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**FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION GROUP
(APAC-AIG/4)**

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Agenda Item 5: AIG Development in Member States

**FOURTH INFORMAL MEETING OF ASEAN CHIEF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
INVESTIGATORS AND SENIOR INVESTIGATION OFFICIALS**

(Presented by Singapore)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information on the informal meeting held by representatives of ASEAN States that attended the recent International Accident Investigation Forum in Singapore

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional grouping that comprises the 10 States of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. In the spirit of regional cooperation, the 10 ASEAN States entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Relating to Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation* in May 2008. In addition, the investigators of the ASEAN Member States will endeavour to get together, albeit in an informal setting, to share ideas and experiences.

1.2 Thus, three informal meetings of ASEAN Chief Aircraft Accident Investigators and Senior Investigation Officials were held in August 2008, November 2009 and September 2011. The fourth such informal meeting was held on the sidelines of the Third International Accident Investigation Forum that was hosted by the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB) on 19 – 21 Apr 2016. The informal meeting was attended by all the 10 ASEAN Member State, excepting Brunei Darussalam and Vietnam.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The meeting discussed issues of common concern to all as well as activities that could be organised to enhance collaboration and to build investigation capacity for investigation agencies in ASEAN.

2.2 Below are the key points of the discussions:

ICAO USOAP protocol questions (PQs)

The meeting participants noted that they all had some difficulty understanding clearly the requirements of some PQs and this might have somewhat affected their USOAP Effective Implementation (EI) rate. The meeting agreed that a training session on the interpretation of the PQ questions would be useful.

Underwater search for recorders

The meeting recognised the need for more training in underwater search for recorders. Singapore has organised two workshops on underwater search before. Participants were encouraged to invite counterparts in ASEAN to take part when they are organising any such training.

The meeting noted that flight recorders will have to be equipped with 8.8 kHz underwater locator beacon (ULB) in the future.

Investigation in extreme and challenging environments

The meeting noted that investigators may need to perform investigation tasks in extreme and challenging environments (e.g. adverse climate condition, difficult terrain). Participants whose countries have natural terrains and weather that are challenging were encourage to consider organising training and extending the training to counterparts in ASEAN.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to note the efforts of investigators in ASEAN to collaborate in building up their aircraft accident and incident investigation capabilities and strengthening their investigation systems.

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