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Safety Recommendation:

Due to the historical absence of an established flight safety organisation within the Air Corps, the Department of Defence should commission, on behalf of the Air Corps, an independent Air Operations Safety Audit, by an agency with a proven track record of expertise in Military Aviation. The results of this audit will form the foundation for the new Air Safety Office.

Response:

The Department of Defence have appraised the AAIU on 4 December 2001 of progress on this Safety Recommendation: *“Following consultation between Department of Defence, the Department of Public Enterprise and the Air Corps on the matter an initial specification was drafted and was sent to 8 potential auditors for consideration on 1 February. Four of these agencies, the Swedish, Danish, Canadian and Dutch Air Forces indicated that while they would be interested in being of assistance that they were not able or not in an immediate position to undertake the audit while three agencies, Flight Safety Foundation, Enders Associates International/Ron Schleede and Intercontinental Aviation Safety Consultants returned full proposals (no response was received from the Austrian Air Force). Following examination of these proposals by the Department! Air Corps it was decided to award the contract on 21 February, 2001 to Intercontinental Aviation Safety Consultants.*

Intercontinental commenced their work on 21 March 2001 and concluded their audit on 29 March,2001. Their final report was received in July, 2001. This Report was examined by both by the Department and the Military Authorities, following which the Air Corps were tasked to take immediate steps towards implementing the recommendations. In a report, submitted by the Air Corps Flight Safety Officer last month, the Air Corps have outlined progress to date on implementing certain of the recommendations contained in the Safety Audit and the further action required. To further advance the implementation of the recommendations of the Safety Audit, a Working Group comprising members of the Defence Forces and an official of the Department will oversee the consideration and implementation of the safety issues addressed in the Safety Audit.”

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