

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE**

**INFORMAL MEETING ON SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR THE SAM REGION
(SAM 90/03 SAR)**

(Lima, Peru, 8 to 12 September 2003)

Agenda Item 3: Cooperation to improve the aeronautical SAR service

a) Coordination with the Aeronautical SAR among SAM States

(Presented by the Secretariat)

Summary

The need to establish search and rescue agreements among SAM States is presented in this working paper, and the guidance material available for the elaboration of their respective international agreements, is presented to the meeting.

References

- CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting
- Basic CAR/SAM Regional Air Navigation – Volume I
- International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual. (IAMSAR – Doc.9731)
- Annex 12 – Search and Rescue
- Report of the Informal ATM/SAR 02/00 SAM Meeting.

1. Background

1.1 Annex 12, Chapter 3 – Cooperation, establishes that the Contracting States shall coordinate with their search and rescue organizations with those of the neighbor States, subject to conditions prescribed by their own authorities.

1.2 In this way, it is intended to permit the immediate entrance of other States' rescue brigades in its territory for the search of a place where an aviation accident has been produced and for the rescue of the survivors of such accident.

1.3 To this end, the States should reach agreements with neighbor States to establish the conditions of entrance of the SAR brigades of a State in the territory of the rest. These agreements should also foresee that the entrance of such brigades will be facilitated with the minimum of formalities.

1.4 In order to make it more feasible, every State should authorize its RCCs to request other RCCs for the necessary assistance, including aircraft, personnel or equipment. Simultaneously, these RCCs should be authorized to provide every necessary authorization for the entrance of such aircraft, ships, personnel or equipment in its territory, and also to agree on the necessary measures with the respective customs office, immigration or other type of authorities, in order to facilitate such entrance.

1.5 Likewise, every State should authorize their RCCs to provide assistance when so requested, to other RCCS, including assistance such as aircraft, ships, personnel or equipment.

2. **Analysis**

2.1 During the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting, this matter was reviewed by the CAR/SAM States/Territories and other International Organizations participating, and based on the discussions, and in order to provide a group of basic regulations for the SAR services of the Caribbean and South American Regions, the meeting agreed on Recommendation 6/12 - Basic provisions for search and rescue services, literal c), in which CAR/SAM States are requested to adopt the necessary and possible measures to establish domestic and international SAR agreements which permit the improvement of SAR services, and coordinate the efforts among entities that provide or support SAR services.

2.2 Also, the Basic Operational Requirements and Planning Criteria (BORPC) contained in the Basic CAR/SAM ANP, Volume I, indicate that, when long-range aircraft (LRG) and upper range categories to provide area coverage of large search and rescue oceanic regions; however, but the State responsible for SAR services does not count with such aircraft, concrete cooperation regulations should be adopted, to provide them from other locations, to try to satisfy the requirements of a sufficient coverage area of the appropriate regions.

2.3 In addition to the foregoing, the Basic CAR/SAM ANP, Vol. I, Part VII – Search and rescue services, is a guideline text considered as a minimum requirement for the accurate planning of SAR facilities and services in the CAR and SAM Regions. The guideline elements mentioned in such text refer to the corresponding recommendations of the CAR/SAM RAN meetings.

2.4 For these purposes, the IAMSAR Manual, Volume I, Appendix I (Doc 9731) as well as the Guidance Material for the Preparation of a National Search and Rescue Plan approved by GREPECAS, in Chapter 7, Appendices C, D and E, as required, propose a series of texts to serve as guidance to the States interested in the establishment these types of agreements.

2.5 Likewise, the ATM/SAR 02/00 Informal Meeting (Lima, September 2000), when reviewing the CAR/SAM/3 RAN Meeting SAR recommendations, with regard to SAR services, considered pertinent to encourage States of the SAM Region to adopt them in the least deadline possible, formulating Conclusion 5/1 – Search and rescue requirements.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information presented in this working paper, fill the form attached as **Appendix A** to this working paper, and, if deemed pertinent, approve the following draft conclusion:

Draft Conclusion X/X Aeronautical SAR Coordination among States

That:

- a) The States which have not done so, adopt, as far as possible CAR/SAM/3 RAN Recommendation 6/12, literal c) to establish SAR international agreements with other States; and
- b) Keep the South American Regional Office informed on the progress achieved on this respect.

SAR Letters of Agreement subscribed among SAM States

STATE	ARGENTINA	BOLIVIA	BRASIL	CHILE	COLOMBIA	ECUADOR	FRENCH GUIANA	GUYANA	PANAMA	PARAGUAY	PERÚ	SURINAME	URUGUAY	VENEZUELA
ARGENTINA														
BOLIVIA														
BRAZIL														
CHILE														
COLOMBIA														
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Mark with an X the box corresponding to the State with which you have a SAR Letter of Agreement