GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Place of the Meeting

The CAR Region Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting/Workshop will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 28 March-01 April 2005, at the premises of the V Centenario Hotel.

2. Address of the Meeting

The V Centenario Intercontinental Hotel is located in:

Ave. George Washington 218, Aptd. Postal 2890-Santo Domingo, Rep. Dom.

Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

Tel: +1 809 221-1889 Fax: +1 809 686-3576

E-mail: yalta rodriguez@interconti.com

Web page: www.intercontinental.com/santodomingo

3. Registration of Participants

The registration of participants will take place on 28 March 2005, from 08:30 to 09:00

4. Opening of the Meeting

The opening session will take place on 28 March 2005 at 09:00 hrs. at the La Niña Conference Room.

5. Temperature

hrs.

In March the temperature in Santo Domingo is expected to range approximately from 25° C to 27° C, the humidity is of 80%.

6. Money Exchange

The national currency is the peso (RD\$). Currently the exchange rate is RD\$29.00 per USD \$1.00. It is advisable to exchange money in Banks or exchange agencies.

7. Credit Cards

International credit cards usually accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants are: Visa, Diners, Master Card and American Express.

8. Lodging

Hotels suggested below will apply special rates to all participants in the Meeting.

HOTEL	SINGLE/DOUBLE ROOM
Hotel V Centenario Av. George Washington 218-Aptd. Postal 2890-Santo Domingo, Rep. Dom. Tel: 809-221-1889 Fax: 809-686-3576 E-mail: yalta_rodriguez@interconti.com www.intercontinental.com/santodomingo	Single USD75.00 + Taxes:26% Double USD75.00+ Taxes:26% Includes breakfast
Hotel Jaragua Av. Geprge Washington Tel. 809-221-1476 Fax. 809-687-9181 Email. spna@renaissancejaragua.net	Single USD95.00 + Taxes:26% Double USD130.00 + Taxes:26% Includes breakfast
Hotel Melia Santo Domingo Av. George Washington 1365, p.o BOX 9326 Tel. 809-221-6666 Fax. 809-687-8150 Email. meliasdb@codetel.net.do	Single USD95.00 + Taxes:26% Double USD130.00 + Taxes:26% Includes breakfast

Note: The special rate of the Hotel V Centenario is granted to ICAO participants.

9. Hospitals

If necessary, the Clinica Abreu is recommended, located in Ave. Independencia No. 42, with Beller. Telephone: 688 4411.

10. Commercial working hours

From 08:30 a.m. to 07:30 p.m., approx.

11. Electricity

110 Volts/60Hz.

12. Airport departure tax

The Airport Departure Tax is US\$20.00

Note: Some air tickets include the departure tax (COPA AIRLINE)

13. Tax on purchases and tipping

Tax on all purchases is included in all prices. Furthermore, tips in restaurants are not included in the bills, therefore it is recommended to consider a 10% tip.