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MIDANPIRG ATM Sub-Group

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Agenda Item 7: SAR Issues

SAR LETTER OF AGREEMENT SAMPLE

(Presented by Iran)

SUMMARY
This paper presents a SAR Letter of Agreement (LoA) Sample.
Action by the meeting is at paragraph 3.
REFERENCES
- Annex 12 - DOC 9731

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This paper is prepared by the representative of IRAN Airport Company to present a new sample of SAR LOA for the MID States and consider the governess consideration with special circumstances of MID Region.

2. DISCUSSIONS

2.1 During the preparation of the SAR LoA Sample at **Appendix A** to this working paper the following issues have been considered:

- a) lack of complete, comprehensive and signature between contracting state in MID for SAR LOA;
- b) review and modify the sample of DOC 9731 for MID needs; and
- c) consider the States' rights, mutual respect of operation, political and military consideration.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to consider the SAR LoA sample at **Appendix A** to this working paper and take action as appropriate.

APPENDIX A

SAR letter of Agreements

Between

..... RCC and RCC

1. PREAMBLE

The authorized representative of and agree that the procedures contained in this document shall remain in force from the effective date specified until rather amendment or cancelled.

2. PURPOSE

To define responsibilities and outline procedure for the co-ordination of SAR operation betweenRCC and RCC.

3. SCOPE

3.1 The procedures outlined herein provide for the exchange of SAR information in the following form:

3.1.1 The importance of co-operation withinSRR andSRR , and of the provision of expeditious and effective SAR services;

3.1.2 Desiring to support the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

3.1.3 Seeking to provide an overall plan for SAR co-ordination , co-operation use of available resources, mutual assistance, and efforts to improve SAR services within their SRR;

4. RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1 Responsibilities for the initiation of the appropriate SAR co-ordination shall rest with the RCC having responsibility for own SRR.
- 4.2 RCC andRCC should be responsible to organized, aeronautical SAR operation within their SRR.
- 4.3 RCC and RCC should be bearing in mind consistency with the principles of international law and the goals of, ICAO and the States and organizations concerned.
- 4.4 RCC and RCC should be responsible for SAR operation within the geographic areas of responsibility.
- 4.5 Furthermore, the provision of SAR services within an SRR shall be without regard to the nationality or circumstances of the persons in distress.
- 4.6RCC and RCC should not entry to each other SRRs for SAR provisions andRCC and RCC are responsible for SAR operation within their SRR.
- 4.7 This agreement addresses sensitive issues to the degree necessary for SAR co-operation betweenRCC andRCC , while emphasizing the humanitarian nature of SAR.

5. EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE

-RCC and RCC agree to co-operate in the following areas:
- 5.1 Support each other by pooling SAR information as appropriate for operations within their respective search and rescue regions (SRRs);
 - 5.2 Respond to requests for information assistance between the designated rescue coordination centers (RCCs)
 - 5.3 Develop message appropriate for co-ordination of both Parties, responding to the same distress incident and for co-ordination betweenRCC andRCC of;

- 5.4 If practicable apply the guidance of the International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manuals regarding SAR operational procedures and communications;
- 5.5 Work to establish agreed procedures, which balance concerns for Sovereignty and for saving lives; and
- 5.6 If requested by RCC or byRCCC e enter into other collaborative SAR assistance which may include:
 - 5.6.1 Mutual visits by SAR personnel of both Parties by prior invitation;
 - 5.6.2 Joint training or exercises if practicable;
 - 5.6.3 Co-operation in development of SAR procedures, techniques for improvement of SAR operation;
 - 5.6.4 Exchange of SAR operation information if applicable; and
 - 5.6.5 Establishment of SAR committees betweenRCC andRCC to provide a means for ongoing co-operation for improving SAR effectiveness by prior invitation.

6. SEARCH AND RESCUE REGIONS

- 6.1 SRR ofRCC and RCC are coincident with corresponding flight information regions (FIR) with respect to those areas over the high seas, maritime search and rescue regions.
- 6.2 It should be recognized that the establishment of SRRs is mainly for ensuring the availability of SAR services, and to facilitate proper distribution of distress alerts to RCCs; SRRs may be viewed as affecting political boundaries, and need to align with political boundaries and the Parties do not sake of each boundaries.
- 6.3 Establishment of SRRs is intended only to effect an understanding concerning whereRCC andRCC accepts responsibility for co-ordinating or providing SAR services within SSRs. SRRs chart of the

Parties are in Appendix

7. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

..... RCC andRCC will:

- 7.1 Keep information readily available on which may be needed for implementing this Agreement.

- 7.2 Authorize to request assistance via each other and to provide all information on the distress situation and the scope of assistance may be needed;

- 7.4 arrange in advance, with national authorities.

- 7.5 Normally fund its own activities in relation to this Agreement unless otherwise arranged by the Parties in advance.

8. AMENDMENTS

- 8.1 Any change of this agreement, including its cancelation or replacement, requires the consent of the parties concerned. This applies to the substance of the change as well as to its date of applicability. Any change shall be made either in the context of a meeting between two parties, or by exchange of correspondence with acknowledgment by all signatories.

- 8.2 Whilst temporary departures from these procedures may be agreed between The..... RCC and RCC Supervisors concerned, on a case basis, no permanent revision(s) to or alternation of this document shall be affected unless in the form of a written amendment duly agreed by authorized representatives of both parties.

9. DEVIATIONS

Any deviation from this provision, that arises due to an emergency or are applied to ensure the safety of life, shall immediately notified to the other RCC concerned and shall be terminated as soon as the circumstances that caused the deviation case exist .

10. Transmission Of Messages

10.1 The primary channel for SAR coordination shall be the ATS direct speech circuit (DSC) between RCC andRCC.

10.2 In Case of primary circuit failure, each RCC shall Endeavour to utilize any other available means of communication including ISD telephones:

..... RCC:	+.....
	+.....
	+.....
FAX:	+.....
OFFICIAL:	+.....
CELL:	+.....

Other information required :

11. EXCHANGE OF SAR INFORMATION

..... and.....RCC shall assist each other by providing all available information pertinent to SAR matters such nature of emergency /accident / incident , weather information and any information required for search and rescue.

12. APPLICATION OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT

This Letter of SAR Agreement supersedes the existing Letter Of Agreement, DD/MM/YY and is effective.....UTC

Signed:.....
Date:.....

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