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**Seventh Meeting of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Implementation Task Force of the North American, Central America and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7)**  
Mexico City, Mexico, 3 to 7 August 2026

**Agenda Item 2: Regional and Global Search and Rescue (SAR) Affairs**  
**2.1 Follow-up to valid Conclusions/Decisions**

**REVIEW OF VALID SAR CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS**  
(Presented by the Secretariat)

| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| The updated list of Conclusions and Decisions of the Search and Rescue Task Force (SAR/TF) of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group (NACC/WG) is presented in the <b>Appendix</b> to this Working Paper. It is updated to the sixth meeting of the group. The status and follow-up comments for each Conclusion and Decision is the result of the review carried out by the Secretariat based on the information available at the time of preparation of this Paper. The status of each conclusion is designated as valid, completed, or superseded. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Action:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Meeting is invited to review and comment providing updated information, status and follow-up for the implementation of the pending conclusions and decisions of previous SAR/TF meetings presented in the <b>Appendix</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Strategic Objectives:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every Flight is Safe and Secure</li><li>• Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable</li><li>• Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All</li><li>• No Country Left Behind</li><li>• The International Civil Aviation Convention and Other Treaties, Laws and Regulations Address All Challenges</li><li>• The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of Economic Prosperity and Societal Well-Being for All</li></ul> |
| <i>References:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of Discussions of the Sixth North American, Central American and Caribbean Working Group Search and Rescue Implementation Task Force Meeting (NACC/WG SAR/TF/6), Mexico City, Mexico, 28 to 30 October 2025.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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**STATUS AND FOLLOW-UP OF CONCLUSIONS (C) AND DECISIONS (D) OF  
THE SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE (SAR/TF) OUTSTANDING AFTER THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

| C/D No.                  | Area | Title of Conclusion/Decision                                                                                                                                  | Text of Conclusion/Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Follow-up and Remarks | Responsibility                                  | Deliverable                                           | Target Completion Date | Status (Valid, Completed, Superseded)                            |
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| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/03/01 (C) | SAR  | <b>SUPPORT THE UPDATE OF THE CAR/SAM ANP TO INCLUDE THE DEFINITION OF THE LIMITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE REGIONS OF THE CAR REGION.</b> | <p>That, in order to support the project to review and update the CAR/SAM ANP, CAR States and Territories with an assigned SRR:</p> <p>a) Present to the ICAO NACC Regional Office:<br/>I. Updated information regarding the Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) and Search and Rescue Subregions (SRS) for which they are responsible, including the description of the lateral limits with coordinates; and<br/>ii) Updated information regarding their Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs) and Rescue Sub-centres (RSCs), including the SAR points of contact (SPOC) and other supplementary information; and</p> <p>b) present to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/04 the information received to evaluate and take the appropriate actions for the ICAO NACC Regional Office develop a proposal to amend the CAR/SAM ANP Vols. I and II.</p> | In progress           | CAR States and Territories with an assigned SRR | Description of the SRR, RCC and RSC of the CAR Region | NACC/WG/SAR/TF/5       | <del>Valid</del><br><b>Superseded by NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/01 (c)</b> |
| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/4/3 (D)   | SAR  | <b>EVALUATION OF THE SAR BBBs</b>                                                                                                                             | <p>That, to comply with the request of the NACC/WG to perform an evaluation of the SAR Basic Building Blocks</p> <p>a) ICAO NACC Regional Office to gather more information regarding BBBs evaluation, including experience from other Regional Offices.</p> <p>b) The SAR/TF Rapporteur report to the NACC/WG the challenges identified to comply with this assignment, and consider making this assessment evidence based, including in person visits to State's SAR facilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | In Progress           | SAR/TF Rapporteur                               | Information on SAR BBBs                               | NACC/WG/8 Meeting      | <b>VALID</b>                                                     |
| SAR/TF/4/5 (c)           | SAR  | <b>UPDATE OF THE CAR REGION SEARCH AND RESCUE PLAN</b>                                                                                                        | <p>With the objective of providing basic procedures and guidance to ATS units and Rescue Coordination Centres to respond to Autonomous Distress Tracking (ADT) Activation and for the ATS units and RCCs staff be familiar with the GADSS guidance in the IAMSAR</p> <p>United States SAR/TF Member to present a proposal to revise the Cospas-Sarsat section of the CAR Region SAR Plan and develop proposal to update it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | In Progress           | United States                                   | Proposal to update the CAR Region SAR Plan            | NACC/WG/SAR/TF/5       | <del>VALID</del><br><b>Superseded by NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/03 (D)</b> |

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| SAR/TF/5/01 (c)         | SAR  | <b>SUPPORT FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISES (SAREX) WITH AUTONOMOUS DISTRESS TRACKING (ADT) SCENARIOS</b> | That, to assess the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) capabilities and verify the Location of an Aircraft in Distress Repository (LADR) information:<br>a) NAM/CAR Region States schedule Search and Rescue Exercises (SAREX) to assess their coordination and response capabilities, including autonomous distress tracking scenarios;<br>b) Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) Points of Contact (PoCs) to register in the LADR; and<br>c) ICAO ensure adequate dissemination of information and coordination with relevant RCC and Rescue Subcentres (RSC) for active participation in organized SAREX.                          | In progress                                                                                            | NAM/CAR States, Territories and International Organizations<br>RCCs PoCs | Planned and Conducted SAREX                                             | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6 | Valid                                 |
| SAR/TF/5/02 (c)         | SAR  | <b>FORMALIZATION OF SAR AGREEMENTS UNDER PIARCO SEARCH AND RESCUE REGION</b>                             | That, to comply with the requirements of SAR operational agreements in the Piarco Search and Rescue Region (SRR)<br>a) the SAR authorities of Trinidad and Tobago formalize SAR agreements with States and Territories under Piarco SRR, according to the responsibilities established in the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (RANP);<br>b) the RCC and RSCs in the Piarco SRR use the template presented in the Appendix A to this Report; and<br>c) ICAO ensure adequate dissemination of the SAR operational agreement template and promote the signing of SAR operational agreements in the Piarco SRR and report it to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6. | No progress<br>Linked to Conclusion NACC/DCA/13/06<br>SUPPORT<br>FORMALIZATION OF SAR RESPONSIBILITIES | Trinidad and Tobago and RCC and RSC in the Piarco SRR                    | Signed SAR agreements                                                   | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6 | Valid                                 |
| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/01 (C) | SAR  | <b>DELIMITATION OF SAR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CAR REGION</b>                                            | That to update the CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation Plan (RANP) to include the lateral limits of Search and Rescue Regions and to comply with Conclusion NACC/DCA/13/06 SUPPORT TO THE FORMALIZATION OF SAR RESPONSIBILITIES, CAR Region States submit to the ICAO NACC Regional Office details of their SAR Responsibilities, including the coordinates of the Search and Rescue Region(s) or Search and Rescue Subregion(s) under their responsibilities and the status of operation of their corresponding Rescue Coordination Centre(s) or Rescue Subcentre(s) by 31 December 2025.                                                                 | No Progress                                                                                            | States/Territories                                                       | Updated information                                                     | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7 | Valid                                 |
| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/02 (C) | SAR  | <b>REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SAR PLANS</b>                     | That, recognizing the importance of SAR plans in strengthening the National and Regional Search and Rescue Systems and the recognized deficiencies related to the lack of implementation of these plans.<br>a) States and Territories submit to ICAO a copy of their national SAR Plan; and<br>b) the Secretariat:<br>i. conduct a survey to evaluate the regional status of compliance with the development of National SAR Plans; and<br>ii. carry-out specific actions to support States in the development and implementation of their national SAR plans by the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7                                                                  | No Progress                                                                                            | a) States/Territories<br>b) ICAO                                         | a) Valid National SAR Plans<br>b) Survey, analysis and proposed actions | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7 | Valid                                 |

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| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/03 (D) | SAR  | UPDATE THE CAR REGION SEARCH AND RESCUE PLAN | That, to align the CAR Region SAR Plan with the latest version of Annex 12 and related guidance material, the Secretariat update the CAR Region SAR Plan to introduce the terminology related to the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) and the Cospas-Sarsat System by the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No Progress           | ICAO                                            | Updated CAR SAR Plan  | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7 | Valid                                 |
| NACC/WG/SAR/TF/6/04 (C) | SAR  | HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT FOR SAR AGREEMENTS        | That to follow-up on the pending Conclusions regarding the formalization of SAR agreements and comply with Conclusion NACC/DCA/13/06 SUPPORT TO THE FORMALIZATION OF SAR RESPONSIBILITIES<br>a) the Secretariat conduct a comprehensive analysis of the status of SAR agreements in the CAR Region and present the findings to the NACC/DCA meeting, raising awareness of the high-level support needed;<br>b) States and Territories of the Piarco Search and Rescue Region (SRR) formalize pending SAR agreements and delegations using as a reference the template proposed by France;<br>c) the Secretariat ensure adequate dissemination of the SAR operational agreement template proposed by France and promote the signing of SAR operational agreements in the Piarco SRR and report it to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7 meeting. | No Progress           | a) ICAO<br>b) States and Territories<br>c) ICAO | Signed SAR agreements | Report to the NACC/WG/SAR/TF/7 | Valid                                 |

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