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Swiss Ground Staff

Enforce Collective Working Conditions at Airports – Now!

SEV-GATA, the union for ground staff in aviation, demands that all companies providing services at Zurich and Geneva airports regulate working conditions collectively, i. e. in collective labour agreements with the trade unions. The required licences ought to be granted only if the supplier regulates working conditions in a CLA.

“Aviation workers are concerned about the proliferation of working conditions in aviation, about the lack of collective agreements (CLA) at Zurich and Geneva airports, about the various offers by temporary providers and about the increasingly precarious working conditions with low wages and inhumane, sometimes interrupted working hours,” Philipp Hadorn, President of SEV-GATA, summed up the content of the resolution “Enforcing Collective Working Conditions at Airports – Now!”, which was adopted by the SEV-GATA Ordinary General Meeting last night. Specifically, the resolution calls for:

- all companies providing services at Zurich and Geneva airports to regulate working conditions in CLA with the trade unions.
- the required licences to only be granted if the supplier regulates working conditions in a CLA.
- employers, public authorities and politics to help to ensure that CLA can be declared universally binding and that industry solutions are implemented to prevent social dumping.
- finally, having sufficient staff available even during peak times.
- scheduled recovery time and a reasonable workload.

“As a result of the reduction during the pandemic, the workforce is still not large enough, and employees are already exhausted. Without additional staff, the upcoming summer holiday traffic cannot be managed,” warns Philipp Hadorn. Passengers deserve to travel without inconvenience such as delays and low quality service. “Employees deserve decent working conditions, dignity and appreciation,” the resolution states.

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Who we are:

SEV-GATA (Groundstaff Aviation Technics and Administration), the trade union for ground staff in aviation, advocates for members from a wide variety of companies such as Swiss Int. Air Lines Ltd., Swissport, SBS, Engie, ISS, Vebego etc. SEV-GATA is the aviation department of SEV, the transport staff union. With around 40,000 members, SEV is the largest trade union in the field of public transport in Switzerland.

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