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Agenda Item 4: Asia/Pacific and inter-regional SAR planning, coordination and cooperation

PROPOSAL FOR REVISING CURRENT SAR LOAs

(Presented by Viet Nam)

SUMMARY

This paper presents provides a brief update on Search and Rescue Letter of Agreements (SAR LOAs) between the Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam (CAAV) and the Civil aviation Administrations of neighbouring States. This paper also proposes further coordination for revised and new SAR agreements.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The SAR activities require a mutual assistance between the neighbouring States in order to facilitate the search for aircraft in distress and rescue of survivors of the aircraft accident in the most expeditious and effective manner.

1.2 Recognizing the importance of the mutual assistance in SAR service provision, CAAV has been actively coordinating with other Civil Aviation Administrations in developing and signing the Letter of Agreements (LOAs) for provision of assistance in SAR activities. These LOAs, including the SAR coordination procedures and mission control, are based on the Standards and Recommended Practices of Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

2. DISCUSSION

SAR Agreements

1.1 In March 1997, Viet Nam signed and deposited its instrument of the accession to the 1972 Agreement for the Facilitation of Search for aircraft in distress and the Rescue of survivors of aircraft accidents amongst the ASEAN States.

1.2 CAAV has the following bilateral SAR agreements with the other Civil Aviation Administrations of neighbouring States, namely:

- a) LOA for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between CAAV and the Civil Aviation Authority Singapore on 30th July 1996;
- b) LOA for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between CAAV and the Air Transportation Office of the Philippines on 20th September 1996;

- c) LOA for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between CAAV and Department of Civil Aviation Lao People’s Democratic Republic on 14th January 1998 (Revised on 30 March 2009); and
- d) LOA for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between CAAV and the State secretariat of Civil aviation Kingdom of Cambodia on 6th February 1999 (Revised on 23 March 2009).

1.3 A number of details in these LOAs (shown at items a) and b) above) such as relevant postal, fax, telephone addresses have been changed. Certain coordination procedures would be considered for revising in order to meet with the practice requirements. Therefore, it would be necessary to consider updating the existing SAR LOAs to cope with traffic operational requirements.

1.4 A part from that, the necessity for having a SAR LOA for the provision of assistance in aviation SAR services between CAAV and Department of Civil Aviation of Malaysia should be also considered in order to cope with coordination requirements. During recent time, the proposal for this matter has been addressed by the Vietnam’s side through ICAO and ASEAN meetings as well as exchanged between both sides. Nevertheless, this matter has not yet been finalized.

Proposal

1.5 In order to improve the SAR coordination between the ASEAN States, it is kindly proposed as follows:

- a) The necessity for having a new SAR LOA would be considered by the parties concerned in the area; and
- b) The existing SAR LOAs would be frequently reviewed.

1.6 The contact addresses for coordination are as follows:

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- Postal address: 119 Nguyen Son Street, Gia Thuy Ward, Long Bien District, Ha Noi, S.R of Viet Nam.

- Fax: (84-4) 38.274.194 Tel: (84-4) 38.723.600 AFTN: VVVVYAAN.

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3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to: AMEND AS APPROPRIATE

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) consider the proposals as shown at the above-mentioned Item 1.5 of this Paper; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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