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From: ICAORD, Lima

Subject: **Seventh Search and Rescue Implementation Meeting for the SAM Region (SAR/7 - SAM) - (Lima, Perú, 05 to 09 July 2010)**

Action

required: Designate participants not later than **18 June 2010**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to address you this letter in order to communicate you that the Seventh Search and Rescue Implementation Meeting for the SAM Region (SAR/7 - SAM) will be held in Lima, Perú, from 05 to 09 July 2010, as part of the Meeting programme for 2010.

This Meeting has the aim to continue with the follow-up on issues related with SAR letters of agreement among States of the Region. The meeting will also deal with matters related with ground risk management, mandatory use of ELT operating in frequency 406 MHz and training of SAR personnel. On this respect, I am pleased to enclose the draft Agenda for the Meeting, as well as the explanatory notes on the same.

As you may observe, it will be very important that experts in charge of standards, regulations or SAR operations compose delegations of your Administration, with sufficient authority to carry out coordination and sign pertinent SAR operational letters of agreement with other States, and also, if available, a representative of the State or Private Body in charge of operational matters to carry out the aeronautical/maritime search and rescue activities in your State.

I will highly appreciate if you send me, as soon as possible and not later than **18 June 2010**, the list of delegates who will participate in the meeting. If the same have plans to present a working paper on any matter of the agenda, and keeping in mind that the meeting will be held in Spanish and English, I request you to send it to this Regional Office not later than **01 June 2010**, in order to proceed with the translation process. Working and/or information papers received after this date, should be presented by the authors of the same, in both languages.

The documentation of the Seventh Search and Rescue Implementation Meeting for the SAM Region (SAR/7 - SAM), will be published at the ICAO SAM Office's website: <http://ww.lima.icao.int>. No printed documentation will be distributed during the meeting. I will soon send you the general information on this meeting, as well as the facilities in which it will take place, hotels and other related aspects.

Accept, Sir, Madame, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Attachment

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DRAFT AGENDA AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Agenda Item 1: Organization of the SAR service in the SAM Region

- a) SICOFAA SAR Multilateral agreement**
- b) SAR SAM National Plan**
- c) SAR letters of agreement**

Under this Agenda Item, matters related with SAR organization will be revised. Among these matters, the analysis of feasibility for the application of a SICOFAA SAR Multilateral Agreement in the SAM Region, and the revision/updating of the SAR SAM Regional Plan will continue. It is expected that each State present a list of SAR letters of agreement subscribed with other States.

Agenda Item 2: Risk Management

Under this Item, the meeting will be analyse the risk management introduced into the IAMSAR Manual, and shall discuss regarding the actions to be regionally and domestically carried out for their adoption.

Agenda Item 3: Use of ELT at 406 MHz in the SAM Region

Under this Item, an evaluation will be made to the progress reached with regard to the regional status of compliance of the ICAO SARPs related with the mandatory use of ELT operating at the 406 MHz frequency, and the deactivation of 121.5 MHz frequency by COSPAS/SARSAT. To this end, it is required that States participating in the meeting present pertinent information regarding their respective national standards/regulations.

Agenda Item 4: SAR Training of personnel

Seminar-Workshop

During the Seminar-Workshop, a regional communications exercise with be carried out between the regional RCCs and an on-the-desk SAR exercise that will involve all search and rescue planning phases.

Thereafter, during the plenary meeting, an evaluation will be made to the results obtained, in order to identify the virtues and weaknesses detected by the exercise and, if considered timely, agree on recommendations to improve the operational procedures of the regional SAR system and, if the case, how to improve the SAM States' SAR national plan.

Agenda Item 5: Other matters

The meeting will be able to review all other aspects taken under consideration in the above-mentioned items and which are related with the issues under analysis.
