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 FACILITATION

PACIFIC AVIATION SECURITY FORUM

Presented by the Pacific Aviation Security Forum Secretariat

INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

Delegates from across the Pacific attended a two day conference in Niue on 26-27 September 2018. The theme for the meeting was **For the Pacific, By the Pacific**. A range of topics were discussed and an opportunity was created for participants to share ideas on how to address some of the unique challenges faced by Pacific Islands in promoting and maintaining the achievement of aviation security outcomes. The meeting produced an outcomes document addressing key issues which is provided for the information of the DGCA delegates.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 26 & 27 September, 2018 representatives from 10 Pacific Islands and 5 regional bodies gathered for the Pacific Aviation Security Forum, which was hosted by Niue Island. Forty delegates discussed a range of topics including; recent international developments, emerging aviation security issues in New Zealand, training and development opportunities, transnational crime trends, the role of the Pacific Aviation Safety Office and the challenges faced by regulators and operators.

1.2 The theme of the conference was, “**For the Pacific, By the Pacific**” in recognition of the fact that the region provides a unique set of circumstances and often unique challenges. A huge geographical area, limited inter-island connectivity by air, widely varied scales of operations, airports that are often remote from population centres and commercial operations occurring at unsociable times require unique and regionally specific solutions.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The delegates agreed to continue working together to strengthen aviation security in the Pacific region by **RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF...**

- **HARMONISATION** by exploiting the commonality of our cultures, experiences and regulatory regimes to support each other to continuously improve.
- **RELATIONSHIPS** between Pacific states and with regional bodies and aviation stakeholders, noting the need for a collaborative, not combative, link between operators, regulators and service providers.
- **INFORMATION SHARING** as a vital element in the intelligent gathering process but also as a means of learning from each other through open lines of communication and the establishment of a regional message board.
- **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT** and the need to identify innovative ways that ensure the maintenance of competency and the retention of staff while ensuring that operators, regulators and service providers are equally provided with opportunities.

2.2 The delegates also acknowledged the support of the New Zealand Government and the invaluable contribution they make towards the achievement of aviation security outcomes in the Pacific region.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.

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