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MALAYSIA SAR LOAs

(Presented by MALAYSIA)

SUMMARY

This paper presents provides a brief update on Malaysia's Search & Rescue Letter of Agreements (SAR LOAs) between the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia and the SAR Administrators of the neighbouring States.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper provides information on the actions of the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) to review all SAR LOAs that were signed while the organisation was known as the Department of Civil Aviation Malaysia (DCA). Efforts are also being made in developing new SAR LOAs with India and Myanmar with the intention of ratifying these agreements in the near future.

1.2 This will ensure that all SAR activities and operations between adjacent States can be carried out most effectively bound by an official document that safeguards the interests of both States.

2. DISCUSSION

SAR Agreements

2.1 For the implementation of sustainable SAR cooperation between Malaysia and adjacent States, DCA has successfully signed Operational Letter of Agreements for the Provision of Search and Rescue Services with:

- a) Singapore in August 1984;
- b) Indonesia in August 1985;
- c) Thailand in September 1985;
- d) Philippines in December 1985; and
- e) Brunei in December 1998.

2.2 CAAM as Malaysia's Aeronautical SAR Authority would like to ensure that all existing SAR LOAs are reviewed and updated in line with the current requirement, recommendations, and best practices in SAR. At the same time, States will be able to adhere to ICAO's recommendations which

is to constantly review and update these agreements for enhancement of SAR cooperation between neighbouring countries.

2.3 CAAM had sent official letters to neighbouring States via email on 14 April 2021, to initiate SAR LOA discussions and conduct joint SAR cooperation. In addition, Malaysia had also proposed new and revised Letter of Agreements for the provisions of assistance in Aeronautical Search and Rescue for the following States:

NO.	STATE	STATE'S SAR ADMINISTRATION
1.	Brunei	Department of Civil Aviation Brunei
2	India	Airport Authority of India
3	Indonesia	The National Search and Rescue Agency
4	Myanmar	Department of Civil Aviation Myanmar
5	Philippines	Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
6	Singapore	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore
7	Thailand	Ministry of Transport Thailand

2.4 To ensure smooth coordination of SAR activities and LOA discussions between States, the following are Malaysia's point of contact for SAR Administrative matters:

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2.5 Malaysia seeks the cooperation from neighbouring States in reviewing and renewing existing or new SAR LOAs.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
- b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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