



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team - Second Meeting of the
Accident Investigation Ad hoc Working Group (APRAST-AIG AWG/2)**
(Macao, China, 6-7 September 2012)

**Agenda Item 1: Review of the decisions by APRAST in respect of the conclusions of the
APRAST-AIG AWG/1**

APRAST/2'S COMMENTS ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF APRAST-AIG AWG/1

(Presented by Chairman of APRAST-AIG AWG)

SUMMARY

This paper summarises the comments of the Second Meeting of the APRAST and proposes that the Record of Discussions and Conclusions of the First Meeting of the APRAST-AIG AWG be reviewed to take into account the comments of the Second Meeting of the APRAST

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The First Meeting of the APRAST-AIG AWG (APRAST-AIG AWG/1) held at the ICAO APAC Office on 6-8 June 2012 produced 17 conclusions, including nine intervention measures that were to be recommended to the APRAST for it to consider forwarding to the RASG-APAC. These nine intervention measures are in Conclusions 1/4, 1/6, 1/7, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/14, 1/15 and 1/17 (see **Attachment A**).

1.2 The APRAST considered these nine intervention measures at the Second Meeting of the APRAST (APRAST/2) held at the ICAO APAC Office on 21-24 August 2012. The APRAST/2 accepted Conclusions 1/4, 1/7, 1/12, 1/14, 1/15 and 1/17. The APRAST/2 also accepted in principle the remaining four conclusions, viz. Conclusions 1/6, 1/10 and 1/11, but requested the APRAST-AIG AWG to provide additional explanative notes or information.

1.3 Consequently the Record of Discussions and Conclusions of the APRAST-AIG AWG/1 will need to be reviewed and amended to take into account the comments of the APRAST/2. This paper documents the comments of the APRAST/2 as regards Conclusions 1/6, 1/10 and 1/11 in order to facilitate the review.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 As regards Conclusion 1/6, the APRAST/2 suggested to make it clear that the establishment of some form of independent investigation organisation does not exclude States/Administrations from making use of external investigation experts or of the resource of a regional investigation organisation.

2.2 As regards Conclusion 1/10 concerning the development and implementation of a written investigation cooperation framework (e.g. a Code of Conduct), the APRAST/2 suggested that the proposal to the RASG-APAC be accompanied by a draft of the investigation cooperation framework.

2.3 As regards Conclusion 1/11 concerning the formation of a Group of Experts on Accident/Incident Investigation (APAC-ACC), the APRAST/2 suggested that the proposal be accompanied by terms of reference for the APAC-ACC.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the comments of the APRAST as regards Conclusions 1/6, 1/10 and 1/11;
- b) review the Record of Discussions and Conclusions of the APRAST-AIG AWG/1 with a view to producing an amended Record for the use of the APRAST before the Second Meeting of the RASG-APAC which will be held in New Delhi on 8-9 October 2012.

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Attachment A

**Intervention measure recommendations produced at APRAST-AIG AWG/1
for the APRAST to consider forwarding to the RASG-APAC**

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/4

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC emphasise to States/ Administrations the desirability 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

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/6

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage those States/ Administrations which do not yet have an independent investigation system to consider establishing some form of independent investigation organisation.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/7

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/ Administrations to have a dedicated core of one or more trained accident investigators, lest the effort in training go to waste through frequent changes of investigation personnel.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/10

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC develop and implement a written framework, such as a Code of Conduct, that will promote mutual cooperation in accident/incident investigation.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/11

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC form a Group of Experts on Accident/Incident Investigation (APAC-ACC) with representation from the investigation authorities, industry partners and professional bodies to institutionalise a network for the exchange of views, practices and experiences.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/12

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/ Administrations to implement a CAIR¹ system.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/14

¹ CAIR = Confidential Aviation Incident Reporting

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/ Administrations interested in setting up a CAIR programme to contact the International Confidential Aviation Safety Systems Group (ICASS) for assistance in designing and implementing new systems.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/15

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/ Administrations to use ECCAIRS database software for their accident and incident database.

Conclusion AIG AWG 1/17

that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/ Administrations to consider the use of ADREP-compatible systems.