



International Civil Aviation Organization

**First Meeting of the APRAST – Accident Investigation Ad hoc Working Group
(APRAST-AIG AWG/1)**

(Bangkok, Thailand, 6-8 June 2012)

Agenda Item 1: Review of APRAST-AIG AWG Terms of Reference

TASKS OF THE APRAST-AIG AWG

(Presented by Chairman of APRAST-AIG AWG)

SUMMARY

This paper suggests that in recommending intervention measures to the RASG-APAC/APRAST, the APRAST-AIG AWG should in the initial phase focus on intervention recommendations that will help States/Administrations address at the strategic level the deficiencies in the accident investigation systems as identified by the ICAO USOAP audits.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The objective of the APRAST is to recommend interventions to the Regional Aviation Safety Group - Asia and Pacific Regions (RASG-APAC) that will reduce aviation risks. As a sub-group of the APRAST specialising in accident investigation matters, the APRAST-AIG AWG therefore has the objective of identifying interventions in the area of accident investigation systems.

1.2 The RASG-APAC/APRAST recognise that the focus and priority for the APRAST-AIG AWG will be to introduce, support, and develop actions, which have the potential to effectively and economically reduce the regional aviation accident risk.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The RASG/APAC has tasked the APRAST-AIG AWG to help identify areas of concern in AIG matters that States/Administrations in the region should address.

2.2 Noting that the focus of the APRAST is on interventions and actions that have the potential to address deficiencies efficiently and economically, the Chairman of the APRAST-AIG AWG believes that, in the initial phase, the APRAST-AIG AWG should focus on intervention recommendations that will address at the strategic level the deficiencies in the accident investigation systems as identified by the ICAO USOAP audits.

2.3 Working Paper 4 will review the performance of the APAC States/Administrations in AIG matters as regards the USOAP audits. The working paper will suggest the critical and strategic areas that States/Administrations need to address in order to strengthen their accident investigation systems.

2.4 However, having benefited from the discussions at earlier meetings of the Asia Regional Aviation Safety Team (ARAST) under the aegis of the COSCAP programmes in the Asia Region, the Chairman of the APRAST-AIG AWG foresees that the critical and strategic issues that need addressing by States/Administrations would centre around deficiencies in respect of the following:

- An independent system of accident investigation
- The appointment of an accountable person for accident investigation matters
- The formation of a core group of personnel to be trained as investigators

2.5 States/Administrations which suffer from such deficiencies need to make a decision as to whether they want to eradicate these deficiencies. If they decide to do so, the APRAST-AIG AWG may play a further role in facilitating the implementation of their actions.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note that:

- a) The RASG-APAC/APRAST focuses on interventions and actions that have the potential to address deficiencies efficiently and economically;
- b) The APRAST-AIG AWG should in the initial phase focus on intervention recommendations that will help States/Administrations address at the strategic level the deficiencies in their accident investigation systems as identified by the ICAO USOAP audits; and
- c) For States/Administrations which are determined to enhance their accident investigation capabilities, the APRAST-AIG AWG can play a role in facilitating the implementation of their actions.

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