

## Foreword

The Kingdom of Bahrain is a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago, 1944). Article 26 of the Convention obligates the governments of countries that are signatories to the Convention to conduct investigations into aircraft accidents and incidents in their territories, which involve specific aircraft from other countries which are also signatories to the Convention.

The Kingdom of Bahrain applies the standards and recommended practices of Annex 13 of the Convention to all investigations of aircraft accidents and incidents. In doing so, the fundamental objective of the investigation is the prevention of aircraft accidents and incidents. The intention of this activity is neither to apportion blame, nor to assess individual or collective responsibility. The sole objective is to draw from this occurrence lessons that may help to prevent future accidents or incidents.

This document is based on the data collected on the circumstances of the accident, which then has been analysed for the investigation. The focus of the investigation of the tragic accident to GF-072 has been to establish what happened, to analyse how and why the occurrence took place, and from this analysis to determine what the occurrence reveals about the safety health of the aviation system. Such information is used to arrive at conclusions and make safety recommendations aimed at reducing or eliminating the probability of a repetition of the same type of occurrence, and where appropriate, to increase the overall safety of the aviation system.

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