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**TO: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS
BRANCHES & FACILITIES**

The Dominican Republic ATC System

CATCA has been contacted by the union representing Air Traffic Controllers in the Dominican Republic, the Asociación Dominicana de Controladores Aéreos (ADCA). We have been credibly informed of very disturbing situations in the Dominican. We have verified the information we received from ADCA through other international sources.

The government in the Dominican Republic is actively trying to silence the voice of the controllers who are raising safety concerns about their ATC system. In some cases workers have been dismissed from their jobs. In other cases, workers have been arrested for engaging in peaceful information picketing and other legal activities.

The International Transport Federation (ITF) has issued a [press release](#) questioning the safety of the Dominican system. An ITF representative who travelled to the Dominican on a fact finding mission was [immediately arrested upon arrival](#) and detained for several hours.

CATCA has been called upon to raise awareness of the dire situation in the Dominican Republic and we have begun writing officials here in Canada. The letter attached has been sent to our Minister of Foreign Affairs and more letters will follow to other Canadian officials. As we send more letters, we will post them on our website and our [Facebook](#) page.

We stand united with our Brothers and Sisters in the Dominican Republic and we stand united with ADCA. No government anywhere can be allowed to compromise the safety of air traffic control.

In Solidarity;

Peter Duffey
President

Doug Best
Executive Vice President

[Letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs](#)