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The Air Accident Investigation Department is mandated by the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation to investigate and determine probable causes of air transportation accidents and incidents, issue safety recommendations¹ to prevent similar accidents or incidents from occurring, study transportation safety issues and evaluate the safety effectiveness of agencies and stakeholders involved in air transportation.

On August 24, 2018, the AAID adopted its safety recommendation report. The details of a related accident investigation and the resulting safety recommendations may be found in the attached report.

Among the Safety Recommendations are eight (8) of critical importance, five (5) issued to the Airport Authority, two (2) issued to the Safety Oversight Department (SOD) of the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA), and one (1) issued to the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation with responsibility for aviation in the Bahamas. These recommendations can be found in the attached report.

The AAID is vitally interested in these recommendation because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response from your organization within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement them. When replying please refer to the safety recommendations by number.

Regards

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¹ In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, International Standards and Recommended Practices, Chapter 6, Paragraph 6.8 and the Bahamas Civil Aviation (Investigations of Air Accidents and Incidents) Amendment Regulations 1.460(a) *"At any stage of the investigation of an accident or incident, the AAID shall, in a dated transmittal correspondence recommend to the appropriate authorities, including those in other States, those persons or organizations of the aviation community that have a direct interest in the safety issue that was the basis for the safety recommendation as well as to other members of the aviation community who would benefit from the information, any preventive action that the AAID considers necessary to be taken promptly to enhance aviation safety."*