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Agenda Item 3: Update on ICAO AIG-related requirements and activities

**FOLLOWING UP AND UPDATING ON THE WP/11 OF APAC-AIG/9:
REAPING BENEFITS TO THE APAC REGION FROM GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
SHARED ON RAIO COOPERATIVE PLATFORM,
BASED ON THE AGENDA ITEM 5: REGIONAL COOPERATION**

(Presented by Secretariat)

SUMMARY

Based on the WP/9 presented by ICAO Secretariat in APAC-AIG/9, Meeting decided that ICAO APAC RO shall circulate a State Letter and received responses from 08 States/Administrations indicating the preferences for the options offered.

This Working Paper provides an update on the summary of responses received from APAC regional States. Detailed report is provided in the Attachment to the paper.

Action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3.0 below.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO Secretariat presented the WP/9 for APAC-AIG/9 with the title, “*Reaping Benefits to the APAC Region through Global Experience Shared on RAIO Cooperative Platform*” under the Agenda Item 5: Regional Cooperation. The said paper outlined and highlighted on the functioning of the Regional Accident Investigation Organizations (RAIO) already established by other ICAO Regions globally and the benefits gained by them through ICAO’s RAIO Cooperative Platform (RAIO CP). Objectives of RAIO CP is to help strengthen existing RAIOs or Investigation Cooperative Mechanisms (ICMs) and assist in the establishment of any new RAIO or ICM so they can be more effective and efficient in supporting their member States.

1.2 The Assembly Resolution A40-6 states that “ICAO has a policy on Regional Cooperation which is committed to render assistance, advice and any other form of support, to the extent possible, in the technical and policy aspects of international civil aviation to Member States in carrying out their responsibilities pertaining to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and ICAO Strategic Objectives, inter alia by promoting regional cooperation through close partnerships with regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies.”

1.2 Further, the Assembly Resolution A40-6 “Directs the Council to support the implementation and further development of the Global Aviation Safety Oversight System (GASOS) regarding the necessary measures to strengthen, assess and support RSOOs or RAIOs to assist their

Member States in accomplishing certain safety oversight, accident and incident investigation and safety management functions and activities, while ensuring those States maintain their obligations and responsibilities under the “Chicago Convention”.

1.3 ICAO RAIO CP Platform was able to share all the pertinent information enhancing the knowledge of the meeting on the benefits of formulating a Group of states to support in the AIG activities. Information shared on some of the South American models, including the RAIOs in the making, identified as Investigation Cooperative Mechanisms (ICM)s were found to be quite intriguing and attractive for the implementation in APAC region.

1.4 As the Meeting was invited to encourage States to note the contents of the said paper, and to consider the benefits of establishing an Investigation Cooperative Mechanism (ICM) or RAIO as it may be applicable, with the support of information shared by other regional organizations based on RAIO CP.

1.5 Meeting deliberated intensely based on the information provided by the paper and reached on the below conclusion.

Conclusion APAC-AIG 9/2: Global Experience Shared on RAIO Cooperative Platform Reaping Benefits to the APAC Region (WP/11) – ICAO HQ	
That, ICAO APAC RO may study further on a potentially suitable mechanism for the Region and circulate a State Letter inviting comments and their willingness to join such resource sharing ICM from APAC States/Administrations in coordination with ICAO HQ.	Expected impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement of global and regional aviation safety priorities and targets <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement of USOAP Effective Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring and Administration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building and Sharing of Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inter-Regional
Why:	To seek the perception of States/Administrations on the willingness of establishing RAIO CP and ICM.
When:	Immediately
Status:	In progress
Who:	<input type="checkbox"/> APRAST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC-AIG <input type="checkbox"/> SRP WG <input type="checkbox"/> SEI WG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APAC States/Administrations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAO APAC RO <input type="checkbox"/> ICAO HQ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Industry Organization

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Implementation of the above Decision of APAC-AIG/9 Meeting was carried out through the circulation of the State Letter Reference Ref.: T 6/8.3.1 – AP048/22 (FS) dated 07 March 2022 with a proposal to those APAC Sates/Administrations who have not fully established an Independent AIA so far, to evaluate the feasibility of either one of the below two Options/Proposals:

Option/Proposal 1.

2.2 Member States, to actively participate in the RAIO-CP virtual platform and gain useful practical experience of examples of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), Memorandums of Cooperation (MOC) and Identified Cooperative Mechanisms (ICMs) shared by other RAIOs on the said RAIO-CP Platform. Key objective of such information sharing is to promote and generate interest of

States/Administrations, in the establishment of RAIOS for APAC sub-regions, as and when the feasibility is comprehended and is found justifiable.

Option/Proposal 2.

2.3 Those States who have not yet signed the legally non-binding APAC-AIG Code of Conduct (CoC), are invited and encouraged to pledge their support by signing the CoC.

2.4 Based on the proposals given by the APAC RO through the said State Letter, there are eight (08) States responded indicating their willingness to continue with COC. Details of the responses received by APAC RO is found in the Attachment to the Paper. Hong Kong, China notified their support to the member States to actively participate in the RAIO-CP virtual platform and gain useful practical experience shared by other RAIOS.

2.5 ICAO CoC database has been updated with regards to the responses received and the Current status of states subscriptions to APAC-AIG – Code of Conduct (CoC) is depicted on the below Table.

	States already subscribed to CoC	States Not Subscribed to CoC yet
1	Australia	Brunei Darussalam
2	Bangladesh	Cook Island
3	Bhutan	Democratic People's republic of Korea (DPRK)
4	Cambodia	Fiji
5	China	India
6	Hong Kong, China	Kiribati
7	Macao, China	Marshall Islands
8	France	Micronesia
9	Indonesia	Nauru
10	Japan	Nepal
11	Lao PDR	Pakistan
12	Malaysia	Palau
13	Maldives	Papua New Guinea
14	Mongolia	Samoa
15	Myanmar	Solomon Islands
16	New Zealand	Tonga
17	Philippines	Tuvalu
18	Republic of Korea	Vanuatu
19	Singapore	Vietnam
20	Sri Lanka	
21	Thailand	
22	Timor-Leste	
Total	Twenty Two (22)	Nineteen (19)

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) Note the contents of the paper with regards to the responses received from the States in response to the Conclusion APAC-AIG 9/2;
- b) Urge the nineteen states to subscribe to APAC-AIG CoC in order to receive the intended benefits; and
- c) Encourage APAC States/Administrations to share the recent benefits received through the CoC for next APAC-AIG Meeting.

Follow-up to Decision APAC-AIG 9/2
Global Experience Shared on RAIO Cooperative Platform reaping benefits to the APAC Region

No.	States/Administrations	Details of the responses
1	Australia	Australia has an independent AIA, and so has no preference to report.
2	Hong Kong, China	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>Hong Kong, China has established an independent AIA, i.e. Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA), in September 2018 and has already pledged support to the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>AAIA supports Member States to actively participate in the RAIO-CP virtual platform and gain useful practical experience shared by other RAIOs.</p>
3	Macao, China	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>SAR China had chosen “Option 2: that pledged support in year 2013 to the legally non-binding Code of Conduct (CoC), on cooperation relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation already established by APAC AIG.</p>
4	France	<p>France had seek for more information regarding APAC-AIG/9 – WP/11, no further response received.</p> <p><i>Note: France subscribed to the APAC AIG Code of Conduct.in 2013.</i></p>
5	Indonesia	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>Indonesia wished to subscribe to the APAC AIG Code of Conduct.</p>
6	Myanmar	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>Myanmar wished to subscribe to the APAC AIG Code of Conduct.</p>
7	Philippines	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>Philippines submitted the pledge of support to Asia Pacific Code of Conduct.</p>
8	Sri Lanka	<p>Option 2:</p> <p>Sri Lanka confirmed its support to the revised Asia Pacific Code of Conduct.</p>