



International Civil Aviation Organization

First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG/1)
(Bali, Indonesia, 18-19 September 2013)

Agenda Item 1: Review of the Conclusions of APRAST-AIG AWG/3, APRAST/3 and RASG-APAC/3

FORMATION OF THE APAC-AIG

(Presented by Chairman of APAC-AIG)

SUMMARY

This paper recapitulates the history of the formation of the APAC-AIG.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) has been institutionalised from a restructuring of the Accident Investigation Ad hoc Working Group of the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST-AIG AWG). The APRAST-AIG AWG is considered dissolved.

1.2 This paper provides a summary of the history of the formation of the APAC-AIG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The AIG AWG recommended to the APRAST in Conclusion 1/11 of APRAST-AIG AWG/1 that the RASG-APAC form a group of experts on accident/incident investigation with representation from the investigation authorities, industry partners and professional bodies to institutionalise a network for the exchange of views, practices and experiences.

2.2 The proposed group of experts was to serve as a permanent framework in the APAC region for cooperation in the area of aircraft accident/incident investigation. Such cooperation was to aim at improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the accident investigation systems of the APAC States/Administrations, thereby enhancing aviation safety. The proposal was inspired by the success of the operation of a similar grouping in Europe – the Group of Experts on Accident Investigation of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).

2.3 The APRAST adopted Conclusion 1/11 at APRAST/2 for forwarding to the RASG-APAC. The APRAST also requested the APRAST-AIG AWG to develop, for consideration by the RASG-APAC, terms of reference for the group of experts.

2.4 At APRAST-AIG AWG/2, the following terms of reference for the group of experts were developed:

- To assist States/Administrations in keeping abreast of developments in the area of accident/incident investigation
- To enhance the capabilities and professionalism of the accident/incident investigation bodies
- To promote the sharing of expertise, experience and information among accident/incident investigation bodies
- To develop and strengthen cooperation among the accident/incident investigation bodies

2.5 The RASG-APAC approved the formation of the group of experts at RASG-APAC/2. All APAC States/Administrations will be members of the APAC-AIG.

2.6 APRAST-AIG AWG/3 discussed the implementation plan and modalities for the group of experts. The following was adopted:

- The group of experts will be known as the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG).
- The current Chairman and Vice Chairman of the APRAST-AIG AWG will continue to serve as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the APAC-AIG.
- Regional Officer, Flight Safety, ICAO APAC Office will serve as the Secretary of the APAC-AIG.
- The APAC-AIG will aim to meet at least once a year. Meetings may be held at the ICAO APAC Office or hosted by States/Administrations.

2.7 Following the endorsement of the APRAST at APRAST/3, the APAC-AIG was considered officially formed. Concurrently, the APRAST-AIG AWG was considered dissolved.

2.8 The APAC-AIG will continue to report to the RASG-APAC through the APRAST for its activities and work programme.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the history of the formation of the APAC-AIG.

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