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Dear Dr. ^{Claus} Christiansen:

The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) at its 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting held in Montreal, May 5 - 9, 2002 approved the following two resolutions at its Business Meeting.

- 1) Training in Hypoxia Recognition and Response for Aircrew.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That education be provided and regulations be enacted to ensure that aircrew flying at altitudes where supplemental oxygen is required to prevent mishaps due to hypoxia, be trained and/or certified in hypoxia avoidance, recognition and appropriate response.

- 2) Altitude Decompression Sickness

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That regulations be enacted to ensure that aircrew potentially exposed to high (altitudes greater than 20,000 ft. or 6,096 meters) be trained and/or certified in avoidance, recognition, and appropriate response to altitude decompression sickness (DCS).

In the interest of flying safety, we strongly recommend that sessions in these areas be included in existing training programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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