

**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 1: Evaluation of the SAR Service in the SAM Region

b) Review of the current situation – Organization of the Aeronautical SAR Service and SAM States search and rescue means affected

(Presented by Ecuador)

Summary

The Ecuadorian Civil Aviation Directorate requests that the Rescue Coordinator Center (RCC) of the Guayaquil ACC be assigned as the SAR point of contact (SPOC) for the SAM Region.

1. Background

1.1 The Informal ATM/SAR 02/00 SAM Meeting is complemented with that held as ATM/SAR Informal Meeting, held in Lima, Peru, from 8 to 12 June 1998 and with resolutions adopted in the Third Regional Air Navigation Caribbean/South American Meeting – RAN CAR/SAM/3, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 5 to 15 October 1999, and which main objective was to become acquainted and discuss the Basic Air Navigation Plan CAR/SAM (ANP) which presents in general terms the ICAO Plan for the facilities and international air navigation services of the CAR/SAM Regions.

2. Analysis

2.1 The objective of the ATM/SAR Informal Meeting 02/00 SAM, held in Lima from 4 to 8 September 2000, was to continue advising the Air Traffic Management (ATM) and Search and Rescue (SAR) specialists, to enable the States' officers involved to acquire the necessary experience and identify problems that might arise during the CNS/ATM implementation process.

3. **Conclusion**

3.1 The Ecuadorian State provides Air traffic control services within the Guayaquil FIR/UIR, which comprises its entire territory and jurisdictional waters. The General Directorate of Civil Aviation renders these services, through the Departments of Air Navigation Services of Guayaquil and Quito.

3.2 For that purpose, in December 2003, the new radar of ALENIA made, installed in a modern and practical building located in the city of Guayaquil, shall start operating.

3.3 The new building will shelter the Guayaquil Area Control Center (Guayaquil ACC), in which the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) will be located, together with the ACC dependency, responsible for the alert and flight information services of the Flight Information Region (FIR).

3.4 The information regarding any emergency that might occur in the area under its responsibility shall be centralized in the Guayaquil Rescue Coordination Centre and from this centre, the necessary and immediate instructions that permit the realization of search and rescue operations, will be issued.

4. **Suggested action**

4.1 Based on the background information, the Ecuadorian Civil Aviation Directorate requests States representing SAM 90/03 SAR Meeting to consider their petition, in order that the Rescue Coordination Centre (Guayaquil RCC) be designed as SAR point of contact (SPOC) for the SAM Region.

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