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Subject: Third Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search
and Rescue Task Force
(Maldives, 25¹ – 29 January 2015)

Action required: To reply by **12 January 2015**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Third Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Task Force (APSAR/TF/3) will be held at the Hulhule Island Hotel in the Maldives from 25 – 29 January 2015.

APSAR/TF/3 will review the current Search and Rescue status and Search and Rescue preparedness of Asia and Pacific Region States, identifying SAR Activities and areas where Search and Rescue requires improvement. It will greatly assist the work of the Task Force if States could ensure that the information contained within the SAR Capability Matrix (**Attachment A**) and the SAR Letters of Agreement Matrix (**Attachment B**) are updated to this office prior to the meeting.

In addition, the APSAR/TF/3 will further develop the draft Asia/Pacific SAR Plan. Meeting participants are reminded that they should familiarise themselves with the draft Asia/Pacific SAR Plan provided at APSAR/TF/2 and provide feedback before **Friday 31 October 2014** in order for their comment to be incorporated into APSAR/TF/3 papers.

Accordingly, I wish to invite your Administration to arrange for attendance of suitable SAR experts at this important meeting. I am requesting that you kindly provide, at your earliest convenience and not later than **Monday, 12 January 2015**, the name(s) of the delegate(s) from your State that will be attending the meeting.

Enclosed herewith are the Provisional Agenda (**Attachment C**), Registration Form (**Attachment D**) and Meeting Bulletin (**Attachment E**). Please note that as January is within the high tourist season for the Maldives, that participants are urged to book their accommodation as early as possible.

¹ Please note the meeting starts on Sunday 25 January 2015 to avoid meeting on the Friday for the Maldives

It is strongly recommended that papers to the meeting should be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date, via email to the Regional Office, but in any case not later than **Wednesday 14 January 2015** (after that date, papers may be considered as a Flimsy at the discretion of ICAO). ICAO is moving towards a 'paperless' meeting environment by increasing use of electronic media for meeting materials; therefore, delegates should obtain copies of meeting materials from the website of the Asia/Pacific Regional office at <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx> prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Arun Mishra
Regional Director

Attachments:

- A — SAR Capability Matrix
- B — SAR Letters of Agreement Matrix
- C — Provisional Agenda
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