



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL AVIATION  
SAFETY TEAM (APRAST/4)**

*(Manila, Philippines, 22 – 25 April 2014)*

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**Agenda Item 4: Review of the Work of APRAST and its Subsidiary Bodies**

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC  
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION GROUP**

(Presented by the Chairman of the APAC-AIG)

**SUMMARY**

This paper summarises the conclusions of the First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG/1) was held in Bali, Indonesia on 18 – 19 September 2013.

1.2 The meeting discussed the issues of independence of investigation, database of investigation agencies, investigation cooperation, and investigator training. The conclusions of APAC-AIG/1 are summarised in **Attachment A**.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 To follow up on the conclusions of APAC-AIG/1, the APAC-AIG recommends to APRAST that:

**Arising from Conclusion APAC-AIG 1/1:**

RASG-APAC draw the States/Administrations' attention to the ICAO State Letter 2013/55 dated 19 July 2013 [Ref. AN 6/12-13/55] which proposes a new standard specifying that "States shall establish an accident investigation authority that is independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation."

**Arising from Conclusion APAC-AIG 1/2:**

RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations' that have not yet established an independent accident investigation authority to do so as soon as possible.

**Arising from Conclusion APAC-AIG 1/3:**

RASG-APAC inform States/Administrations that the APAC-AIG can be approached on matters relating to their plan to set up an independent accident investigation authority.

**Arising from Conclusion APAC-AIG 1/4:**

RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to accept requests for observer participation when conducting investigations.

**Arising from Conclusion APAC-AIG 1/7:**

RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to invite investigators from other States/Administrations to join the training that they organise, in order to help raise the knowledge, skill and experience of investigators in the APAC region.

2.2 In respect of **Conclusions APAC-AIG 1/5 and 1/6** on the need for a database of the investigation agencies in the APAC region, Bangladesh has very kindly volunteered to develop and maintain the database, which will be hosted by the ICAO APAC Office on its website. The ICAO APAC Office has requested States/Administrations via State Letter dated 2 October 2013 [Ref: T 10/5.3 – AP141/13(FS)] to provide information for the database. To date, 13 States/Administrations have responded. They are Australia, Bangladesh, France, Hong Kong China, Macao China, Japan, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) Consider and forward the five recommendations in paragraph 2.1 to the RASG-APAC for RASG-APAC to consider and, where relevant, include in its Yearly Programme; and
- b) Remind States/Administrations that have not done so to provide the information requested by the ICAO APAC office in its State Letter of 2 October 2013 [Ref: T 10/5.3 – AP141/13(FS)] on the subject of a database of the investigation agencies in the APAC region.

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**Summary on the Conclusions of APAC-AIG/1**

Ref to APAC-AIG/1 Conclusion	Conclusion	Status of Follow-up
1/1	that, APAC AIG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC draw the States/Administrations' attention to the ICAO State Letter 2013/55 dated 19 July 2013 [Ref. AN 6/12-13/55] which proposes a new standard specifying that "States shall establish an accident investigation authority that is independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation."	<b>Open</b> To be discussed at APRAST/4
1/2	that, APAC AIG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations' that have not yet established an independent accident investigation authority to do so as soon as possible.	
1/3	that, APAC AIG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC let States/Administrations know that the APAC-AIG can be approached on matters relating to their plan to set up an independent accident investigation authority.	
1/4	that, APAC-AIG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to accept requests for observer participation when conducting investigations.	
1/5	that, Bangladesh volunteered to develop and maintain the database of APAC accident/investigation bodies and the ICAO APAC Office agreed to host the database on its website.	<b>Open – In Progress</b> Bangladesh has completed the development of the database and has forwarded it to ICAO APAC Office to be hosted on its website.
1/6	that, the ICAO APAC Office will issue a State Letter to invite States/Administrations to provide the information to provide inputs to the database.	<b>Closed</b> ICAO APAC Office requested States/Administrations via State Letter dated 2 October 2013 [Ref: T 10/5.3 – AP141/13(FS)] to provide information for the database by 31 December 2013.
1/7	that, APAC-AIG suggests to the APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to invite investigators from other States/Administrations to join the training that they organise, in order to help raise the knowledge, skill and experience of investigators in the APAC region.	<b>Open</b> To be discussed at APRAST/4