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To: Mr. Pierre Dubois, DIRAC French Guiana
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cc.: ICAORD, Mexico

From: ICAORD, Lima

Subject: **Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions (SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM) (Costa Rica, 18-22 May 2009)**

Action

Required: Your reply by 29 April 2009

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have the honour to invite your Administration to the Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions Meeting (SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM) that will be held in Costa Rica, from 18 to 22 May 2009. The event, kindly hosted by the CAA of Costa Rica, is especially aimed at SAR officers, and technical and managerial staff involved in the provision of this service. It will be conducted in English and Spanish and will have simultaneous interpretation services.

The goal of the event is to review the national SAR plans and operational improvements established by the States of the NAM/CAR/SAR Regions, as well the establishment of SAR bilateral and/or multilateral agreements in harmony with guidelines of ICAO and the International Maritime Organization (IOM), as well as the Recommendations issued at the CAR/SAM/3 RAN and GREPECAS Meetings.

You will find the Draft Agenda attached herewith, on which your comments are welcome. I also request that the experts of your Administration provide information on your national SAR implementation plan. Please note that a SAR communications exchange drill is scheduled, and therefore participants should bring with them updated information on the existing communications at the rescue coordination centre (RCC) or rescue sub-centre (RSC) of their jurisdiction.

I am requesting that you kindly provide, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **24 April 2009**, the name(s) of the delegate(s) from your State/Territory/International Organization that will be attending the event.

The General Information of this event will be sent at a later date. For further information, please contact Mr. Víctor Hernández, Regional Officer, ATM/SAR, (vhernandez@mexico.icao.int), or his assistant, Ms. Claudia Riva-Palacio (criva_palacio@mexico.icao.int).

Accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'for José Miguel Ceppi', is written over a light green circular stamp.

José Miguel Ceppi
Director Regional
Oficina Sudamericana
Lima

Attachment

APPENDIX



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(Costa Rica, 18 to 22 May 2009)

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DRAFT AGENDA AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Agenda Item 1: Global and Regional Overview of SAR Services

1.1 Review of the Status of Compliance with Recommendations and Conclusions Related with SAR Service Issued at the CAR/SAM/3 RAN and GREPECAS Meetings

1.2 ICAO Guidelines for SAR Service including COSPAS-SARSAT System

It is expected that States present the status of compliance with the Recommendations and Conclusions pertaining to the SAR service of the CAR/SAM/3 RAN and GREPECAS Meetings.

Likewise, the latest ICAO guidelines on SAR services will be discussed, including the COSPAS-SARSAT system, in order to foster enhancements to the States national SAR plans.

Agenda Item 2: SAR Organization in the NAM/CAR/SAM Regions

2.1 SAR drills

2.2 Review of the National SAR Plan of the States of the CAR/SAM Regions

2.3 Personnel Training to Provide SAR Service and SAR Training Material

The Meeting will examine a schedule on joint SAR drills and exercises among States. A communications drill will be performed between the rescue coordination centres (RCCs) or rescue sub-centres (RSCs) included in the SAR Table of the CAR/SAM ANP.

The Meeting will also review the actions taken by States to improve National Plans and the SAR service.

Moreover, the different training centres offering SAR courses in the NAM, CAR and SAM Regions will be identified, so that the Meeting may establish a methodology allowing the States specialists to access SAR basic and advanced courses.

Agenda Item 3: Cooperation Agreements of the SAR Service and COSPAS-SARSAT

The Meeting will review the application of the ICAO standard on the use of emergency locator transmitters (ELTs) in 406 MHz and the status of implementation of the States' letters of agreement with the COSPAS-SARSAT system, as well as the databank of the NAM/CAR/SAM States.

A list of the SAR agreements established among the States will be presented and updated. It is expected that each State present a brief report on the current and future SAR agreements with other adjacent States. It is also expected that the Meeting promote bilateral and/or multilateral coordination agreements and actions allowing Civil Aviation Authorities to use mechanisms and resources to reinforce their respective SAR services.

Agenda Item 4: Quality Assurance Manual for SAR Services

A proposal on the CAR/SAM Quality Assurance Manual for SAR Services for analysis by the Meeting of its use in the CAR/SAM Regions. It is expected that States may use this methodology to assess their own SAR system.

Agenda Item: Other Business

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