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PRESS BULLETIN

The Air Traffic Controllers' Association of Greece would like to inform the public and airlines alike that it has decided to invite its members to participate in the industrial action called on behalf of ADEDY on Wednesday May 30th 2018 with a 3 hour work stop from 10:00 - 13:00, local time.

The Air Traffic Controllers first of all agree and co-subscribe to the claims of ADEDY, as described in their announcement. At the same time, bearing the responsibility towards the tourism industry that is often described as the "heavy industry" of our country, as well as the users of Hellenic Airspace, we would like to inform the public and at the same time point out to the political system the following issues:

1. The lack of political initiative on behalf of the Greek State on the reorganization of Air Traffic in accordance with the European Regulations which leads to its dismantling and at the same time deprives the State of significant revenue.
2. Despite the interest shown by the Greek minister of Transportation and Communications Mr. Spirtzis to fill the vacant positions of our sector through recruitment, there has been an unreasonable delay in the implementation of this project.
3. In 2017 Greek Air Traffic Controllers had to cope with the steady increase in air traffic having already significant staff issues and at the same time prolonged operating hours in many of the newly privatized airports. However, with no summer leave, limiting their breaks to the minimum during their shifts and often working under harsh conditions, they managed to reach the objectives set by the Ministry of Transportation and the European Commission and even beat them. As a result, the collected revenue surpassed the 154 million Euro mark for the Greek State, part of which should be invested in the Air Traffic Control sector according to the European regulations. With no such investments planned, the Greek State may be forced to pay some of this money back to the users of Hellenic Airspace.
4. During the past period our Association has worked on a proposal for a new law concerning the organization of an Aeronautical Service Provider with administrative and financial independence which would operate efficiently within



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a very competitive and rapidly changing air transport industry. This Provider would operate with well calculated budgets and modern infrastructure, take care of its staff needs and ensure a steady growth in the future. However, the reaction on behalf of the State can only be described by indifference, a lack of dialogue unfulfilled promises time after time.

Despite all of the above Greek Air Traffic Controllers can ensure that once again during the next summer, despite working under very harsh conditions, they will dutifully and in the most professional way provide the best service possible to all stakeholders supporting Greek tourism and Greek economy in respect.

On behalf of GATCA

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