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Chairman of the Board

*Welcoming Remarks at the opening of Solakonferansen 2021.*

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen.

As Chairman of the Board of the Solakonferansen Foundation I have the great pleasure and privilege of welcoming you all to the Solakonferansen 2021.

It feels so good to be standing here and looking at real people and to have all of you gathered here for these 3 days. Thank you to each and every one of you for attending the Conference.

And besides yourself, we have another key enabler for the conference, and that is of course our sponsors. We thank you for all your dedication and your support, and we are so grateful to have you with us in our joint efforts to improve safety.

Due to the Covid situation, some have not been able to travel to Norway. We would like to extend a special thanks to Skytrack, who have already signed up for the 2022 conference. We hope to see you all here next year.

Yes, the Covid situation has certainly affected us all in many different ways. Both in our professional and in our private capacity. But for now, let's rotate the focus to the core of this conference, namely safety in aviation.

I would assume that one of the reasons why you are all here, is that you, as myself, are a little above average when it comes to having an interest in safety. And I guess we all both think and hope that us being gathered here can somehow contribute to prevent something bad happening to someone, somewhere, sometime in the future.

That is exactly what we all are striving for, every day, in our work. To hopefully be a contributing factor in preventing the next accident. At the same time that is also the "curse" of working on safety. We will never know how well we really did in our efforts. Surely, we can rejoice over good statistics, and equally, we can be frustrated over accidents happening, but we will never know how many accidents we actually have prevented.

That brings me to the main reason for having this conference; by bringing people together, to listen to the presenters, to meet colleagues, to discuss issues, to exchange thoughts and ideas and hopefully also come to some new realisations. We, in the Sola Conference believe, that being together here will always count as a positive in relation to safety. And that this conference also might contribute, however minute, to prevent something bad from happening in the future.

With that in mind, let's join forces in making these 3-days something that may inspire, give new insights, spawn new reflections and perspectives, and hopefully this can be a small contribution to make aviation a little bit safer.

Again, a warm welcome to all. It's so good to have you all gathered here. Enjoy the conference. Thank you.

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