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L.R. FLIGHTS WITHOUT BUNKS

Dear Members: -

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Inspite of the written regret by the Executive Committee, Management planned to operate L.R flight, without bunks from JFK to LHE. The flight was stopped at JFK by the Executive Committee, but in the larger interest of the airline and the passengers, the flight was released on a one-time basis, on the request of the Managing Director-PIAC, with a promise that such an incident will not be repeated again.

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that LR flights without bunks would be an unsafe operation, as the crew would be un-rested even if the seats in the Club Class were provided. In other words, this shall be compromising the Flight Safety on these long, tiring and demanding flights.

Needless to emphasize, the crew operating such flights is fully conversant with the rigours and demands of LR flights. The recent experience of operating JFK-LHE flight has clearly shown that it was near impossible for the operating crew to get the minimum required rest for being adequately alert to carry out the operations in a safe manner.

With the foregoing, the Executive Committee has requested the Management that any plan to operate non-stop flights, to and from any station, in US or Canada in the coming months, due to non-availability of B-777 LR aircraft, should be shelved and flights operated with an en-route landing/stop, which will ensure fresh and fully rested crew, to preclude the chances of compromising or jeopardizing Flight Safety.

Additionally, the Flight Operations Management should take the responsibility and seriously consider the adverse impact such flights will have on the health and well being of pilots operating LR flights without bunks.

The Executive Committee requests its membership not to accept any flight, which involves sectors, NYC-LHE/ISB/KHI or to & from YYZ or any station in the US, without the provision of bunks in the aircraft.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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