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

Illicit flight. To establish rules and standards which define the performance of other national/international agencies permitting RCCs of the region to assume pertinent actions

(Presented by the Venezuela)

Summary

This working paper has the objective to emphasize the importance of the problems arisen in operations of illicit flights, due to the conditions and nature of the same. This situation forces us to establish parameters, rules and standards, which define the performance of other national and international authorities, permitting the RCCs of the region to assume other actions.

1 Background

1.1 Due to the peak of illicit flights within our regions, air accidents due to clandestine flights have increased, which has forced us to attend these SAR missions under risky conditions for our personnel. In view of the absence or delay of an official statement by Air Safety Authorities as regards the status of the case, Venezuela RCC assumes the pertinent actions, but there is a high probability that it will become an illicit flight, which implies operational costs and duplicity of efforts.

2 Strategies

2.1 Sharing information among national and international authorities as regards illicit flights.

2.2 Implementation of a performance protocol by States of the Region.