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**First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG/1)**  
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**Agenda Item 4: Database of APAC accident/incident investigation bodies**

**APAC-AIG COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

(Presented by Chairman of APAC-AIG)

**SUMMARY**

This paper encourages States/Administrations to communicate freely on accident/incident investigation related matters and to start considering designating suitable officials as points of contact.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Accident Investigation Ad hoc Working Group of the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST-AIG AWG) has evolved into the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG). The APRAST-AIG AWG did not have to communicate directly with the States/Administrations. The recommendations of the APRAST-AIG AWG, when they were accepted by the APRAST and the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Asia and Pacific Regions (RASG-APAC) and needed to be acted upon by the ICAO APAC office, were communicated to the States/ Administrations via State Letters issued by the ICAO APAC Office.

1.2 After the formation of the APAC-AIG, there will continue to be a need for formal communications in the form of State Letter from the ICAO APAC Office on accident/incident investigation related matters. APAC-AIG's recommendations for the APRAST and RASG-APAC, if accepted, will still need to be acted upon by the ICAO APAC office. The ICAO APAC Office will also continue to disseminate official invitations to regional events like the ICAO Regional Accident Investigation Workshop and APAC-AIG Meeting, as well as to conduct surveys recommended by the APAC-AIG.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The APAC-AIG is formed as an institutionalised Asia Pacific network of investigation authorities in the APAC States/Administrations, industry partners and professional bodies. This network will facilitate APAC-AIG members in the exchange of views, practices and experiences on matters related to accident/incident investigation.

2.2 Before the formation of the APAC-AIG, there had already been exchanges, in e-mail form typically, amongst members of the APAC-AIG, although such exchange could have been of a limited scale, not helped by the fact that there were no clearly identified points of contact in many members.

2.3 With points of contact of the APAC-AIG members identified<sup>1</sup> in due course, and going by the terms of reference of the APAC-AIG<sup>2</sup>, one can expect that there will be more exchanges. Such a development will be a healthy one and should be encouraged.

2.4 APAC-AIG members should start considering designating suitable officials as points of contact, if they have not already done so. With details of these points of contact readily available in the APAC-AIG database, the efficiency of communication within the network will be greatly enhanced.

### **3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note that members of the APAC-AIG are encouraged to communicate freely on accident/incident investigation related matters and are urged to consider designating suitable officials as their points of contact in the APAC-AIG framework.

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<sup>1</sup> See Working Paper APAC-AIG/1-WP/5.

<sup>2</sup> The terms of reference of the APAC-AIG are:

- To assist States/Administrations in keeping abreast of developments in the area of accident/incident investigation
- To enhance the capabilities and professionalism of the accident/incident investigation bodies
- To promote the sharing of expertise, experience and information among accident/incident investigation bodies
- To develop and strengthen cooperation among the accident/incident investigation bodies