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Agenda Item 4: Asia/Pacific and Inter-Regional SAR Planning, Coordination and Cooperation

INDIA SAR UPDATE

(Presented by India)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the updates of INDIA Search and Rescue and highlighted on the improvement of compliances SAR Performance Indicators (41 elements) by India.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 As we are all aware, the whole world has been facing the adverse consequences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic since 2020, and Search and Rescue is no exception. A limited number of new assignments could be undertaken during this period. However, sincere efforts have been made to ensure that the work stays on track. All operations have been shifted online wherever possible. This paper sheds light on the various activities undertaken during the pandemic period.

2. DISCUSSION

Update of National Aeronautical Search and Rescue Manual

2.1 The National Aeronautical Search and Rescue Manual was updated in October 2020. Two new topics Mass Rescue Operations (MRO) and Detection of emergency beacon with the help of MEOSAR have been included in the National Aeronautical Search and Rescue Manual. The updated document has been submitted to Ministry of Civil Aviation for approval.

Inclusion of Airport Emergency Plan in Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan of Operations

2.2 Airport Emergency Plan has been included in Search and Rescue (SAR) Plan of Operations prepared for each Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) / Rescue Sub Centre (RSC).

Online SAR Refresher Course

2.3 Online Search and Rescue refresher course was conducted for SAR trained personnel from 2nd to 4th December 2020. The participants were from Indian Coast Guard (ICG-responsible for providing Marine Search and Rescue) and Airports Authority of India (AAI). The faculty was provided by ICG/INMCC and AAI.

Letter of Agreement (LoA)

2.4 The draft Letter of Agreement with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are now available with the respective Governments for comments. Similarly, draft Letter of Agreement with Maldives and Mauritius are under process with the Ministry of Civil Aviation (India).

Status of MEOSAR

2.5 T&E (Test And Evaluation) of the system is in progress. Acceptance test for LGM (LEO GEO MEO) MCC is going on and likely to be operationalized by the end of 2021.

Regional SAR Plan Monitoring and Reporting Form

2.6 The SAR Performance Indicators of Regional SAR Plan Monitoring and Reporting Form have been reassessed and SAR Indicator at S.No.13 (established RCC plans for response to Mass Rescue Operations (MROs) integrated with National Disaster plans) has been fully complied.

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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