



International Civil Aviation Organization

SECOND MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION GROUP (APAC-AIG/2)

(Hong Kong, China, 27 – 28 May 2014)

Agenda Item 1: Review of the Conclusions from APAC-AIG/1

REPORT ON THE WORKS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION GROUP TO THE ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY TEAM

(Presented by the Chairman of the APAC-AIG)

SUMMARY

This paper summarises the report by the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group to the Fourth Meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Fourth Meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST/4) was held on 22 to 25 April 2014 in Manila, Philippines. The Chairman of Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) reported to the APRAST/4 on the work undertaken by the APAC-AIG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The Chairman of the APAC-AIG introduced the background and evolution of the APRAST Accident Investigation Ad Hoc Working Group (APRAST-AIG AWG) to the APAC-AIG. All the 36 conclusions proposed by the APRAST-AIG AWG were considered closed, although the APAC-AIG will continue to monitor Conclusions AIG AWG 1/7 and AIG AWG 1/16 (see **Attachment A**).

2.2 The APRAST/4 noted the outcomes of the First Meeting of the APAC-AIG (APAC-AIG/1), and the activities of the APAC-AIG, especially the following;

- a) The APAC Code of Conduct on Cooperation Relating to Civil Aviation Accident/Incident Investigation; and
- b) A database on APAC investigation agencies, which has been developed by Bangladesh and which will be hosted by the ICAO APAC Office on its website.

2.3 The APRAST/4 noted also the efforts by the APAC-AIG in the area of investigator training, and encouraged States/Administrations to:

- a) attend, among others, the APAC-AIG/2 and the AsiaSASI Accident Investigation Workshop, which will be hosted by the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong on 27-28 May 2014 and 29-30 May 2014 respectively;
- b) host workshops/exercises in conjunction with ICAO regional events; and
- c) invite investigators from other States/Administrations to join the training that they organise for their own investigators.

2.4 Supporting the initiatives and work of the APAC-AIG, the ICAO Regional Director emphasised the importance for States/Administrations to establish an independent accident investigation authority. He also urged States/Administrations to pledge support to the APAC Code of Conduct on investigation cooperation and to respond to ICAO APAC Office's request for input to the database on APAC investigation agencies.

2.5 In line with the discussions, the APRAST/4 meeting developed the following five conclusions:

- a) That, RASG-APAC draw the States/Administrations' attention to the ICAO State Letter 2013/55 dated 19 July 2013 [Ref. AN 6/12-13/55] which proposes a new standard specifying that "States shall establish an accident investigation authority that is independent from State aviation authorities and other entities that could interfere with the conduct or objectivity of an investigation."
- b) That, RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations that have not yet established an independent accident investigation authority to do so as soon as possible.
- c) That, RASG-APAC inform States/Administrations that the APAC-AIG can be approached on matters relating to their plan to set up an independent accident investigation authority.
- d) That, RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to accept requests for observer participation when conducting investigations.
- e) That, RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to invite investigators from other States/Administrations to join the training that they organise, in order to help raise the knowledge, skill and experience of investigators in the APAC region.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note that the APRAST will forward the conclusions in paragraph 2.5 to RASG-APAC for consideration and where relevant, include in its Yearly Programme.

CONCLUSIONS AIG AWG 1/7 AND AIG AWG 1/16

Ref to APRAST- AIG AWG/1 Conclusion	Conclusion	Status of Follow-up Action
1/7	that, AIG AWG recommend to APRAST that RASG-APAC encourage States/Administrations to have a dedicated core of one or more trained accident investigators, lest the effort in training goes to waste through frequent changes of investigation personnel.	<p>Closed – APAC-AIG to continue to undertake</p> <p>ICAO APAC Office will convey to States/Administrations in a State Letter. APAC-AIG will monitor.</p>
1/16	that, AIG AWG recommend to the ICAO APAC Regional Office to explore possibilities of conducting ECCAIRS technical and end-user training.	<p>Closed – APAC-AIG to continue to undertake</p> <p>ICAO APAC Office is arranging for ECCAIRS Technical and End User Courses. APAC-AIG will monitor.</p>

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