
This document provides brief information on how the informal International Cabin Crew Day came out by itself over the last few years as well as the dynamics underlying this grass-roots movement.	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objectives of continuous safety improvements, and training and capacity building in aviation.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	None
<i>References:</i>	Annex 6, <i>Operations of Aircraft, Part 1 – International Commercial Air Transport – Airplanes</i> Doc 10002, <i>ICAO Cabin Crew Safety Training Manual</i> Doc 10062, <i>Cabin Safety Investigation Guidelines</i> Doc 10075, <i>Assembly Resolutions in Force (as of 6 October 2016)</i>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Over the last 5 years, 31 May has been celebrated as the International Cabin Crew Day by a growing number of cabin crew members, their unions as well as some airlines and international aviation organisations all around the world.

1.2 31 May International Cabin Crew Day came into being spontaneously, as a grass-roots movement with little or no outside encouragement or support. Initially, it was celebrated mostly in the Americas and some parts of Europe. However, it quickly turned into a global day.

1.3 In the Appendix of this Information Paper, we provide pictures and links from this year's 31 May International Cabin Crew Day celebrations by the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) affiliated unions as well as airlines and aviation institutions in a wide array of countries.

## 2. DISCUSSION

2.1 This rapid popularity and recognition growth of the day suggests that cabin crew all around the world require an international day to celebrate their profession as in-flight safety professionals. Such a global day also allows them to recognise themselves as one global community.

2.2 The twitter message posted by ICAO on 31 May 2019 sums up the rationale behind the International Cabin Crew Day:

“On this #FlightAttendantDay, we honour #cabincrew. Your #flightattendant is there primarily for your safety, and as a result of the deep commitment cooperation of all #aviation professionals, #flying has never been safer. So, join us in thanking #flightattendants today.”

2.3 The ITF affiliated aviation unions believe that celebrating the professionalism of cabin crew around the world, and recognise the essential and diverse role that they play in keeping the flying public safe, every day of the year through a global day will be useful for gender equality and making the occupation attractive for young professionals.

## 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Cabin crew has a physically demanding job with many responsibilities and they experience many interruptions and disturbances while on the job. As explained in the opening paragraphs of the ICAO Cabin Crew Safety Training Manual, the role of cabin crew members is traditionally focused on the evacuation of an aircraft in the event of an accident. However, the Manual also emphasises that cabin crew members “play an important proactive role in managing safety, which can contribute to the prevention of accidents.” This role includes the following, but not limited to them: “a) preventing incidents from escalating in the cabin, such as smoke or fire; b) informing the flight crew of abnormal situations observed in the cabin or relating to the aircraft, such as pressurization problems, engine anomalies, and contamination of critical surfaces; and c) preventing unlawful interference and managing passenger events that can compromise safety and security of the flight, such as hijackings.” (p. 1-1)

3.2 There is a strong consensus among cabin crew and their unions that the more cabin crew's crucial role is recognised and celebrated the better they will be able to carry it out.

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## APPENDIX

### International Cabin Crew Day

31 May 2019

Please click on the links below to view celebrations carried out by ITF affiliated unions, airlines and international aviation organisations:

- [Sindicato Nacional dos Empregados em Empresas Administradoras de Aeroportos \(SINA\), Brazil](#)
- [Air Asia](#)
- [Google Calendar](#)
- [Facebook calendar](#)
- [Go Air](#)
- [Jet Lagged Comic](#)
- [International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers \(IAM\)-USA](#)
- [CUPE Canada](#)
- [CUPE Canada – Global News Wire](#)
- [IndiGo India](#)
- [Norwegian \(UK\)](#)
- [Norwegian \(Argentina\)](#)
- [KLM Netherlands](#)
- [Lufthansa](#)
- [SpiceJet](#)
- [TAP](#)
- [Vistara](#)
- [Saudia](#)
- [Air Canada](#)
- [PACCA - Pakistan](#)
- [VNC-Netherlands](#)
- [Air Namibia](#)
- [COPA Airlines](#)
- [TAME - Ecuador](#)
- [United - USA](#)

- [Delta - USA](#)
- [AFA-CWA - USA](#)
- [Air France](#)
- **Tunisair**



- **IKAGI, Indonesia**



- **Yemenia**

