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## AIG REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (AIG) OF SOUTH AMERICA

### FIFTH AIG AUTHORITIES MEETING (Medellin, Colombia, 03 to 05 October 2018)

#### Agenda Item 12: Other Issues

### PROPOSAL FOR THE INCORPORATION OF AIRBUS, ATR AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS (ISASI) AS ARCM MEMBERS IN CONDITION OF SPECIAL OBSERVERS

(Working Paper presented by the President of the Executive Committee)

#### Summary

This working paper presents to the Fifth AIG Authorities Meeting the proposal for the incorporation as ARCM members of the manufacturers Airbus and ATR and the International Society ISASI in condition of special observers.

#### References

- ARCM Functions and Organization Manual
- Doc. 9946 – Manual on Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organizations (RAIO)

## 1 Introduction

1.1 With the aim of improving the effective implementation (EI) of the States and supporting the reduction of the aircraft accident and incident rate in the SAM Region, the ICAO South American Office conducted, in 2013 and 2014, a survey and assessment of the AIG situation of the States.

1.2 In this assessment, the SAM Region analyzed the last results obtained by the States in the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) until 2014, and determined that one of the audit areas with less effective implementation (EI) in relation to the safety oversight capabilities was the aircraft accident and incident investigation (AIG) area with **69.64%** of compliance.

1.3 In this area, it was mainly observed that the issues related to investigation policies and procedures, the development, completion and release of the final report, the organization, staffing and training of personnel, the development, issuing and recording of safety recommendations and the notification of accident and incident data (ADREP) were the ones having the highest number of unsatisfactory Protocol Questions (PQs) as the SAM States general average.

1.4 The Region considered that these aspects should be under profound analysis in order to identify the root causes and establish mitigation measures that could be addressed from a collaborative point of view through the implementation of an AIG regional cooperation mechanism as a form of a regional aircraft accident and incident investigation organization (RAIO) and as one of the acceptable solutions to improve the effective implementation in the SAM Region and support the reduction of accidents and incidents in the Region.

1.5 With this background and considerations mentioned, in the Second AIG Authorities Meeting, the Meeting adopted the AIG-SAM/02-01 conclusion, through which the South American ARCM was established.

1.6 The AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism of South America, called ARCM, has the mission to support the States that request in the aspects related to aircraft accident and incident investigation in a regional cooperation environment that allows to improve the effective implementation in the AIG area and to contribute to the reduction of the aircraft accident and incident rate of the SAM Region below the global rate in all the aviation areas.

## **2 Participation of Other Organizations in Condition of Observers**

2.1 The ARCM Organization and Functions Manual expresses that:

- The participation in the ARCM will be open to the member States of the SAM Region as well as to State and/or private entities that, interested in accident and incident investigation, express their will to be incorporated in condition of special observers and be accepted in the ARCM (Art. 5 - Participants).
- To increase cooperation within the ARCM and internationally as regards accident and incident information sharing (Art. 6 - Objectives of the ARCM).

2.2 In this regard, aircraft manufacturers such as Airbus and ATR as well as the International Society for Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) have requested the ARCM to be incorporated as special observers. **Appendix A** includes the request letters.

2.3 It is of crucial importance for the ARCM, in this period of consolidation as for conformation and future plans at the regional level, that aircraft manufacturers as Airbus and ATR and a society such as ISASI can provide us with a different and more human approach that better contribute to safety and articulate cooperation with aircraft international organizations, public and private, as ICAO Doc. 9973 establishes.

## **3 Suggested Actions**

3.1 AIG Authorities of the Region are invited to:

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

## APPENDIX A

# AIRBUS

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September 2018

Mrs. Ana Pamela Suarez

Chairperson of the SAM ARCM and JIAAC Argentina

RE: Special Observer status request, ARCM-SAM

For your consideration:

On behalf of Airbus Product Safety, I write to request Special Observer status for AIRBUS on the ARCM-SAM.

We look forward to your favourable response and the receipt of the administrative details to conclude the process.

Respectfully,



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Toulouse, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

Subject: Special Observer Status request – SAM ARCM

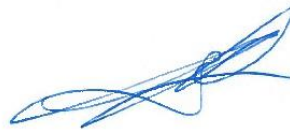
Dear Mrs Suarez,

For your consideration,

On behalf of the ATR Board of Directors, I write to request Special Observer Status for the ATR on the South American Accident Investigation Regional Cooperation Mechanism (SAM ARCM).

We look forward to your favorable response and the receipt of the administrative details to conclude the process.

Best Regards.



**Christopher McGregor**  
**Flight Safety Officer**  
**Head of Flight Safety, ATR**

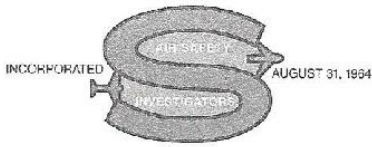


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Dear Mrs. Suarez,

RE: Special Observer Status request – SAM ARCM

For your consideration,

On behalf of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI) Executive Council, I write to request Special Observer Status for the ISASI on the South American Accident Investigation Regional Cooperation Mechanism (SAM ARCM).

We look forward to your favorable response and the receipt of the administrative details required to conclude the process.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Del Gandio  
President