

UNION STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION AND ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM ACTAU TO NATCA AND U.S. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

October 20 – International Day of the Air Traffic Controller: Our Operational and Labor Safety is Non-Negotiable!

On this October 20th, a date on which we honor the essential dedication of those who guarantee safety in our skies, the Uruguayan Air Traffic Controllers Association (ACTAU), founded in 1958 and a historic member of IFATCA, raises its voice with the maximum union strength and international conviction.

We categorically condemn and repudiate the unacceptable labor coercion generated by the partial shutdown of the U.S. federal government. This irresponsible political act directly impacts our colleagues in the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA), violating their dignity and jeopardizing global operational safety.

AVIATION SAFETY IS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT AND NOT A POLITICAL TOOL

Air Traffic Control is an essential public safety service, not a budget adjustment variable or a bargaining chip in transient political disputes.

The fact that professionals in charge of the lives of millions of people are forced to work under the threat of salary and job uncertainty constitutes:

A profound individual injustice against every worker and their family.

A grave State irresponsibility that compromises global operational safety.

This attack on the labor dignity of NATCA is a direct attack on the entire international union community of controllers. Their unwavering professionalism, which forces them to maintain service under financial coercion, is not just admirable; it is a labor right that must be protected and defended by the full weight of the law and collective agreements.

INTERNATIONAL BACKING AND SOUTH AMERICAN UNION UNITY: ACTAU IS ITF

As a member of the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), ACTAU extends its most emphatic and active support to every member of NATCA.

Fellow colleagues of the U.S.! Your fight is the fight of all transport workers worldwide. We are united not only by a professional code but by the principle of the collective and militant defense of labor rights. Aviation safety begins with unconditional respect for those who provide it.

We are mobilizing our peers in IFATCA and, through our powerful affiliation with the ITF, which represents millions of transport workers globally, we reaffirm that air traffic control cannot be silenced or blackmailed by political interests.

URGENT UNION DEMAND

We DEMAND the Government of the United States the immediate cessation of this government shutdown and the unconditional and immediate restoration of job and salary stability for NATCA professionals.

Political negotiation cannot, under any circumstances, use aviation safety professionals as hostages. Professional dignity and Aviation Safety are not subject to political or financial haggling.

On this International Day of the Air Traffic Controller, our message is one of active, combative, and organized solidarity. ACTAU publicly declares: You are firmly backed by the aeronautical union movement of South America and the global strength of the ITF!

¡Fuerza NATCA!

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