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**AIG REGIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISM (ARCM) OF SOUTH AMERICA**

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

**Agenda Item 04:** Election for Presidency of the ARCM Executive Committee

**(Election-ARCM President)**

(Working Paper presented by JIAAC, Argentina)

**Summary**

This working paper presents to the Fifth AIG Authorities Meeting of South America (AIG-SAM/5), pursuant to what is established in the Functions and Organization Manual, section 11, 1, the convening for the ARCM Executive Committee members and election for presidency of the ARCM Executive Committee for the next three-year term.

**References**

- ARCM Functions and Organization Manual

**1 Introduction**

The AIG Regional Cooperation Mechanism (ARCM) of South America was established in the Second AIG Authorities Meeting of the SAM Region, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to support the States that request in the issues related to aircraft accident and incident investigation in a regional cooperation environment.

In that meeting it was agreed, among other issues, that the Mechanism have a Functions and Organization Manual to provide a frame of reference to develop the ARCM activities based on a functional and organizational structure.

In that manual, section 11 establishes that:

1. *The President shall be appointed by the member States, among the AIG Authorities, preferably for a three-year term with the responsibilities that the member States can determine, including the possibility of being re-elected for additional three-year terms. The position of President shall be offered by representation, not as a personal position.*
2. The President will have a minimum of two years for the management of his/her State AIG organization.
3. Subject to the political orientation of the member States, the President will perform the following functions:
  - a) to convene ARCM Executive Committee sessions through the General Coordinator;
  - b) to supervise and coordinate through the TC Coordinator the work of his/her office regarding the elaboration of common accident and incident investigation regulations for adoption and use of the member States;

- c) to supervise and coordinate through the TC Coordinator the work of his/her office regarding the elaboration of guidance material, investigators manuals and common checklists for the member States to use in the investigations;
  - d) to coordinate through the General Coordinator and the member States the deployment of ARCM AIG investigators with the purpose of conducting aircraft accident and incident investigations on behalf of the State of Occurrence and when this State requests it,
  - e) to supervise and coordinate through the General Coordinator the establishment and maintenance of an aircraft accident and incident database compatible with the ICAO ADREP/ECCAIRS system;
  - f) to supervise and coordinate through the General Coordinator the establishment and maintenance of an aircraft accident investigators list available to include, as members, the investigation teams of the ARCM States, when they require;
  - g) to supervise the development and implementation of a training programme for accident and incident investigators;
  - h) to supervise the exchange of information with the member States and accident and incident organizations;
  - i) to manage the provision of technical support to the member States in the accident and incident investigation area;
  - j) to carry out the annual ARCM activities programme once approved by States;
  - k) to prepare an annual ARCM activities report including information about the activities of the AIG investigators requested by the ARCM States;
  - l) to provide services and support to the Executive Committee sessions;
  - m) to evaluate and approve the requests of assistance made by other States not belonging to the ARCM;
  - n) to perform other functions assigned by the member States.
4. The President will be the main ARCM spokesperson and the main link between the member States and the ARCM.
5. The President will be responsible before the member States.

## **2 Conclusions**

In the AIG-SAM/2 Meeting, held in the city of Buenos Aires in June 2015, the Executive Committee elected the President of the Civil Aviation Accident Investigation Board of the Argentine Republic, C.P. Ana Pamela Suarez, as the first ARCM President to assist the ARCM in the first steps to consolidate the project at a regional level.

Having passed the established three-year term, it is necessary to call the ARCM Executive Committee members to elect the president of the ARCM Executive Committee for the next October 2018-October 2021 period.

## **3 Suggested Actions**

Executive Committee members are invited to:

- a) consider that the ARCM Executive Committee members not present in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting can also vote, through the virtual meeting system, simultaneously with the election in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and
- b) elect the President of the ARCM Executive Committee for the next three years.