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The International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) would like to express its full support and solidarity with our member association, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), and air traffic controllers across the United States and around the world who were confronted with an extraordinarily complex and challenging situation yesterday as a consequence of the decision to implement a ground stop to air traffic within the United States.

Each and every day, air traffic controllers tirelessly work to maintain the safety and integrity of the global airspace system. Their dedication and professionalism are fundamental to safe operations, and these qualities are never more evident than when they are called upon to manage exceptional and unforeseen circumstances as those which occurred yesterday.

The composure and professionalism exhibited by controllers yesterday is a testament to their skill, commitment, and ability to perform under extraordinary pressure. While controllers do not expect to encounter such situations during the course of their day, they are highly trained and committed to ensure that the flying public always remains safe.

We extend our sincere support to the colleagues, friends and the broader aviation community who have been impacted by this event, both directly and indirectly. IFATCA remains in close contact with our colleagues in the United States and has offered its support and assistance should they require.

The International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA) represents more than 130 associations around the world since 1961. We enjoy a worldwide reputation amongst all partners in Air Traffic Management with representation in many areas, including ICAO and Eurocontrol. Promoting safety and efficiency in international air navigation is paramount to us.

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