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**ONEWORLD CARRIER PILOTS “LOOK FORWARD TO REAPING BENEFITS” OF CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN AIRLINES**

Helsinki, Finland (April 30, 2010)—The Oneworld Cockpit Crew Coalition (OCCC) issued the following statement today regarding plans for closer cooperation between some of the oneworld Alliance member carriers:

“The executives who manage the individual carriers involved in this initiative have cited various benefits that they believe will result from forging closer financial and operational ties. As professional pilots committed to the carriers we fly for, we certainly look forward to the prospect of a bright future for our airlines, especially in light of the difficulties our industry has experienced in recent years. In particular, we look forward to employees reaping the same benefits—financial and otherwise—that the airlines’ executives have cited as justification for taking this more cooperative approach.”

That is the full text of the statement, which the OCCC issued during the organization’s meeting taking place in Helsinki, Finland this week.

*The OCCC member unions include Australian & International Pilots Association (Qantas); Allied Pilots Association (American Airlines); Asociación Sindical de Pilotos Aviadores de Mexico (Mexicana); British Air Line Pilots Association (British Airways); Japan Airlines Captain Association, Japan Airlines Senior Engineer Union, Japan Airlines Flightcrew Union and Japan Airlines Domestic Pilot Union (Japan Airlines); Hong Kong Aircrew Officers Association (Cathay Pacific Airways); Hungarian Airline Pilots’ Association (Malev); Irish Air Line Pilots Association (Aer Lingus); Sindicato Español de Pilotos de Líneas Aéreas (Iberia); Finnish Air Line Pilots’ Association (Finnair); Sindicato de Pilotos LAN / LAN Pilot’s Union (LAN Airlines); and Sindicato de Pilotos LANExpress (LAN Express). In all, the OCCC member unions represent a total of more than 28,000 pilots.*