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CAMBODIA SAR LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

(Presented by Cambodia)

SUMMARY

This paper provides a brief overview of the Search and Rescue Legislation and Regulations in Cambodia at the International and national level as well as with regard to SAR agreement.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Cambodia civil aviation system is being improved to become integrated and be in accordance with the world civil aviation system.

1.2 In this optics efforts are in progress to provide search and rescue service (SAR) with regard to ICAO Annex 12 standards. These standards prescribe the creation and the provision of SAR service within every contracting State.

1.3 A part from that, recognizing the importance of the mutual assistance in SAR service provision, the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) has been actively cooperating and coordinating with other Civil Aviation Administrations in developing and signing the Letter of Agreements (LOAs)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for provision of SAR assistance as well as in keeping close SAR coordination activities.

2. DISCUSSION

General

2.1 No single State SAR agency can act alone; because none have sufficient resources. It starts with eliciting cooperation, communication and coordination from a vast array of participants. SAR is not just an ethically humanitarian service, but also an essential constituent of the family of air navigation services mandated by the Chicago convention and a legal obligation of all States contracted to it.

2.2 As prescribed by ICAO and pursuant to Air Navigation Plan, Asia and Pacific Regions (Doc.9673), States should take the steps necessary and practicable to ensure the availability of effective aeronautical SAR services by establishing domestic and international SAR agreements where such agreements may improve SAR services and to coordinate efforts among entities that provide or support SAR services.

2.3 The meeting of APANPIRG (SEACG/22, March 2015) reviewed the updated List based on information provided by concerning States to identify and address specific deficiencies in the air navigation field. APANPIRG had identified Cambodia SAR Capability deficiencies. SAR Equipment, Legislation and Regulations are met in the Annex 12 requirements in some areas and so on.

2.4 The potential issues are provision of sufficient resources for 24 hour RCC facility and staff; a suitable number of trained and skilled staff, supplemented by a pool of trained RCC support staff where appropriate. Cambodia had taken firm corrective action to eliminate the deficiencies, and adopted the ICAO recommendation by ratification and establishment of an appropriate legal framework designating, recognizing and giving authority to national SAR authorities; but we also highly need assistance from International SAR Authority both technical and resource to solve this problems.

Search and Rescue Legislation and Regulations

2.5 International legal documents are as follows:

- a) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 12 to the Chicago Convention – Search and Rescue and including additional provisions from ICAO Annex 19 to the Chicago Convention – Safety Management;
- b) *ICAO Annex 13 – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation*;
- c) IAMSAR Manual Volumes I, II and III;
- d) *ICAO Doc 7030 – Regional Supplementary Procedures for Alerting and SAR services applicable in the SEA Region*;
- e) Safe of live at sea (SOLAS); and
- f) Asia/Pacific SAR Plan.

2.6 National legal documents are as follows:

- a) Law on Civil Aviation of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- b) Cambodian Civil Aviation Regulations (CCAR);
- c) Law on National Committee for Disaster Management of Cambodia (NCDM);
- d) Ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response;
- e) Sub-decree on the Membership of National SAR Committee under the National Committee for Disaster Management (issued by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia);
- f) Sub-decree on the Organization and Functioning of the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (issued by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia);
- g) Proclamation on the Organization and Functioning of each Department under State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (issued by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister In charge of the Office of the Council of Minister of Cambodia); and
- d) Other relevant provisions.

2.7 The operational documents are as follows:

- a) CCAR Part 18.6 Aeronautical Search and Rescue Services;
- b) Cambodia SAR Operation Procedures Manual;
- c) ANS Inspector Manual;
- d) Airport Emergency Plans; and
- e) other operational documents.

2.8

Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Agreements are listed below:

- a) In 1972 Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for aircrafts in distress and Rescue of survivors of aircraft accidents amongst ASEAN Member States;
- b) Agreement establishment the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre);
- c) ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER);
- d) Letter of Agreement for Operational Air Traffic Services (ATS) between State Secretariat of Civil Aviation of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Aeronautical Radio of Thailand Limited (AEROTHAI);
- e) Letter of Agreement between Phnom Penh Area Control Centre (PNH ACC) and Ho Chi Minh Area Control Centre (HCM ACC);
- f) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation in receiving, controlling and distributing COSPAS-SARSAT alert data between the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- g) Letter of Agreement (LOA) for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam (CAAV); and
- h) Letter of Agreement (LOA) for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) and Department of Civil Aviation Lao People's Democratic Republic Lao PDR (Lao DCA).

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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