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SUMMARY OF TASK FORCE 8 ACTIVITIES: RESEARCH INTO THE NUMBER OF FINAL REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

(Presented by France in collaboration with the Task Force 8 members)

SUMMARY

During the APAC-AIG/13 the APAC-AIG established a new Task Force 8 to monitor the status and publication of final reports for fatal accidents involving civil operated aircraft over 5,700 kg.

The WP details the new developments and recent studies and propose new ways forward.

Action by the APAC-AIG is in paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During APAC-AIG/13, France (BEA), as part of WG-20 of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP), presented a Working Paper on the availability of Final Reports for fatal accidents involving civil-operated aircraft with a maximum take-off mass (MCTOM) over 5,700 kg. Of the 1,215 accidents analysed across 137 States, responses were received from 28 of the 30 APAC States. The Meeting was informed that the availability of Final Reports in the APAC region has improved since 2017.

1.2 The Meeting emphasized the importance of the timely publication of Final Reports to share safety lessons and noted the ongoing work by ICAO and the BEA to expand the ICAO e-Library of Final Reports. States were encouraged to release the remaining reports and ensure that future reports are made publicly accessible through the ICAO platform. The Meeting agreed to establish a new Task Force to monitor the publication of Final Reports.

1.3 In light of the discussions during the Meeting, the APAC-AIG established a new Task Force to monitor the status and publication of Final Reports for fatal accidents involving civil-operated aircraft over 5,700 kg. The establishment of the Task Force was subsequently formalized through Decision APAC-AIG/13/09, which created Task Force 8 – Final Report Monitoring.

2. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

2.1.1 The AIG Panel's research on the public availability of Final Reports has been updated, including data on fatal accidents involving civil-operated aircraft with a MCTOM over 5,700 kg in the APAC region.

2.1.2 The research shows a significant improvement in the availability of Final Reports, with approximately 72% of reports publicly available in the APAC region, compared with 41% identified in the initial 2017 review.

2.1.3 The BEA has identified and validated more than 700 Final Reports and is prepared to share this database with ICAO and other Accident Investigation Authorities.

2.1.4 The work also highlights the need for an efficient and user-friendly platform to facilitate worldwide access to Final Reports and the dissemination of safety lessons.

3. ACTION BY THE AIGP

3.1 The APAC-AIG is invited to note the update on the work of Task Force 8;

3.2 APAC States/Administrations are encouraged to release the remaining Final Reports following fatal accidents involving civil-operated aircraft with a MCTOM (Maximum Certificated Take-Off Mass) over 5,700 kg; and

3.3 ICAO is invited to make them available through an e-Library or another efficient and user-friendly platform that facilitates worldwide access to Final Reports and the dissemination of safety lessons.

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