

## **DEVELOPING ECONOMIES**

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### **Loss of Category for Airlines Flying Into the United States?**

The current environment of airline bankruptcies, high fuel costs outsourcing, and overall cost cutting is causing concerns among flight safety experts worldwide.

Historically, the areas subject to immediate cost cuts are training, inspections, and deferrable maintenance items. If the situation continues, the new situation becomes the norm. Any further costs cuts are then made from the newly established norm. Over time, the very concept that inspired the original standard is lost and the lessons must be learned again. Unfortunately, this means paying the cost again in dollars and fatalities.

With continued outsourcing and the growth of MRO's in developing countries which have little or no history in aircraft inspection and overhaul, there is growing suspicion about the quality of work and the inspection process. Recent accident and incident reports, new stories, and results of investigation and audits have raised the question as to whether or not safety has been eroded in the current environment.

It is the recommendation of this group that a study be conducted of the Airline Transportation System to determine whether or not the perceived deterioration of maintenance quality exists, and if so, what the costs are in both economic terms and human lives.

Furthermore, it is recommended that if discrepancies are discovered as an industry-wide problem that a study of existing programs be initiated to select the best ones and to facilitate their implementation into the Airline Transport System.

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