



International Civil Aviation Organization

**The Second Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Task Force
(APSAR/TF/2)**

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Agenda Item 3: Global update

GLOBAL SAR UPDATE

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents information from ICAO HQ on matters related to the global progress of SAR improvement and SAR standards development.

This paper relates to –

Strategic Objectives:

A: *Safety – Enhance global civil aviation safety*

Global Plan Initiatives:

Not Applicable

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The paper is intended to provide an update on SAR related activities that ICAO HQ has been involved in the last few years and an overview of what is planned in the coming months.

2. DISCUSSION

ICAO-IMO JWG on SAR

2.1 A Technical Officer from ICAO HQ attended the annual gathering of the JWG. The meeting was held in Amsterdam during the last week of September 2013. Some of the action items resulting from this meeting, such as the one on non-responsive SPOCs, will require coordination between ICAO HQ and the Regional Offices. It was agreed during this meeting that the 2014 edition would take place at the ICAO Bangkok Office from 22 to 26 September.

Annex 12 Search and Rescue

2.2 A date has yet to be determined for a review and the amendment of Annex 12. So far none of the changes introduced in the IAMSAR Manual require changes to Annex 12. It is expected however that the 2016 edition of the IAMSAR Manual will require some changes to Annex 12.

Relationship with COSPAS-SARSAT

2.3 Historically the ICAO HQ ATM Section was the sole ICAO point of contact with COSPAS-SARSAT. The recent work led by COSPAS-SARSAT on next-generation beacons made it clear that the OPS Section also needed to be involved. It has been determined that the ATM Section would be the point of contact on Annex 12, the IAMSAR Manual and procedural matters while the OPS Section would be the point of contact of equipment matters. A meeting with COSPAS-SARSAT was held at ICAO HQ to explain this new approach and to introduce the key players.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.

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