



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION (AIG) DIVISIONAL MEETING (2008)

Montréal, 13 to 18 October 2008

Agenda Item 1: Annex 13

1.2: Chapter 5 of Annex 13

USE OF INFORMATION FROM FLIGHT DATA RECORDERS (FDR)

(Presented by the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations)

SUMMARY

This paper discusses the need for ICAO provisions to provide protection of information from flight data recorders from being improperly used.

Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting is to consider future actions that might be required to ensure that FDRs are not used for purposes other than accident investigation and prevention and the gathering of data for operational and maintenance-related activities.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 ICCAIA does not want to see FDR data used inappropriately, but has significant concerns about the implementation details of the proposal.

2.2 If FDR data were not provided to manufacturers it would significantly hamper their ability to provide technical assistance to the investigation. Further, various safety initiatives by the manufacturer or operator could be impacted.

2.3 Manufacturers should maintain access to FDR data to assist investigations and to support on-going safety programmes.

3. ACTION PROPOSED

3.1 The meeting is invited to consider ICCAIA request that manufacturer's access to FDR data be maintained so that they can assist investigation, take appropriate safety measures and support on-going safety programmes.

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