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Civil-military cooperation in support of SAR

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SAR

- Annex 12
- Military assets frequently used for SAR response
- Military or Civil has the SAR responsibility?
→ Creates complexities → requires clear organization and responsibilities



Areas for improvement

- Clarify
 - who has the responsibility for SAR response
 - who has the responsibility over military asset engaged in SAR
- Have agreements to:
 - Access to airspace
 - Civ/Mil airspace for Civ/Mil assets under Civ/Mil command
 - Across the boundary: Mil assets frequently need a diplo clear... too long → need for agreement
 - Under ASM/FUA: have provisions for SAR area immediate activation
 - Clear responsibilities Aero/Maritime, Command
- Cooperation between Civ and Mil be effected in the strategic phase: SAR coordinating Cttes, during HLAPB meeting, ANSPs coordination...
- Reinforce the communications capabilities: radios, direct lines, liaison units



Areas for improvement (cont'd)

- Establish
 - co-ordination and information sharing procedures to ensure all possible means and information can be made available without delay in emergency situations
 - a national SAR committee consisting of civil and military members to enable a whole-of-government approach to SAR



During SAR response

- Increase coordination between Civ and Mil authorities
 - Apply ASM/FUA procedure to gain access
 - ATSU to support the SAR response, incl maintain safety
 - Maintain flow of other traffic, when possible
 - Support with available assets



Other considerations

- feasibility studies & implementation plan for integration of aviation and maritime SAR activities,
- consider conducting joint, civil and military activities, including training and familiarization of staff and crews, incl joint exercises
- review of documentation to ensure harmonization of procedures
- Establish protocols for civil SAR authorities to request the assistance of military assets, and similarly military SAR authorities to request civil assets.
- Establish and maintain a reliable distress beacon registration system that is available to RCCs 24 hours a day and includes up-to-date registration details for all national civil and military ELTs, EPIRBs and PLBs.

Do not allow Sovereignty fears/issues to hamper efforts to save lives



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