



International Civil Aviation Organization

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

(Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23 - 24 June 2015)

Agenda Item 3: Update on ICAO initiatives

**ICAO UPCOMING STANDARD FOR ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AUTHORITY**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper reminds the Meeting of ICAO's upcoming standard that will require States/Administrations to establish an independent investigation authority and to consult RASG-APAC's Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) if necessary.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the First Meeting of the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group held at Bali, Indonesia on 18 to 19 September 2013, Singapore presented WP/4, titled Independence of Accident and Incident Investigations. The WP/4 drew States/Administrations' attention to the CIAO State Letter 2013/55 dated 19 July 2013 [Ref. AN 6/12-13/55] proposing a new paragraph 3.2, to be inserted in Annex 13, as follows:

“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 proposed.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 During the Fourth Meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group – Asia and Pacific Regions (RASG-APAC/4) held in Hong Kong on 21-22 November 2014, the RASG-APAC/4 recognised the desirability for States/Administrations to have an independent aircraft accident investigation authority.

2.2 An ICAO State Letter 2015 dated 28 January 2015 [Ref. T 10/5.4- AP 016/15 (FS)] was sent by the ICAO APAC Regional Office to draw the attention of States/Administration of the upcoming new standard, and encouraged States/Administrations that have not yet established an independent accident investigation authority to do so as soon as possible.

2.3 The State Letter also informed States/Administrations may consider consulting RASG-APAC's Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG), if necessary, for assistance in accident investigation matters, including establishing an independent investigation system.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The Meeting is encouraged to

- a) establish an independent investigation system in their respective States/Administrations; and
- b) consider consulting RASG-APAC's Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) for assistance in accident investigation matters if necessary.

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