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Agenda Item 6: Updates from the Task Forces

UPDATE ON TASK FORCE SEVEN

(Presented by Australia and Singapore)

SUMMARY

This paper informs the meeting of the work done by Task Force 7 in the aim to assist APAC State in establishing an independent accident investigation authority (AIA) as required by Annex 13, as well as related investigation system and procedures. It also recommends the continuation of the Task Force 7 project.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 A Task Force group was formed during the APAC-AIG/11 meeting comprising of an Expert Grouping (EG) of volunteers with AIG expertise to advance the regional goal of Asia Pacific – Regional Aviation Safety Plan (AP-RASP) in supporting Regional States/Administrations to establish an independent accident investigation authority (AIA) as required by Annex 13, as well as in the development of investigation system and procedures by 2025.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The task force developed a Survey Questionnaire to understand the current status of establishing AAIIA in the APAC Regional States/Administrations. This survey was sent in the State letter reference T 6/8.3 – AP063/24 (FS) on 15 May 2024 to APAC Regional States/Administrations. Appropriate answers in replying to the Survey Questionnaire assisted the Working Group (WG) in identifying the challenges and support required by States/Administrations in the establishment of an independent AIA. APAC Regional States/Administrations were encouraged to review and submit comments on the survey no later than 25 June 2024. The survey has remained open to further capture delayed responses from the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS). This is crucial to understand the realities of forming an independent accident investigation authority in a PSIDS, and further guide the areas of capacity building. The ICAO PSIDS office facilitated recirculation of the Survey Questionnaire which resulted in several more responses.

2.2 The task force consolidated and reviewed the survey responses provided by the APAC Regional States/Administrations allowing the task force to strategize on providing the type of support needed by the APAC Regional States/Administrations in establishing an independent AIA. These findings were shared at the APAC-AIG/12 and APAC-AIG/13 Meetings, and have been utilised by Task Force 1 for developing and providing training to the APAC-AIG region.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to review the latest responses to the Survey and to provide their responses.

3.2 The Task Force recommends that Task Force 7 be finalised as response rates have now declined, and areas of training assistance requested by the responders have been identified.

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