



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Third Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group
(APAC-AIG/3)**

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Agenda Item 3: Update on ICAO Initiatives

ESTABLISHMENT OF ICAO ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL

(Presented by Singapore)

SUMMARY

This paper highlights the establishment of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel and summarises some information of the first meeting of this panel held at ICAO Headquarters on 21-24 Apr 15.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In its State Letter on 12 Nov 14 (ref: SP 70/1-IND/14/17), ICAO informed Member States and Administrations of the establishment of the Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP) by the Air Navigation Council (ANC). This action stems from developments requiring that accident and incident investigation methodologies, techniques and procedures progress more efficiently and expeditiously. ICAO believes that the work of the AIGP will advance strategies, policies and provisions relevant to States' Accident Investigation Authorities, enabling development of investigations in a timely and cost-effective manner.

1.2 The activities of the Accident Investigation Methodology Study Group (AIMSG) and the Group of Experts on Protection of Accident and Incident Records (GEPAIR) will be incorporated into the work programme of the AIGP. The AIGP will research and develop provisions for accident and incident investigations to allow for timely and effective investigations as set forth in Annex 13, and in support of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP).

1.3 The following Member States and international organizations were invited by the Commission to nominate an expert with relevant qualifications and professional experience for membership on the AIGP:

Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Ireland, Nigeria, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Federation of Air Line Pilot's Associations (IFALPA), International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) and Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The First Meeting of the AIGP (AIGP/1) took place at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada, on 21-24 Apr 15. The panel conducted the work in plenary and supplemented by working groups.

2.2 Apart from the experts from the invited Member States and International Organisations, the following participated as observers to the AIGP/1:

China, Germany, Kenya, Netherlands, South Africa, and International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA).

2.4 Mr. Mark Clitsome, from Transport Safety Board of Canada, and Mr. Chong Chow Wah, from the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore, were elected as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the AIGP respectively.

2.3 Nine job cards and sixteen working papers (WP) were presented at the AIGP/1 Meeting on the following work programme items:

- a. Investigation procedures, techniques and methodologies
- b. Protection of accident and incident records
- c. Investigation involving Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)
- d. Investigation of Serious Incidents
- e. Mutual cooperation in investigations
- f. AIG Divisional Meetings

2.4 The work programme items were divided into job cards for the AIGP members to deliberate at the meeting, review adequacy of current SARPs and guidance material and to generate additional guidance material as necessary. Specific timeline had been given to each job card items and the members and observers of the AIGP/1 Meeting formed eleven working groups to deal with these job card items.

2.5 The working groups would either conduct regular meetings, or communicate through emails or telecommunication calls to discuss on their work progress. Some of the working groups would have to work with members from other ICAO panels or study groups, for example, the ICAO RPAS panel and the MED/Medical Provisions Study Group (MPSG)

2.6 The next AIGP Meeting has been scheduled in May 2016 tentatively.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is invited to note the establishment of ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIGP) and the on-going work programme of the AIGP.