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## FOREWORD

The purpose of this manual is to encourage the uniform application of the Standards and Recommended Practices contained in Annex 13 and to provide information and guidance to States on the procedures, practices and techniques that can be used in aircraft accident investigations. Since accident investigations vary in complexity, a document of this kind cannot cover all eventualities. The more common techniques and processes, however, have been included. Although this manual will be of use to experienced and inexperienced investigators alike, it is not a substitute for investigation training and experience.

This manual is issued in four separate parts as follows:

- Part I — Organization and Planning;
- Part II — Procedures and Checklists;
- Part III — Investigation; and
- Part IV — Reporting.

Because this manual deals with accident, serious incident and incident investigations, for reasons of brevity, the terms “accidents” and “accident investigation”, as used herein, apply equally to “incidents” and “incident investigation”.

The following ICAO documents provide additional information and guidance material on related subjects:

- Annex 13 — *Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*;
- *Manual on Accident and Incident Investigation Policies and Procedures* (Doc 9962);
- *Manual on Regional Accident and Incident Investigation Organization* (Doc 9946);
- *Human Factors Training Manual* (Doc 9683);
- *Manual of Civil Aviation Medicine* (Doc 8984);
- *Hazards at Aircraft Accident Sites* (Circular 315);
- *Training Guidelines for Aircraft Accident Investigators* (Circular 298); and
- *Human Factors Digest No. 7 — Investigation of Human Factors in Accidents and Incidents* (Circular 240).

This manual, which supersedes the *Manual of Aircraft Accident Investigation* (Doc 6920) in its entirety, will be amended periodically as new investigation techniques are developed and new information becomes available.

Throughout this manual, the use of the male gender should be understood to include male and female persons.

Readers are invited to submit material for possible inclusion in subsequent editions of this manual. This material should be addressed to:

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