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## TO ALL EUROPEAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLERS

**Dear Colleagues,**

ATCEUC, ETF and IFATCA have received a call for solidarity from the Swiss association on the day of the funeral of the murdered air traffic controller in Zurich. The funeral will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March in Denmark at 1200UTC. As international and European organizations we have a lot of sympathy for this proposal.

Therefore, the 3 organizations recommend their national members to have a solidarity gesture on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at 1200UTC and at least:

- having a minute of silence (with a NOTAM issued) on the frequency, loudspeaker of airports, broadcasted by the ATIS and/or,
- having a minute of silence for all the ATM workers throughout your companies.

**OF COURSE, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE FREE TO DECIDE OTHER KINDS OF SOLIDARITY GESTURES**

Whatever your national association/union is deciding please keep in mind the following:

- the solidarity gesture should be done in dignity and should not endanger safety of the traveling public
- it should be communicate with an adequate press release
- it should be co-ordinate with all the relevant national authorities (via NOTAM, CFMU)
- it should be done as well in memory of the victims of the Ueberlingen accident
- it should be adapted to your local specificities and your possibilities
- the airlines and pilots should be informed correctly and well in advance

In no way can we support actions taken in a un-coordinated and un-professional way.

ACI, AEA, CANSO, EUROCONTROL, ECA, IATA and IFALPA will be informed.

ATCEUC, ETF and IFATCA are represented at the funeral and will publish jointly, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004, an advertisement in the Swiss newspaper "Tages Anzeiger"