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**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**

**Training of SAR personnel; creation of a regional SAR academy in accordance with the IAMSAR
manual, Volume I, Chapter 3**

(presented by Venezuela)

Summary

The purpose of this working paper is to make the meeting aware of the need to create a SAR training school.

References

- Application of the international manual on aeronautical and maritime search and rescue services – IAMSAR – Doc 9731 – AN/958. Volume I, Chapter 3.
- Report of the Sixth Meeting of Civil Aviation Directors of the Central Caribbean Region (C/CCAR DCA/6) – Nassau, Bahamas, 02 to 04 July 2003.

1 Background

1.1 This working paper obeys to the need to unify personnel training, qualification and certification criteria regarding SAR matters within the CAR/SAM Regions, through a regional school authorised by the States and sponsored by ICAO, which validates the aforementioned pursuant to the IAMSAR.

2 Analysis

- 2.1 Taking into account the importance of improving and supplementing Search and Rescue (SAR) Plans in the CAR/SAM Regions, the Venezuelan State will encourage the establishment of an integrated Search and Rescue (SAR) training centre, so that SAR operations carried out in each of the RSSs of the region, and even joint SAR operations, may obtain the best results when safeguarding human life.
- 3 **Suggested action**
- 3.1 To conduct a feasibility project for the prompt establishment of an **integrated training centre** sponsored by ICAO and that meets TRAINAIR requirements.