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## **Opposing motion from the Dachverband der Kritischen Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre for the Annual General Meeting of Deutsche Lufthansa AG on 10 May 2022**

### **Concerning agenda item 2: Discharge of liability of Executive Board members for the 2021 financial year**

The Dachverband der Kritischen Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre tables the motion to deny the discharge of members of the Executive Board from liability.

#### **Grounds:**

The Executive Board of Deutsche Lufthansa AG is still not doing enough to assume its responsibility for implementing more effective measures to protect the climate. Lufthansa's climate change strategy is a single uncertain gamble that it will somehow all work out for the aviation industry with sustainable fuels.

#### **Dependence on fossil fuels: 20% more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

Lufthansa continues to rely primarily on fossil fuels. As a result, its efforts to protect the climate cannot be credibly reconciled with its growth targets. In 2021, for example, the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of Lufthansa's aircraft increased by 20% to 13.7 million tonnes. The Executive Board must urgently explain in a transparent and comprehensible manner how exactly the Group's own climate targets for achieving climate neutrality will be reached without relying heavily on questionable compensation systems and carbon offsetting. Projects such as these often have negative effects on the local population or on nature and are therefore not sustainable.

If Lufthansa takes its own climate targets seriously, it can no longer prioritise general growth. There needs to be a focus on (long-haul) flights which cannot be substituted with more climate-friendly modes of transport. There need to be close partnerships with rail companies and incentives to choose trains instead of planes. However, the "Miles & More" programme creates exactly the opposite incentive.

#### **Lobbying against effective climate protection: Lufthansa wants to massively water down EU climate protection plans**

The organisation Transport & Environment (T&E) recently revealed how Lufthansa is specifically attempting to water down the European Union's climate plans for the aviation sector. A full 67% of the sector's emissions would not be included. Specifically, it relates to the EU's climate targets for aviation and the European Commission's proposal for sustainable aviation fuel (ReFuelEU). Lufthansa would like plans for fuel requirements to only apply to flights within the EU, meaning that two thirds of all flights which take off in the EU would not be included – of

course, the emissions of flights with destinations outside the EU do not somehow contribute less to the climate crisis. This climate-damaging lobbying comes either directly from Lufthansa or from the Federal Association of the German Aviation Industry (BDL), whose leading member is Lufthansa. T&E demonstrates in a study how Lufthansa's corresponding positions show up in amendments in the European Parliament.