



IMO

***E***

ICAO/IMO JWG ON HARMONIZATION OF  
AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SAR  
14th session  
Agenda item 9

ICAO/IMO JWG 14/9-WP/6  
18 May 2007  
ENGLISH ONLY

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Terms of reference and provisional agenda for the next meeting

#### Note by the IMO Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Joint Working Group is requested to propose its draft terms of reference and provisional agenda for JWG 15 to COMSAR 12
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 2.
<i>Related documents:</i>	COMSAR 11/18, annex 6

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 As usual, during COMSAR 11 the terms of reference and provisional agenda for JWG 14 was reviewed by the SAR Working Group. The normal procedure up to now was, that the terms of reference and agenda of the previous meeting were leading for the discussion in the SAR Working Group. The IMO Secretariat considered that it would be more efficient if, from now on, the Joint Working Group proposes its draft terms of reference and provisional agenda for the next meeting to COMSAR.

## 2. ACTION BY THE ICAO/IMO JWG

2.1 The ICAO/IMO JWG is requested to propose its draft terms of reference and provisional agenda for JWG 15 to COMSAR 12. An initial draft is attached.

— — — — —

**DRAFT****TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE  
~~FOUR~~FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE ICAO/IMO JOINT WORKING GROUP ON  
THE HARMONIZATION OF AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE  
(JWG-15)****TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. This Joint Working Group (JWG) is established to develop recommendations and information to support the IMO Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and rescue **(COMSAR)** and/or ICAO, as appropriate, on any matters pertinent to harmonization of international maritime and aeronautical SAR.
  2. The JWG will meet as necessary, subject to approval of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee and ICAO, with meetings hosted and supported by IMO and ICAO on an alternating basis.
  3. Invitations to participate in the JWG will be submitted to respective Member States by both IMO and ICAO.
  4. Language services will not be provided during JWG meetings.
  5. JWG meetings will generally take place annually about midway between meetings of the IMO Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue.
  6. The JWG will provide an active interface between IMO and ICAO for harmonization of maritime and aeronautical SAR plans and procedures in accordance with the 1985 MoU between IMO and ICAO, and with Resolution 1 of the 1979 International Conference on Maritime Search and Rescue.
  7. The JWG will review and develop proposals relating to harmonization in various matters including:
    - a) provisions of conventions, plans, manuals and other documents affecting SAR;
    - b) SAR operational principles, procedures and techniques;
    - c) SAR system administration, organization and implementation methods;
    - d) RCC/RSC equipment and facility designations and standards;
    - e) SAR communications; and
    - f) SAR personnel staffing and training.
  8. Need for JWG continuation will be reviewed by IMO and ICAO on an ongoing basis; the JWG will be discontinued when either organization concludes the work is no longer cost effective, and formally informs the other of its decision to discontinue.
- — — — —

**DRAFT**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA JWG-15 [SEPTEMBER 2008]**

1. Adoption of the agenda  
~~Election of a chairperson.~~
2. Consideration of terms of reference – future work of the Joint Working Group and priorities:
  - .1 briefing on the outcome of COMSAR 11 and MSC 82; ~~and~~
  - .2 briefing on outcome of ICAO activities related to the Joint Working Group work; ~~and~~
  - .3 draft terms of reference and provisional agenda for JWG 16.
3. Provisions of conventions, plans, manuals and other documents affecting SAR:
  - .1 status of the Maritime SAR Convention;
  - .2 ~~progress report on the possible~~ alignment of the IMO Area SAR Plans, GMDSS Master Plan and ICAO Regional Air Navigation Plans;
  - .3 progress report on work by the Air Navigation Commission [in advancing provisions for carriage of ELTs and] in reviewing States' responses to the provisions; ~~and~~
  - .4 further work on the IAMSAR Manual, availability for training – institutions, priority items for amendments; ~~and~~
4. SAR operational principles, procedures and techniques:
  - .1 safety of passenger ships;
  - .2 mass rescue operations, taking account of experiences from major disasters;
  - .3 medical assistance in SAR services;
  - .4 effects of measures to enhance maritime and aeronautical security on SAR services, including the implementation of the Long-range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) system; and
  - .5 development of procedural strategies for the practical provision of SAR services.
5. SAR system administration, organization and implementation methods:
  - .1 regional SAR databases i.e. SDP, facilities;
  - .2 development of guidelines for sub-regional SAR organization;
  - .3 quality assurance, improvement, needs assessment, risk management (including sub-regional organizations) and resource allocation;

- .4 implementation and operation of the “International SAR Fund”; and
  - .5 evaluating the effect of various technical co-operation projects in cooperation with relevant governments, organizations and agencies with a view to assess their impact on implementing and maintaining SAR services.
6. RCC/RSC equipment and facility designations and standards:
  - .1 establishment of RCCs and in particular JRCCs; and
  - .2 status of AIS and related systems in aeronautical and maritime SAR.
7. SAR communications:
  - .1 status of the GMDSS;
  - .2 status of aeronautical communications systems for distress and SAR; ~~including:~~
    - ~~.2.1 establishment of IBRD;~~
    - ~~.2.2 suitability of PLBs for carriage by ships and aircraft; and~~
    - ~~.2.3 registration of PLBs;~~
  - .3 status of the COSPAS-SARSAT System;
  - ~~.4~~ future trends in SAR communications ~~including cell phones;~~ and
    - ~~.4 minimum communications needs for RCCs; and~~
  - .5 non-GMDSS Communications systems which may be used for distress alerting.
8. SAR personnel staffing and training:
  - .1 development of RCC Staff Certificates; and
  - .2 development of joint SAR courses based on the IAMSAR Manual.
9. Any other business
10. Report to ICAO and the COMSAR Sub-Committee

— END —