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

STATE SECRETARIAT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SSCA) SAR SERVICES PROVISION

(Presented by Cambodia)

SUMMARY

The State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) is responsible for establishing and providing Search and Rescue (SAR) services within Cambodian territory. It coordinates with other agencies, including the Royal Cambodian Army and the Cambodian National Police, under the leadership of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM). These efforts ensure that assistance is available to persons in distress on a 24-hour basis.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA) oversees the operations of all international and domestic airports in Cambodia through the Directorate General of Operations and Services (DGOS).

1.2 Aviation SAR service coordination is managed by the SSCA in cooperation with other agencies, in accordance with Cambodian law.

2. DISCUSSION

Main Function of SSCA

2.1 Regulatory and operational responsibilities:

- a) issuance of Operating Certificates to airlines and aviation businesses;
- b) licensing and certification of aviation personnel;
- c) oversight of aviation safety and security;
- d) regulation of air transport services;
- e) provision of Air Navigation Services (ANS);
- f) construction, management, and operation of aerodromes; and
- g) implementation of ICAO SARPs, PANS, and other guidance materials.

2.2 Technical Directorate General (TDG):

- a) provides regulatory oversight through various departments; and
- b) ensures ANS are managed by the ANS Department.

- 2.3 Directorate General of Operations and Services (DGOS):
- a) delivers service provider functions, including SAR operations under the SAR Department, in coordination with other agencies led by the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM).
- 2.4 Separation of roles:
- The SSCA maintains a clear separation between service provider and regulatory functions, as mandated by:
- a) Royal Kram No. NS/RTM1123/020 (2023); and
 - b) Decree No. 56 (2024).
- 2.5 Rescue Coordination Center (RCC):
- a) located at Phnom Penh International Airport, operating 24/7 under the supervision of the ATS/SAR Division; and
 - b) equipped with advanced monitoring and communication facilities.

SAR Agreements

- 2.6 Commitment to regional cooperation:
- a) Cambodia is committed to further discussions and revisions of SAR Letters of Agreement (LOA) with neighboring States; and
 - b) engages in official coordination requests and proposals under the Cospas-Sarsat Agreements between Mission Control Centers (MCCs).

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

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

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