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CAMBODIA AERONAUTICAL SEARCH AND RESCUE UPDATE

(Presented by Cambodia)

SUMMARY

This paper provides information and Cambodia's updates on Aeronautical Search and Rescue activities in Cambodia.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In line with the guidance from APSAR/WG9, ATM/SG/12, and SAIOSEACG/4 on the overall implementation levels of Search and Rescue (SAR) coordination as outlined in the Asia/Pacific SAR Plan, and with reference to the updated Asia/Pacific electronic Air Navigation Plan (eANP), Cambodia wishes to provide an update on recent activities related to Search and Rescue.

2. DISCUSSION

Flight Information Region (FIR) and Search and Rescue Region (SRR)

2.1 APSAR/WG/10 WP/05 presented an update on the progress of SRR description information for incorporation into the electronic Air Navigation Plan (eANP).

2.2 Currently, ANP Volume I Table ATM 1-I and Table SAR 1-I only provides the designation of Phnom Penh FIR and Phnom Penh SRR respectively, but without other descriptions (i.e. lateral limits coordinates and vertical limits).

2.3 Cambodia has proposed the lateral limits coordinates defining the Phnom Penh FIR and Phnom Penh SRR for review by the neighboring States. The proposed coordinates are technical matter, and not related to territorial integrity or political considerations.

2.4 Cambodia has submitted the Proposals for Amendment (PfAs) for Phnom Penh FIR and Phnom Penh SRR together with evidence to the ICAO Asia/Pacific Regional Office. However, ICAO mentioned that these PfAs still need to be further clarified/justified in coordination with adjacent States.

SAR Agreements

2.5 Commitment to regional cooperation:

- a) Cambodia is committed to further discussions and revisions of the SAR Letters of Agreement (LOA) with neighboring States.

Technical Cooperation

2.6 On 16 May 2025, the Secretariat of State for Civil Aviation (SSCA) of Cambodia and the National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) of Indonesia held a Coordination Meeting via Zoom to discuss technical cooperation in the field of Aviation Search and Rescue. This initiative reflects the spirit of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), in which Indonesia emphasizes inclusive and collaborative partnerships. The meeting marked a concrete step toward enhancing regional SAR capacity through cooperation and mutual support, in line with AOIP's principles of dialogue, collaboration, and shared responsibility in addressing challenges within the region.

2.7 Cambodia would like to propose to ICAO and States to consider providing support to Cambodia on the search and rescue area, focusing on human development through professional capacity building, technical facilities development, and necessary procedures.

GADSS-ADT

2.8 With the new standard regarding the GADSS-ADT, Cambodia would like to seek ICAO advice and States' experience on the standardize process of how to approve the flight without the equipage of GADSS-ADT.

Airport Development

2.9 According to the government's strategic plan, Cambodia had established one domestic and two international airports during the COVID-19 pandemic (2018-2025). Dara Sakor Airport Category 4C, Siem Reap International Airport Category 4E officially opened on 05 October 2023, and Techno International Airport, Category 4F, will be officially opened in September 2025.

2.10 The SSCA is working with the concerned airport authorities and operators to engage them with Search and Rescue activities such as firefighting category, airport emergency plan and airport emergency.



Figure 1: Dara Sakor Airport



Figure 2: Siem Reap International Airport



Figure 3: Techo International Airport

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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