



International Civil Aviation Organization

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION GROUP  
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**Agenda Item 4: Regional Cooperation**

**BENEFITS OF COOPERATION**

*(Presented by Cambodia / Jointly presented by Cambodia and Singapore)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper highlights an example of cooperation project that may be initiated in the spirit of investigation cooperation embodied in the *Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/ Incident Investigation*.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) of Cambodia is preparing for an ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) audit in 2016. The SSCA invited two officers from the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB) to conduct a mock audit in January 2016 of its compliance status with reference to the set of ICAO protocol questions (PQs) designed for Annex 13.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The mock audit was a useful exercise. Gaps identified by the mock audit will allow the SSCA to decide how best to prepare for the USOAP audit. The request by the SSCA and the response by the AAIB typify what can be done in the spirit of investigation cooperation as embodied in the *Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation* (CoC).

2.2 It is to be recalled that the CoC contains a number of provisions that may be invoked to initiate requests for assistance. For example:

**Article II (Area of Cooperation) Paragraph 2**

A Participating Party may also request another Participating Party for know-how and advice in the organisation of an investigation, drafting of the report, crisis management and communication.

**Article II (Area of Cooperation) Paragraph 3**

The Participating Parties will, where possible and by mutual agreement, develop additional areas of cooperation, especially in areas corollary to those referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article

Article II (Area of Cooperation) Paragraph 1(c)

The Participating Parties will undertake appropriate steps, subject to the availability of resources, to positively answer all requests for participation or assistance from another Participating Party.

2.3 Seeking assistance through the platform of the CoC is a way for States to work together towards building investigation capacity so as to realise ICAO's "*No Country Left Behind*" initiative to address aviation safety, security and skills challenges.

**3. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the possibility for a State to seek assistance from other States under the *Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/ Incident Investigation* in order to build up its aircraft accident and incident investigation capabilities and strengthen its investigation systems.

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