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Subject: Search and Rescue Services SAM Informal Meeting (SAM 90/03 SAR)
(Lima, Perú, 8 to 12 September 2003)

Action required: Assign participants not later than 31 July 2003

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to address you this letter, in order to communicate you that the Search and Rescue SAM Informal Meeting (SAM 90/03 SAR) will be held at the premises of this Regional Office, from 8 to 12 September 2003, as part of the Meeting Programme for this year.

This meeting has the objective to follow-up on the implementation and compliance of Recommendations and Conclusions formulated by the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, as well as to carry out a review of the Aeronautical SAR links and the maritime SAR, at a SAM regional level; the review of the participation of SAM States in the COSPAS/SARSAT System; the use of the 406 MHz emergency location transmitter (ELT); and finally evaluate SAR personnel training. In this connection, I am pleased to enclose the Tentative Agenda for the Meeting, as well as the corresponding explanatory notes.

As you may appreciate, it would be very important that the delegations be composed by SAR specialists who are in charge of the standards and guidelines of the SAR administration, and they should have enough authority to carry out the necessary coordination and sign the pertinent SAR operational agreements with other States.

I will highly appreciate if you send me as soon as possible, and not later than **31 July 2003**, the list of delegates of your Administration who will participate in the same, and also whether they will present any work related with any agenda item.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE

Informal Meeting on Search and Rescue Services for the SAM Region (SAM 90/03 SAR)

(Lima, Perú, 8 to 12 September 2003)

Tentative Agenda and Explanatory Notes on the Agenda

1. Tentative Agenda

Agenda Item 1. **Evaluation of the SAR Service in the SAM Region**

- a) Review of the status of compliance of CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meetings Recommendations and Conclusions (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1999).
- b) Review of the current situation – Organization of the Aeronautical SAR Service and SAM States search and rescue means affected

When dealing with this agenda item, it is intended to establish the SAR administrative organization and operational availability in each SAM State, with a view to detect and eliminate deficiencies and improve the quality of service provision in the whole SAM Region. In view of this, it is expected that each SAM State provide the meeting with updated information corresponding to its administration.

Agenda Item 2. **Review of SAR National Plans for its harmonization at a regional level**

Under this agenda item, it is expected that each State present the corresponding updated SAR National Plan. Thus, the meeting will be able to evaluate the necessary actions to harmonize all the plans at a regional level.

Agenda Item 3. **Cooperation to improve the aeronautical SAR service**

- a) Coordination with the Aeronautical SAR among SAM States.
- b) Coordination among aeronautical SAR authorities with maritime SAR authorities to obtain information from the AMVER system, as well as the performance of SAR operations using means of both services.
- c) Coordination among SAM aeronautical SAR with SICOFAA authorities.

From the analysis that this meeting will carry out, it is expected that actions coordinated at a regional level will arise so that the SAM States Civil Aviation Administrations within its jurisdiction, enforce the aeronautical SAR service, with the contribution of means and specialized personnel of other national or international SAR services, thus contributing to strengthen their own SAR National Plans.

Agenda Item 4. SAR Training in the SAM Region

- a) Candidates requirements affecting SAR service and preparation and utilization of SAR didactic material for training purposes
- b) SAR exercises

The review of this agenda item intends to identify the different training centres where there are SAR courses in the SAM Region, so that the meeting may agree on a regional methodology that enables the access to basic and/or advanced training courses to all SAM States, both for personnel that provides or shall provide services in the management of a SAR service, such as an RCC or RSC, or for SAR personnel assigned to the different terrestrial, maritime and aeronautical means, to integrate SAR brigades foreseen in the SAR National Plan.

Likewise, it is expected that the meeting will agree on different alternatives for the coordination and implementation of joint SAR services among SAM States.

Agenda Item 5. COSPAS/SARSAT in the SAM Region

- a) Review of the status of application of standards for the use of ELT in 406 MHz and review of the status of implementation and operation of the Data bank and data supplier, of SAM States
- b) Review of the implementation and operation of ground segments in South America. Evaluation for the assignment of a Nodal MCC for the COSPAS/SARSAT South American Region.

It is expected that the meeting will carry out an exhaustive review of the current situation of the status of application of standards for the use of ELT in 406 MHz, of the status of implementation and operation of the data bank and data supplier of SAM States. Likewise it is expected that the meeting will review the implementation and operation of Ground Segments in South America, to establish whether there are condition for the assignments of a Nodal MCC for the COSPAS/SARSAT South American Region.

Agenda Item 6. Other matters

The meeting will review other issues that have not been dealt with in previous agenda items and which are related with the agenda.