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**Agenda Item 5: Development of a set of comprehensive work programmes in the safety field
(Safety Committee)**

EIGHTH ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION DIVISIONAL MEETING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on the recent Accident Investigation and Prevention Divisional Meeting held in Montreal in October 2008.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Eighth Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIG) Divisional Meeting 2008 (AIG/08) took place at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal from 13 to 18 October 2008, with the participation of some 225 participants from seventy-five States and twelve international organizations.

1.2 The theme of the meeting was “Developing investigations to enhance safety worldwide”. In this respect, the meeting addressed a number of important provisions in Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation* with a view to further improving and amplifying the scope of investigations in a cost-effective environment.

2. OUTCOME OF THE MEETING

2.1 Participants at the AIG/08 put forth twenty-one proposals to amend provisions in Annex 13 and fifteen recommendations of a general nature aimed at improving aircraft accident and incident investigation and prevention for the enhancement of aviation safety worldwide.

2.2 Among other issues, the meeting discussed the future of accident and incident investigations, with the goal to assist some States through the development of regional investigation bodies.

2.3 Reflected in the outcome of the meeting was the recognition that innovative approaches to accident and incident investigation are needed given the current realities of evolving technologies and resource constraints. Some of the important recommendations that were agreed upon include the following:

- a) focusing investigations on those accidents where safety lessons are expected to be learned;

- b) stronger emphasis on the investigation of serious incidents which will provide additional safety data;
- c) development of guidance material on regional cooperation in accident and incident investigations to assist those States lacking the necessary means;
- d) public availability of final accident reports in the interest of accident prevention;
- e) improved safety information sharing through the use of common safety taxonomies;
- f) reporting of accidents involving unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and very light jets;
- g) endorsement of a framework model Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between States in accident and incident investigations;
- h) improved guidance on the coordination of Annex 13 investigations and judicial processes;
- i) promotion of enhanced monitoring and resolution of safety recommendations; and
- j) assessment of Annex 13 related shortcomings identified by ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP).

2.4 Further information concerning AIG/08, including reports on all agenda items is available on the meeting's website www.icao.int/aigdiv08.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The meeting fully achieved its objective and it was widely recognized that the event also provided a rare opportunity for members of accident investigation authorities to network and exchange ideas, paving the way for additional cooperation among States.

3.2 Following a review by the Air Navigation Commission in early 2009, the recommendations of the meeting will be circulated to States for comments and subsequently submitted to the ICAO Council for its consideration.

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