

IFALPA PRESENTATION

“Optimization of Airspace”

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INTRODUCTION:

- 1) IFALPA would like to extend its personal thanks for the invitation to this distinguished panel.
- 2) Before we get started, how many individuals here know who “**IFALPA**” represents.
- 3) We are the International Federation of the Air Line Pilots Association
- 4) IFALPA represents over 100,000 professional pilots worldwide.
- 5) Our motto is the “Global Voice of Pilots’
- 6) Our members probably represent the single largest users of the Worldwide Commercial ATC system.
- 7) IFALPA wants to work in harmony with the World Military Structure and Airspace Community.
- 8) IFALPA is committed to Air Safety, and the safe and secure transportation of the traveling public.
- 9) We’ve been invited to give a pilot’s perspective on the current events.
- 10) IFALPA’S commitment is to work with both Civil and Military authorities to resolve any conflicts which may effect our profession. We are the total user of the current air traffic control system. Without Airline pilots and their respective companies; the Military would be your only customer.

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- 1) In a world where extremist will do anything to make a worldwide statement, the coordinated effort of both Military and Civil organizations is a strong declaration.
- 2) We must all put our political differences aside and strive for the survival of our industry.
- 3) With the aviation and airline industry dealing with the effects of Worldwide Recession and \$70.00 barrel oil, the coordinated effort of Military and Civil aviation is needed to produce a streamline and seamless route structure.

- 4) I remember the initial discussions we had at the last CMAC in Bangkok, Thailand. This was the starting point for RVSM in China.
- 5) The work with the Chinese Military and Aviation Authority allowed IFALPA and the West to assist in the development of Chinese RVSM (Reduced Vertical Separation Minimums).
- 6) IFALPA also played an active role in the development of new arrival and departure routes for the Olympics.
- 7) Direct routing and unrestricted airspace must be coordinated for the survival of the transportation industry. The means to reduce and control costs is directly proportional to the working relationship between Military and Civil Aviation Authorities. Restrictions on the system will only harm both the supplier and the user.
- 8) One of the significant goals for IFALPA is to see the release of unused military airspace for civil use.
- 9) Both the Civil and Military communities work so hard for a common goal, which is to open up more non-restrictive airspace. We must not work against each other for the equivalent goal.
- 10) The option for this release of airspace must have a common goal of "Safety First". The liberation of this airspace is no good if fast tactical aircraft are in the same airspace and proper separation standards are not met.
- 11) IFALPA is acutely aware of the advent of new military weapon systems, and the need for restrictive airspace. No need for us to fight against the Brass Ring.
- 12) The working relationship between the JCAB and the US Air Force when F16 aircraft transitions from local airspace in Area G is proof that proper interaction between governments can work to produce satisfactory results. This cooperation demonstrates the global answer to efficient use of National airspace.
- 13) Another example of an excellent working relationship, deals with the use of Military airspace by Airlines in the Guam FIR. By both organizations Civil and Military working together, we receive fuel savings, which can only help the financial bottom line in this ever changing airline environment.
- 14) Also, on routes that transition Canadian airspace from the U.S. east coast to the Pacific Rim is a further illustration of an accommodating relationship between National Security and World commerce. World Commerce works for both Civil Aviation and Military Aviation.
- 15) The U.S. government and the Department of Defense have shown their commitment to the safety of the airspace it controls, not only in the United States but worldwide.
- 16) These efforts portray the true cooperation that the United States government is entrusted

to perform.

- 17) The coordination between both Civil and Military organizations is needed to produce a seamless airspace structure.

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CONCLUSION:

- 1) IFALPA would once again like to thank the conference for the invitation to this discussion.

QUESTIONS?