



Agenda Item 4: Aviation Safety Matters
4.6 Other Aviation Safety Matters

EIGHTH ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION (AIG) DIVISIONAL MEETING

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY This paper provides information on the Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIG) Divisional Meeting held in Montreal in October 2008.	
References • Annex 13, <i>Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation</i> • Doc. 9914- <i>Report of the Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIG) Divisional Meeting (2008)</i>	
Strategic Objectives	<i>This working paper is related to Strategic Objective A - Safety.</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The Eighth Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIG) Divisional Meeting (2008) (AIG/08) took place at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal from 13 to 18 October 2008, with the participation of some 225 attendees from seventy-five States and twelve international organizations.

1.2 The theme of the meeting was “Developing investigations to enhance safety worldwide”. In this respect, the meeting addressed a number of important provisions in Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation* with a view to further improving and amplifying the scope of investigations in a cost-effective environment.

2. Outcome of the meeting

2.1 Participants at the AIG/08 put forth twenty-four proposals to amend provisions in Annex 13 and twenty-three recommendations of a general nature aimed at improving aircraft accident and incident investigation and prevention for the enhancement of aviation safety worldwide.

2.2 Among other issues, the meeting discussed the future of accident and incident investigations with the goal to assist some States through the development of regional investigation bodies.

2.3 Reflected in the outcome of the meeting was the recognition that innovative approaches to accident and incident investigation are needed given the current realities of evolving technologies and

resource constraints. Some of the important recommendations that were agreed upon include the following:

- a) focusing investigations on those accidents where more safety lessons are expected to be learned;
- b) stronger emphasis on the investigation of serious incidents which will provide additional safety data;
- c) development of guidance material on regional cooperation in accident and incident investigations to assist those States lacking the necessary means;
- d) public availability of final accident reports in the interest of accident prevention;
- e) improved safety information sharing through the use of common safety taxonomies;
- f) reporting of accidents involving unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and very light jets;
- g) endorsement of a framework model Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between States in accident and incident investigations;
- h) improved guidance on the coordination of Annex 13 investigations and judicial processes;
- i) promotion of enhanced monitoring and resolution of safety recommendations; and
- j) assessment of Annex 13 related shortcomings identified by ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP).

3. Recommendations for amendment to Annex 13

3.1 The meeting made twenty-four recommendations for amendment to Annex 13, which are found in the Report of the Meeting (Doc 9914). On 5 and 12 March 2009, the Air Navigation Commission made a preliminary review of the recommendations and agreed to seek the comments of States and interested international organizations on the proposed amendments. Following receipt of comments from States and international organizations, a final review was conducted by the Commission on 12 November 2009, and it will now proceed to Council for adoption of amendments to Annex 13 in March 2010.

4. Recommendations on matters other than specific amendments to Annex 13

4.1 The twenty-three recommendations other than for SARPs considered the following: two recommendations addressed general ICAO policies; eleven dealt with AIG documentation and training; five related to safety data; two concerned safety recommendations; two related to flight recorders; and one covered AIG-related findings during USOAP.

4.2 The Air Navigation Commission reviewed these recommendations on 3 March 2009. It acted under delegated authority on twenty-one of them and recommended action by the Council on the remaining two. On 17 June 2009, the Council noted the actions taken by the Commission and took action on two recommendations. States were subsequently notified accordingly.

4.3 The recommendations of the Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIG) Divisional Meeting (2008) on matters other than specific amendments to Annex 13 are presented in a Supplement to the Report of the Meeting.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The meeting fully achieved its objective and it was widely recognized that the event also provided a rare opportunity for members of accident investigation authorities to network and exchange ideas, paving the way for additional cooperation among States.

5.2 Further information concerning AIG/08, including reports on all agenda items, is available on the meeting's website www.icao.int/aigdiv08.