

Safety Recommendation

BEA recommends that:

4.3.1 SAR coordination plans over maritime and remote areas

- ICAO ensure the implementation of SAR coordination plans or regional protocols covering all of the maritime or remote areas for which international coordination would be required in the application of SAR procedures, including in the South Atlantic area.

4.3.2 Training of SAR operators

- ICAO define the framework for the training of SAR operators in its standards and recommended practices.

4.3.3 Organisation of SAR in France

- ICAO ensure each Member State has a national point of contact and makes his/her contact information available.

4.3.4 Air Traffic Control

- ICAO request the involved States to accelerate the operational implementation of air traffic control and communication systems that allow a permanent and reliable link to be made between ground and aeroplane in all of the areas where HF remains the only means of communication between the ground and aeroplanes.

4.3.10 Release of Drift Measuring Buoys

- ICAO amend Annex 12 on search and rescue operations so as to encourage Contracting States to equip their search aircraft with buoys to measure drift and to drop them, when these units are involved in the search for persons lost at sea.