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**EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT  
INVESTIGATION GROUP (APAC-AIG/8)**

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Agenda Item 5

**Agenda Item 5: Regional Cooperation**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
AAIB (INDIA) & AAIU BHUTAN**

*(Presented by India)*

**SUMMARY**

MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) between Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Republic of India and the Air Accident Investigation Unit (AAIU), Ministry of Information and Communications, Royal Government of Bhutan on co-operation relating to Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation has been signed on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Thimphu.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 AAIB India reaffirms the objective enshrined in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“The Chicago Convention”) that the sole objective of the investigation of an aircraft accident or incident shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents and that is not to apportion blame or liability;

1.2 AAIB India also intends to share its expertise and experience relating to Aircraft Accident Investigation and enhance the capabilities and professionalism of desiring Aircraft Accident Investigators.

1.3 In line with above and recognising common interest in establishing a lasting framework for cooperation in the area of aviation investigation, AAIB, India has signed an MOU with AAIU, Bhutan.

**2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 With the sole objective to enhance aviation safety of Bhutan, AAIB India will cooperate in aircraft accident and incident investigation, investigation training and sharing of information and expertise consistent with the SARPs of Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention.

2.2 AAIB, India will offer assistance and the use of air safety investigation facilities and equipment to AAIU, Bhutan for aircraft accident and incident investigation, as it deems appropriate and as resources permit.

2.3 AAIB, India will, where practicable, invite the AAIU investigators to attend its general and specialist investigation courses and training.

2.4 AAIB, India will to the extent permitted by its laws and regulations, facilitate the attachment of its investigators for assisting investigation of aircraft accidents and serious incidents, with a view to enhance AAIU's understanding of investigation requirements and procedures.

2.5 AAIB, India will maintain regular contact and organise visits to AAIU's establishment or meetings with their officials/experts with the aim of exchanging experiences, skills and technical knowledge.

2.6 AAIB, India will, to the extent permitted by its law and regulations, endeavour to share with AAIU relevant information about an investigation it is conducting in which AAIU has expressed an interest.

2.7 In the event that AAIU intends to set up investigation facilities, laboratories and other related infrastructure, AAIB, India would offer assistance in terms of technical knowhow/expertise and vendor selection.

2.8 Unless otherwise agreed between AAIB, India and AAIU, Bhutan further, AAIB, India will provide financial, technical and other supports deemed necessary to AAIU for the implementation of the matters set out in the MOU.

2.9 AAIB, India may develop additional areas of co-operation to widen the scope of MOU.

2.10 The MOU has come into effect from the date of signing i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and will remain in effect unless it is terminated by either AAIB, India and AAIU, Bhutan

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

3.1 The Meeting may note the information given in this paper.

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