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**AGENDA ITEM 3: AVIATION SAFETY**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY  
COMMITTEE FOR THE ICAO APAC REGION**

(Presented by Philippines)

**SUMMARY**

The proposal in this paper is to establish a Dangerous Goods Safety Committee within the ICAO Asia-Pacific (APAC) framework. The committee's objective is to improve the implementation of ICAO Annex 18 and the Technical Instructions, resolve common challenges, increase regional cooperation, and share best practices. In addition to participation from pertinent international organizations, membership will encompass DG focal points from APAC States. The benefits include improved safety in the air transport of dangerous products, strengthened compliance, and harmonized oversight practices.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR THE ICAO APAC REGION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The transportation of dangerous goods by air continues to pose substantial safety hazards if it is not conducted in accordance with the Technical Instructions and ICAO Annex 18. A dedicated regional platform would be advantageous for the Asia-Pacific region, given its diverse level of development and regulatory maturity, in order to address DG-specific issues, promote harmonized supervision, and support capacity building.

### **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 The proposed Dangerous Goods Safety Committee (DGSC-APAC) will serve as a technical advisory and coordination group under ICAO APAC, focusing on DG oversight, training standards, compliance trends, emerging risks (e.g. lithium batteries), and regulatory updates.

2.2 **The objectives of the committee are to:**

- a) Support implementation of Annex 18 and ICAO Doc 9284;
- b) Promote harmonized procedures and enforcement strategies;
- c) Facilitate information exchange on DG incidents and best practices;
- d) Recommend regional priorities and actions related to DG safety.

2.3 **Membership shall include:**

- a) Dangerous Goods focal points from each APAC State;
- b) ICAO APAC Office representatives;
- c) Invited stakeholders (e.g. IATA, IFALPA, freight associations).

2.4 **Benefits of establishing the DGSC-APAC include:**

- a) Improved coordination and response to DG safety issues;
- b) Strengthened regional compliance and surveillance programs;
- c) Shared tools, training materials, and data analytics;
- d) Stronger support to States with limited DG oversight capacity.

### **3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE**

3.1 The Conference is invited to:

- a) Note the information provided in this paper;
- b) Support the establishment of the Dangerous Goods Safety Committee for the APAC Region under ICAO APAC;
- c) Encourage APAC States to nominate focal points for active participation in the committee.

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