

## **INTERIM STATEMENT**

### **ACCIDENT OF PIA FLIGHT PK8303 AIRBUS A320-214 REG NO AP-BLD CRASHED NEAR KARACHI AIRPORT ON 22-05-2020**

1. On 22 May 2020 at 14:40 hrs PST, the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) aircraft Airbus A320-214, crashed in a populated area, short of runway 25L Jinnah International Airport (JIAP) Karachi. Out of 99 souls on-board, 97 were fatally injured.
2. This interim statement is issued in accordance with the requirements of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex-13 to provide an overview of the progress of safety investigation and is not meant for any legal / administrative proceedings. Therefore, contents of this interim statement are not to be used without context, and for any other purpose.
3. The safety investigation proceedings involved contribution of various participants, collaboration sessions, teleconferences, joint meetings / discussion sessions, physical visits and numerous emails. In addition to exchange of relevant documents, member state Accredited Representatives (ACCREPs) and their technical advisors have generated various contribution reports. AAIB team has also visited Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and PIA stations both at Lahore and Karachi to gather further evidence.
4. ACCREPs recommended face to face session between BEA, Safran, Airbus and AAIB Pakistan. The meeting was planned in end of January, 2022 in France but got delayed due to spike in COVID-19 cases and related travel restrictions. The meeting was rescheduled in mid of March, 2022. During the meeting, various aspects related to accident were discussed in detail to reach agreed conclusions. Few additional information and engineering simulations were requested by AAIB team. Most of the requested information has already been received from ACCREPs.
5. Analysis of gathered information in combination with contribution reports is under progress at AAIB for formulation of conclusions and safety recommendations. Draft Final Report is presently under process and likely to be completed soon. As per pre-finalization requirement of ICAO Annex-13, participating states will have the opportunity to review and comment on draft final report. After necessary reconciliation / addressing of the comments received from the participating states, the final report shall be forwarded to the Government of Pakistan for public release.

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