
SOUTH AMERICAN AIG REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (ARCM)

FOURTH AIG AUTHORITIES MEETING

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Item 12: Other matters

PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE AIR CRASH VICTIMS' FAMILIES' FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL (ACVFFI) AS MEMBER OF THE ARCM AS SPECIAL OBSERVER

(Presented by the Chairperson of the ARCM)

Summary

This working paper presents to the Fourth AIG Authorities Meeting a proposal for the incorporation of the ACVFFI international association as member of the ARCM as special observer.

References

- ARCM organisation and operations manual
- Doc 9946 – Manual on regional accident and incident investigation organization (RAIO).
- Doc. 9973 – Manual on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families.

1. Introduction

1.1. In order to improve effective implementation (EI) in its States and contribute to the reduction of the aircraft accident and incident rate in the SAM Region, the ICAO South American Office conducted a survey in 2013 and 2014 and made a diagnosis of AIG conditions in its States.

1.2. As part of the diagnosis, the SAM Region analysed the latest results obtained by its States in the Universal safety oversight audit programme (USOAP) up to 2014, and determined that one of the audit areas with the lowest effective implementation (EI) in terms of safety oversight was the aircraft accident and incident investigation (AIG) area, with a level of compliance of **69.64%**.

1.3. In this regard, it was noted that, in average, aspects related to investigation policies and procedures; the drafting, completion, and dissemination of the final report; the organisation, staffing, and personnel training; the drafting, dissemination, and recording of recommendations; and accident and incident data reporting (ADREP) had the largest number of unsatisfactory protocol questions (PQs) in SAM States.

1.4. The Region considered that these aspects should be the subject of an in-depth analysis in order to identify the root causes and establish mitigation measures to be applied in a collaborative manner through the implementation of an AIG regional cooperation mechanism, as a form of a regional aircraft accident and incident investigation organisation (RAIO) and as an acceptable solution to improve effective implementation in the SAM Region and contribute to the reduction of accidents and incidents in

the region.

1.5. Based on the foregoing, the Second AIG Authorities Meeting adopted Conclusion AIG-SAM/02-01, whereby the South American ARCM was created.

1.6. The South American AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism, called ARCM, has the mission of assisting States, upon request, on aspects related to aircraft accident and incident investigation within an environment of regional cooperation that will permit to improve effective implementation in the AIG area and contribute to the reduction of the aircraft accident and incident rate in the SAM Region below the global rate in all aviation segments.

2. **Participation of AIG organisations as observers**

2.1 The ARCM organisation and operations manual states that:

- Participation in the ARCM will be open to member States of the SAM Region, as well as to States and/or private entities interested in accident and incident investigation and that show their willingness to participate as special observers and are accepted by the ARCM (Art. 5 - Participants).
- Increase cooperation within the ARCM and at the international level for the exchange of accident and incident information (Art. 6 – Objectives of the ARCM).

2.2 In this regard, the ACVFFI, which is the Air Crash Victims' Families' Federation International, has requested its incorporation to the ARCM as special observer. **Appendix A** contains the letter of request of the ACVFFI.

2.3 At this stage of institutional strengthening and regional projection, it is extremely important to the ARCM that an association like the ACVFFI provides a different and more humane approach that may contribute to enhanced safety, and coordinates cooperation with international organisations involved in aviation, as set forth in ICAO Doc 9973.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The AIG Authorities of the Region are invited to:

- a) Take note and comment on the information provided in this working paper and in **Appendix A**.