

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
SOUTH AMERICAN OFFICE**

**SECOND MEETING OF THE INFORMAL COORDINATION GROUP OF THE EAST  
CARIBBEAN AND NORTH EASTERN SOUTH AMERICAN  
(E-CAR/SAM-NE ICG/2)**

(Caracas, Venezuela, 1 to 5 December 2003)

**Agenda Item 1:           Review of ATM matters  
                              e) Review of SAR agreements**

(Presented by Venezuela)

**Summary**

Independent processing of SAR issues.

**1                   Background**

1.1               According to the IAMSAR manual, the search and rescue activities (SAR) imply a high degree of specialization in order to reach an integral processing of the activity. In this connection, it is necessary to devote more time, effort and attention to the search and rescue tasks.

1.2               It is worth to mention that, when the SAR area has been dealt with as matter independent from the ATM area, good results have arisen. This could be proven at the SAM Search and Rescue Informal Meeting held in Lima, from 8 to 12 September 2003 (SAM 90/03 SAR).

**2                   Suggested Action**

2.1               We propose that for all forthcoming meetings, the SAR issue be dealt with individually, according to the specific nature of this matter.

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