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Agreement between SAS and Norwegian crew association (NKF) - strike called off

SAS and the Norsk Kabinforening union representing cabin personnel reached a two-year agreement during the night. The members of the union will resume work immediately.

For practical reasons, there will be disruption in traffic during the morning as a result of the strike. SAS is now making an active effort to return traffic to full operations. Traffic is expected to function normally during this afternoon and evening.

SAS regrets the situation that occurred and requests that passengers booked to travel on November 29 contact their travel agent or SAS sales office for rescheduling and information.

On Tuesday, SAS took the initiative for a meeting with Norsk Kabinforening (NKF). The aim of the meeting was to discuss any misunderstanding of the text of the agreement and to assess whether there were grounds to resume negotiations.

The meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, evening and into the night, and the text of the redistribution agreement was examined to ensure that there was no possibility of misunderstanding. During the meeting, NKF accepted SAS's interpretation and, based on this, SAS presented a proposal for a solution of the conflict.

The parties are in agreement on a solution that includes further wage supplements of 0.5 percent and 0.2 percent, compared with the negotiators' original proposal. This means a wage increase of 4 percent in 2000 and 3.2 percent in 2001.

"These negotiations have been extremely difficult," says Gry Mølleskog, head of Cabin Operations at SAS. "Naturally, I am satisfied that we have found a solution and that traffic can return to normal."

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