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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Developments in Albania

It is with great concern and sadness we are witnessing the developments regarding the ATCOs in Albania this week. Although we have no intention to get involved in the national and professional affairs in this European area, we are of the position that things went down the wrong path.

We are deeply concerned that the consequences of such national responses are not within the spirit and the essence of the European norms and values. Discussion and dialogue within the framework of International regulations is always the best option for addressing such critical issues.

It goes without saying that ATM staff work is crucial to the delivery of safe Air Navigation Services and consequently the Safety of the flying public and must be addressed as such.

IFATSEA stands in solidarity with the Air Traffic Controllers in Albania, and we would like to see the end of this crisis soon.

Moreover, IFATSEA supports the initiatives from the other PSOs in Europe, ATCEUC, ETF and IFATCA for solving the problem.

We are wondering whether the **European Commission** and all, related with aviation safety, European Institutions like EASA, Eurocontrol and CANSO could contribute in any way possible to bring the situation back to order.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christoforou', written over a horizontal line.

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