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Air safety inspectors represented by the Canadian Federal Pilots Association will be in a legal position to strike effective July 2, 2002

(Ottawa) -- Pilots working for Transport Canada will begin a work to rule campaign effective immediately.

Greg Holbrook, National Chairman of the Canadian Federal Pilots Association says a conciliation report released last week does not address monetary issues and thus provides no basis for settlement.

Throughout the negotiations, which began in February 2001, the Employer has adamantly refused to discuss the critical shortage of civil aviation inspectors despite the union's numerous attempts to address the recruitment and retention problem. The high degree of employee turnover and reliance on overtime for the performance of regular duties have been critical issues for some time.

"Effective today, our members will restrict their duties to normal workings hours only, and will stop working overtime", Holbrook says. "The ability to attract and retain highly qualified professionals is essential to the work that we do on behalf of the travelling public. We have no alternative, we must get the employer's attention on this issue."

The Canadian Federal Pilots Association (CFPA) represents the approximately 430 professional pilots employed by Transport Canada, and the Transportation Safety Board whose activities include federal government aviation inspections, flight testing, licencing, enforcement, certification of aviation operators, engineering, flight testing, development of operating standards, Coast Guard helicopter operation, aviation accident investigation, safety analysis and promotion, and the design, monitoring and regulation of the air navigation system. CFPA members hold Airline Transport Pilot Licences, which is the highest level of pilot licence attainable in Canada.

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