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

UPDATE ON APAC-AIG ACTIVITIES

(Presented by the APAC-AIG Chairperson)

SUMMARY

This paper updates the Meeting on APAC-AIG activities since APAC-AIG/13, covering the Ministerial commitments, AP-RASP 2026–2028 and the Investigation Cooperation Mechanism (ICM).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper updates the Meeting on the activities of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) since APAC-AIG/13 (New Delhi, India, 30–31 October 2025). It covers the Ministerial commitments on accident investigation, AP-RASP 2026–2028 and the Investigation Cooperation Mechanism (ICM).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

2.1.1 The Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conferences on Civil Aviation are the region's highest-level forum for commitments on aviation safety. In the Beijing Declaration (First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation, 2018), Ministers committed to:

- either establish an accident investigation authority independent of State aviation authorities, or, where appropriate, develop a bilateral, sub-regional or regional partnership to support accident investigation capabilities; and
- establish access to quality training and encourage the sharing of resources.

2.1.2 The Delhi Declaration on Sustainable Aviation Development (Second Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference, New Delhi, 11–12 September 2024) reaffirmed these commitments, including support for establishing independent investigation authorities.

2.1.3 APAC-AIG activities are in line with these commitments. APAC-AIG will continue to encourage States/Administrations to establish an independent accident investigation authority, as required by Annex 13, and to develop training opportunities to enhance the capabilities and professionalism of investigators.

2.2 Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AP-RASP) 2026–2028

2.2.1 AP-RASP 2026–2028, aligned with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) 2026–2028 and Ministerial Declaration, was published in April 2026 and succeeds the 2023–2025 edition. Its ORG Roadmap sets two AIG-related targets, supported by two Safety Enhancement Initiatives assigned to APAC-AIG: SEI 2.2.1 (workshops and training courses) and SEI 2.5.1 (constraints on establishing independent Accident Investigation Authorities).

2.2.2 The SEIs and the regional position are presented in WP/3/06, and the work of the Expert Group Task Forces in WP/3/02.

2.3 Investigation Cooperation Mechanism (ICM)

2.3.1 The ICM promotes cooperation and mutual assistance among States/Administrations in accident and incident investigations in the APAC Region. It replaces the Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation, following endorsement by RASG-APAC/14. Under Decision APAC-AIG 13/03, only the title changed, and States/Administrations that endorsed the Code of Conduct are automatically part of the ICM.

2.3.2 State Letter AP031/26 (FS), dated 19 February 2026, invited other States/Administrations to subscribe, using the Declaration of Subscription at <https://www.icao.int/APAC/RASG/AIG/ICM>. To date, 25 States/Administrations have subscribed to the ICM.

2.3.3 States/Administrations are also encouraged to join the RAIO-CP virtual platform to learn from other Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIOs) and their cooperative arrangements, such as MOUs, MOCs and Identified Cooperative Mechanisms. This may help develop sub-regional or regional cooperation frameworks.

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- (a) Note the activities of APAC-AIG in this paper;
- (b) Encourage States/Administrations that have not yet established an independent accident investigation authority to do so, in line with Annex 13 and the Beijing Declaration; and
- (c) Encourage States/Administrations that have not yet done so to subscribe to the ICM.

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