**ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION (AIG)
DIVISIONAL MEETING (2008) (AIG/08)**

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REPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3

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Agenda Item 3: Cooperation among States in Investigations

3.1 INTRODUCTION

3.1.1 The meeting was informed on the need for States to cooperate with ICAO in conducting accident investigation workshops in States. The AIG Divisional Meetings in 1992 and in 1999 noted that safety workshops and seminars were important. However, due to budget constraints, the accident investigation and prevention workshops organized by ICAO were suspended.

3.1.2 These workshops provided opportunities for States' investigators to share experiences and expertise relating to new technology, techniques and procedures for aircraft accident and incident investigations. As a secondary outcome, the workshops strengthened communications and cooperation among investigators.

3.1.3 Based on ICAO Assembly Resolution A35-14, the meeting was presented with a review of the cooperation among States wherein investigators from States would participate in investigations as observers for the purpose of improving their investigative skills. This practice was encouraged.

3.2 DISCUSSION

3.2.1 The meeting was informed that the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) had been engaged in training investigators through seminars and workshops. The "ISASI Reachout Workshop Programme" was well known. The meeting noted the principles and methods of funding and organization of the "Reachout Workshops". From 2001 to 2008, 31 workshops had been held and 1675 participants had attended these workshops. The meeting strongly supported the "ISASI Reachout Workshop Programme".

3.2.2 There was widespread support by the meeting to resurrect ICAO accident investigation-related workshops and seminars, as well as Reachout Workshop Programme. Several States stressed the need to have their investigators trained in both ab initio and recurrent training for investigations. A State suggested that there should also be workshop modules held for media and police officers. An international organization suggested that when these workshops were presented in a regional context, a module on the civil aviation regulatory framework should be included. The meeting supported these suggestions.

3.2.3 A State informed the meeting that initially these workshops and seminars had centred around initial training for investigators, but it noted that lately some workshops have been designed for advanced investigator training. The State encouraged the notion of increasing the frequency of the workshops and requested that ICAO disseminate information about the timing, location and content of future ICAO accident investigation workshops. Several States supported the view of this State.

3.2.4 A State recognized the founders who had established the Reachout Workshop Programme in 2001 and indicated how successful the programme had been in training investigators. The State requested the support of States in the continuation of the programme.

3.2.5 A State informed the meeting about the successful workshops that had been held in the Asia-Pacific Region in the last three years.

3.2.6 A State invited other States to have their investigators attend that State's investigations as observers for training purposes and to gain experience. The meeting appreciated and supported this invitation.

3.2.7 A State asked for information relating to the activities of Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme (COSCAP) projects in the regions in order that requests could be made for accident investigator training in relation to these projects. The meeting was informed by the Secretariat that the COSCAP projects were managed by the States within each COSCAP. If States required accident investigation workshops in their region within their COSCAP, a request should be initiated through their COSCAP Steering Committee.

3.2.8 A State presented information describing aviation safety initiatives and international training courses in aviation safety, accident prevention and accident investigation. This training has been organized by a well known accident investigation training institute in conjunction with that State's Ministry of Transport since 2002. The meeting noted the benefits of these courses which strongly support ICAO goals to provide enhanced training of safety professionals, thus offering opportunities to improve the skills of investigators.

3.2.9 Based on the discussion, the meeting made the following recommendations:

Recommendation 3/1 — Revival of ICAO AIG workshops

That ICAO revive accident investigation related workshops with the assistance of Contracting States. States were encouraged to provide support to ICAO in this initiative.

Recommendation 3/2 — Reachout Workshops

That ICAO and its regional offices continue to cooperate in the organization of the ISASI Reachout Workshops.

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