



International Civil Aviation Organization

First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG/1)
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Agenda Item 1: Review of Conclusions of APRAST-AIG AWG/3, APRAST/3 and RASG-APAC/3

**UPDATE ON THE ASIA-PACIFIC CODE OF CONDUCT ON COOPERATION
RELATING TO CIVIL AVIATION ACCIDENT/INCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

(Presented by Chairman of APAC-AIG)

SUMMARY

This paper provides an update on the developments of the Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The APRAST-AIG AWG developed an Asia Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation (CoC) with a view to promoting mutual cooperation in accident/incident investigation in the Asia and Pacific regions. The CoC provides for mutual cooperative support in terms of investigation facilities, equipment, manpower, skills and expertise, and covers also the areas of investigator training, observer attachment, and exchange of information.

1.2 This CoC is in line with ICAO's emphasis on regional investigation cooperation. States/Administrations with limited means can still achieve effective and successful investigations with the participation and assistance of other States/Administrations.

1.3 This paper provides an update on the developments of the Asia-Pacific Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation.

2. SUBSCRIBING TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 The ICAO APAC Office sent out a State Letter [Ref. T 6/13.9- AP012/13 (FS) dated 25 January 2013] to invite States/Administrations to pledge their support and subscribe to the CoC. Ten States/Administrations did so¹.

2.2 Although it was stated that the CoC was not meant to be legally binding, some States/Administrations still had reservation over this. To address this concern, the CoC was reviewed to reduce the use of words that may be perceived as having a legally binding meaning. The ICAO APAC Office sent out a State Letter [Ref. T 6/13.9- AP054/13 (FS) dated 23 April 2013] to invite

¹ Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Philippines, Republics of Korea, Singapore and Sri Lanka

comments on a draft revision to the CoC. The Code of conduct was subsequently revised, taking into consideration the comments received.

2.3 The ICAO APAC Office sent out a State Letter [Ref. T 6/13.9- AP 109/13 (FS) dated 2 August 2013] to invite States/Administrations to pledge their support and subscribe to the revised CoC. The 10 States/Administrations which had subscribed to the earlier version of the CoC are deemed to have subscribed to the revised CoC. Three other States/Administration have since pledged their support and subscribed to the revised CoC², making it a total of 13 States/Administrations that have accepted the CoC.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the status of subscription to the Code of Conduct and to urge States/Administrations that have not yet done so to consider subscribing to the Code of Conduct.

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² Macao China, Laos and Mongolia