



International Civil Aviation Organization

Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team - Second Meeting of the  
Accident Investigation Ad hoc Working Group (APRAST-AIG AWG/2)

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**Agenda Item 3:           Development of an Action Plan to improve the accident/incident  
                                  investigation capability in the APAC region**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
(AAIC) IN LAO PDR**

(Presented by Lao PDR)

**SUMMARY**

This Working Paper provides information on the establishment of AAIC in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, its structure and key functions performance.

*Objectives: Recognizing the importance of an independent system of accident investigation and its functions.*

**1. Introduction**

The AAIC will institute an inquiry into circumstances of the accident, in accordance, so far as article 26 of the Chicago convention, article 37 of Lao Civil Aviation Law and Lao Civil Aviation Safety regulations Part 13- Accident and Incident Investigation.

**2. Structure**

The AAIC is nominated by the Minister to the Ministry of Public Works and transport (MPWT) and composed of:

- The Permanent Secretary to the ministry as Chairperson and Accountable person.
- The Deputy Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation as Vice-Chairperson;
- The Deputy Director of the Department of Audit, MPWT;
- The Investigators in charge;
- The representative of related airlines.

The Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation, under the Ministerial Decision, assigned the Aircraft Incident Investigation Unit (AIU) in the Air Navigation Division to perform the investigation of incident occurred in Lao airspace.

### **3. Key functions**

The key functions of the AAIC and AIIU are to:

- -implement the Standards and Recommended Practices contained in Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention.
- -conduct independent and objective investigation of accident and incident in accordance with Civil Aviation Law, Lao Civil Aviation Safety Regulations and international best practices;
- -promote aviation safety through the investigation and identify the safety deficiencies so that accident may be avoided;
- -administer a voluntary and a non-punitive confidential aviation incident reporting system;
- -educate the industry and public on ICAO's philosophy of investigation;
- -maintain the confidence of the aviation industry and the public in aviation safety through the accident and incident investigation.

### **4. Status of Education and Reporting System.**

Lao PDR has insufficient number of qualified investigators and not yet installed the reporting system (including software) as specified in the survey form that had been submitted to the APRAST AIG AWG and ICAO for reference.

### **5. Action by the meeting**

The meeting is invited to note this working paper and consider a kind assistance and cooperation in term of training and accident / incident reporting system.

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