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Miami, United States, 15 to 17 July 2015

Agenda Item 4: Air Navigation Matters

4.2 Follow-up on the implementation of the NAM/CAR Regional Performance Based Air Navigation Plan (RPBANIP) and the Port-of-Spain Declaration Air Navigation Targets in the Eastern Caribbean:

- **Progress reports of the AIM, AGA, ATM, CNS, MET and SAR Committees**

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAR COMMITTEE

(Presented by SAR Committee Rapporteur)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
This paper provides a summary of the SAR Committee's work since the last E/CAR/CATG/1 and the E/CAR/DCA/25 meetings	
<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency• Environmental Protection
<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of the First Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group Meeting (E/CAR/CATG/1) Martinique, French Antilles, France, 19 to 21 June 2013;• Report of the Twenty Fifth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR/DCA/25), Port-of-Spain; Trinidad

1. Introduction

1.1 Following the First Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Technical Group Meeting (E/CAR/CATG/1) Martinique, French Antilles, France, 19 to 21 June 2013 and the Twenty Fifth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Eastern Caribbean (E/CAR/DCA/25), Port-of-Spain Trinidad, developments within the E/CAR Region continued with improvements in Search and Rescue (SAR) via civil/military collaboration and meetings.

2. Discussion

2.1 There was dialogue held on the follow up action related to the National and Regional Plans of the Eastern Caribbean States.

2.2 Discussions were held and states were asked to submit their SAR point of contact. The incumbent would be required to participate in upcoming teleconferences, webinars and meetings in order to meet the SAR activities in the E/CAR Region and have a keen understanding of the States SAR system.

2.3 Discussions were held to ensure that each State has identified a Military and Civilian/Aeronautical Representative on the SAR Committee.

2.4 The committee recognizes the need for greater emphasis to be placed on SAR by States inclusive of heads of civil aviation organizations and at the respective government level.

2.5 Re-emphasized was the need for better collaboration between civil and military agencies.

2.6 A high level meeting for ECAR states including adjacent airspaces is suggested for 2016. There is a need for ICAO NACC office to engage ECAR States Administrations to pay greater emphasis on AERONAUTICAL SAR.

2.7 The SAR committee has agreed to continue work on producing and signing agreements with neighboring states and territories. Assistance can be sought from the following states: Trinidad & Tobago, French WI and United States.

3. **Activities**

3.1 States/Territories with the SAR Committee have been engaged in the following activities: St Lucia has signed an LOA with French WI Trinidad & Tobago has signed agreement with Netherlands, French WI and finalizing one to be signed with Portugal.

3.2 Trinidad and Tobago has completed a draft Search and Rescue Operators Training program. This would be used to certify Aeronautical Search and Rescue Operators to function within the ARCC Piarco to provide a 24/7 service.

4. **Suggested Actions**

4.1 Based on the teleconferences and the exchange of information between the Rescue coordination Centre (RCC), Rescue Sub-centre (RSC) and other SAR related parties, E/CAR/CATG/2-WP/13, DECISION E/CAR/CATG 1/19 - SAR *Action Plan*, E/CAR/CATG/2-WP/13, CONCLUSION E/CAR/CATG 1/20 - *Exchange of Information for SAR implementation*, States are to:

- Submit their action plan (activities, dates, responsible, deliverables) by September 30, 2015
- That ICAO facilitate, through coordination via teleconference, the exchange of expertise and experiences among the SAR Committee, E/CAR States, and other States with mature SAR structures to assist with SAR implementation in E/CAR States.
- States /territories to provide feedback regarding level of maturity with respective national SAR plans which is to be harmonized with the regional SAR plans by end of September 2015.
- States are required to attend teleconferences as a cost effective means to do the committee's work.

- States are required to attend the ICAO SAR meetings as a means of education and training to develop their SAR systems.
- States are to encourage their Military stakeholders, responsible for SAR, to also attend the ICAO SAR Meetings.
- States are to submit Points of Contacts for their state in the areas of Civil and military no later than the end of September 2015.
- States to start identifying the relevant personnel to be trained as SAR Operators in their respective countries to be submitted by August 2015.
- States are to advise willingness and their State's commitment to attend a high level SAR meeting to be possibly hosted by Trinidad and Tobago by the end of October, 2015.
- Trinidad and Tobago is willing to host the meeting, based on States commitments to attend; which are crucial to the success of such an investment to hosting the meeting.
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- Urge E/CAR States/Territories/International organizations to present their improvements based on the analysis of SAR Capability of States and Territories by end of September 2015.
- Provide other recommendations to improve SAR services in the E/CAR Region