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Update on the Search and Rescue Project in Haiti



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Introduction



Facts to be considered for the implementation of SAR services within the states or territories:

a) The article 25 of the Chicago Convention says the following:

“Each contracting State undertakes to provide such measures of assistance to aircraft in distress in its territory as it may find practicable, and to permit, subject to control by its own authorities, the owners of the aircraft or authorities of the State in which the aircraft is registered to provide such measures of assistance as may be necessitated by the circumstances. Each contracting State, when undertaking search for missing aircraft, will collaborate in coordinated measures which may be recommended from time to time pursuant to this Convention.”

- b) The Airspace of the Republic of Haiti is not in line with the Air Navigation Plan for the CAR/SAM Regions in which it has been foreseen for the Port-au-Prince FIR :
 - A Rescue Coordination Center equipped with short range aircraft with a radius of action of 280 km (150 nm) plus ½ hour search remaining.
 - A short range coastal or river craft with an approximate speed of 14 knots or higher.
 - A light helicopter with a radius of action for rescue purposes of up to 185 km (100 nm) and a capacity of evacuating 1 to 5 persons .

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CURRENT SITUATION

- ✓ No formal aeronautical SAR services for the Port-au-Prince FIR
- ✓ A SAR memorandum has been signed with the aeronautical authorities of Dominican Republic on September 26, 2013 in Montreal, Canada
- ✓ Existence of a draft memorandum discussed with the SAR Unit of the UN Forces in Haiti
- ✓ Existence of draft agreements with the local partners
- ✓ Existence of draft operational letters of agreement between neighboring states
- ✓ Draft manual of SAR Regulation and operations plan available
- ✓ The implementation of a SAR Committee with the objective to build the SAR System



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Recent developments

The new staff at the Directorate of Civil Aviation of Haiti (OFNAC) has developed a cooperation with DSNA services in France in the field of Air Navigation and the SAR System is one of the areas targeted. Consequently, the necessary guidance has been given to our CAA in the SAR matter and the adjustments below took place;



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- All SAR documentation are under revision
 - Recommendation given on the steps to be carried out while approaching the local partners.
 - Guidance obtained for the preparation of a SAR forum foreseen during the summer time with the local partners.
 - Negotiation in progress with the ASCA in Dominican Republic for SAR training to take place next July in Santo Domingo.
 - SAR training in Port-au-Prince for local people expected to be done on August/September.
 - SAR familiarization with local partners scheduled to take place in October/November.

Future developments

- Establishment of an ab-initio training plan and preparation of a continuing training program
- Advanced training for two instructors
- Signature of operational letters of agreement and SAR Memorandum with neighboring states and other entities in the region.
- Arrangement to be carried out for the sharing of COSPAS-SARSAT information
- Establishment of mutual visits of familiarization with other SAR partners in the region
- Establishment of SAR exercises on a regular basis for all people involving in SAR activities.

Conclusion

The Rescue Coordination Center of Port-au-Prince (PAP RCC) will be informally opened next October and fully operational by the end of December 2014. Haiti is very grateful to the ICAO NACC Office, the French Antilles and Dominican Republic for their assistance in SAR matters.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE



I am available for any question you might have regarding our SAR project.