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Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions (SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM)

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**DRAFT AGENDA, EXPLANATORY NOTES, WORKING METHOD AND SCHEDULE
OF THE SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM MEETING**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This Working Paper presents the Draft Agenda, Explanatory Notes and Working Method for the SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM Meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

1.1 The Draft Agenda and Explanatory Notes for the SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM Meeting are presented in **Appendix A** for consideration by the Meeting.

2. Working method

2.1 It is suggested that the Meeting hold its sessions as a whole, and that the Chairperson activate ad hoc groups to deal with specific matters if deemed necessary.

3. Organization and working schedule

3.1 Bearing in mind the considerations expressed in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this paper, as well as the administrative and logistic support aspects, it is suggested that the Meeting adopt the organization and working schedule indicated in **Appendix B**.

4. Suggested action

4.1 The Meeting is invited to:

- a) consider and approve the Agenda and its explanatory notes presented in Appendix A; and
- b) consider and adopt the modality, working methods and schedule suggested in paragraphs 3 and 4, as well as in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A

DRAFT AGENDA AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Agenda Item 1: Global and Regional Overview of SAR Services

1.1 Review of the Status of Compliance with Recommendations and Conclusions related to SAR Services Issued at the CAR/SAM/2 and 3 RAN and GREPECAS Meetings

1.2 ICAO Guidelines for SAR Services including COSPAS-SARSAT System

It is expected that States present the status of compliance with the CAR/SAM/2 and 3 RAN and GREPECAS Meetings Recommendations and Conclusions pertaining to the SAR services.

The latest ICAO guidelines on SAR services will be discussed to foster enhancements to States' national SAR plans, including the COSPAS-SARSAT system.

Agenda Item 2: SAR Organization in the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions

2.1 SAR drills

2.2 Review of CAR/SAM States' National SAR Plans

2.3 Personnel Training to Provide SAR Services and SAR Training Material

The Meeting will examine a schedule on joint SAR drills and exercises among States. A communications drill will be performed between the rescue coordination centres (RCCs) or rescue sub-centres (RSCs) included in the SAR Table of the CAR/SAM ANP.

The Meeting will also review actions taken by States to improve national plans and SAR services.

Moreover, the different training centres offering SAR courses in the NAM, CAR and SAM Regions will be identified to assist State specialists with access to SAR basic and advanced courses.

Agenda Item 3: SAR Service Cooperation Agreements and COSPAS-SARSAT

The Meeting will review the application of the ICAO standard on the use of emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) in 406 MHz and the status of implementation of States letters of agreement with the COSPAS-SARSAT system, as well as the databank of the NAM/CAR/SAM States.

A list of SAR agreements established among the States will be presented and updated. It is expected that each State will present a brief report on current and future SAR agreements with adjacent States. It is also expected that the Meeting promote bilateral and/or multilateral coordination agreements and actions allowing Civil Aviation Authorities to use mechanisms and resources to reinforce their respective SAR services.

Agenda Item 4: Quality Assurance Manual for SAR Services

A proposed Quality Assurance Manual for SAR Services will be analyzed by the Meeting for its use in the CAR/SAM Regions. It is expected that States may use this guidance material to assess their own SAR system.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

APPENDIX B**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION AND WORKING SCHEDULE FOR THE SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM MEETING**

Time	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
0830 0900	Registration				
0900 0915 0930	Opening ceremony Break Approval of the Agenda Agenda Item 1.1	Agenda Item 2.1	Agenda Item 2.2 (cont.)	Agenda Item 3	Review of draft report
1100 1130	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
1130 1330	Agenda Item 1.1 (cont.)	Agenda Item 2.1 (cont.)	Agenda Item 2.3	Agenda Item 4	Closing ceremony
1330 1400	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
1400 1530	Agenda Item 1.2	Agenda Item 2.2	Agenda Item 2.3 (cont.)		

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