



**NINTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
GROUP (APAC-AIG/9)**

(27-28 October 2021 on Virtual Platform at 11.00 hrs. Bangkok Time UTC+7)

Agenda Item 3: Update on ICAO AIG-Related Requirements and Activities

FOLLOW-UP ON APAC-AIG/7-WP/9

(Presented by Chairman APAC-AIG)

SUMMARY

The paper informs the Meeting of the follow-up to the paper APAC-AIG/7-WP/9 presented at the APAC-AIG/7 Meeting in July 2019.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the APAC-AIG/7 Meeting in July 2019, Bangladesh presented APAC-AIG/7-WP/9 titled “*Amendment to Standard 6.3 of Annex 13 Regarding Comments on the Draft Final Report of Investigation*”. The paper highlighted that, while the current Standard 6.3 in Annex 13 obliges States conducting the investigation to seek comments on the draft final report from the participating States, it is not explicit as to the obligation on the part of the States receiving the draft final report to reply to the State conducting the investigation. The paper proposed to have a provision in Annex 13 to make it explicit that States that received the draft final report for comments shall reply to the State conducting the investigation within the deadline even if they have no comment.

1.2 The APAC-AIG/7 Meeting noted the proposal and made the following Conclusion:

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That, ICAO APAC Office forward WP/9 to ICAO HQ for consideration.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The ICAO APAC Office forwarded the proposal to the ICAO HQ’s Accident Investigation (AIG) Section. The proposal was well received by the AIG Section which considered the paper well thought of. Nevertheless, the AIG Section suggested that the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Asia and Pacific Regions (RASG-APAC) formally bring the proposal to the attention of the ICAO HQ which may, in turn, assign the proposal to the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP) for due deliberations.

2.2 Chairman APAC-AIG submitted a paper for the Tenth Meeting of the RASG-APAC (RASG-APAC/10), held on 17-18 December 2020, to seek the RASG-APAC’s endorsement of the proposal prior to having it brought to the attention of the ICAO HQ. RASG-APAC endorsed bringing formally the proposal made in APAC-AIG/7-WP/9 to the attention of the ICAO HQ.

2.3 The proposal was subsequently discussed at the Sixth Meeting of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP/6) held in May 2021.

2.4 The AIGP/6 Meeting agreed that the proposal would constitute a good practice and that it should be incorporated in Part IV “Organization and Planning” of ICAO Doc 9756 “Manual of Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation” at the next update of Doc 9756. The update will probably be in the form of a new paragraph along the following line:

“As a good practice, States invited to provide comments should acknowledge receipt of the draft Final Report and provide a response even when they have no comment on the draft Final Report. This will assure the State conducting the investigation that the draft Final Report has been received and duly considered.”

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to note the outcome of the AIGP/6 Meeting concerning the proposal made in APAC-AIG/7-WP/9 presented at the APAC-AIG/7 Meeting in July 2019.

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