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SOUTH AMERICAN OFFICE**

**SECOND MEETING OF THE INFORMAL COORDINATION GROUP OF THE EAST
CARIBBEAN AND NORTH EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA
(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

**Establishment of direct communications among the Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs) of the
CAR/SAM Region via REDDIG (voice and data)**

(presented by Venezuela)

Summary

The purpose of this working paper is to make the meeting aware of the lack of timely communications between Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs), situation which hinders a timely response by the SAR system.

References

- Application of Annex 12, Chapter 5
- Application of the international manual on aeronautical and maritime search and rescue services – IAMSAR – Doc 9731 – AN/958. Volume 2, Chapter 2. / Volume 1
- Implementation of the new REDDIG technology, Doc RLA/98/019.

1 Background

1.1 Operational protocols call for the direct resolution of SAR situations by RCCs and RSCs of the SRRs of the region to enable a prompt and timely action. There is an urgent need to establish communication mechanisms using new technologies, like the REDDIG system, Doc. RLA/98/019, which permits immediate and prompt voice and data communications.

2 **Analysis**

2.1 In recent years, the response of some RCCs of the region has not been the most appropriate in terms of quick and effective management of information, which is of vital importance for full compliance of international SAR agreements by contracting States. Consequently, regional/binational agreements should be entered into to improve SAR activities.

3 **Suggested action**

3.1 To implement the REDDIG voice and data communication system in each RCC of the CAR/SAM SRRs.

3.2 To conduct communication exercises between the SRRs of the CAR/SAM Regions using the REDDIG system, as stipulated in the IAMSAR manual, volume 1, chapter 3, section 3.3.2.e.

3.3 To report to the Lima and Mexico Regional Offices on the results obtained regarding the efficient and effective response of the system in SAR missions.